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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th May 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Live Masses this weekend will be at **6.00pm on Saturday** and **9.30am on Sunday**.
Masses will be held in St. Augustine's Hall.

We continue to hold an online Mass every Sunday at 11am. For details of how to join the Mass, please email office@staugustines.org.uk. Obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended during this pandemic. Through the hard work of Anthony and Pamela, we have our online Mass, and I would urge you to log in to it if you are able.

Private Prayer: St. Augustine's Church will be open for Private Prayer each weekday, **Monday to Friday from 12.00 noon to 12.30pm.**

ASCENSION DAY: Thursday of this week is Ascension Day. It is an important day in the Church's calendar and to mark it, we will have a special Ascension Day Mass in the Hall at **9.30am on Thursday 13th May.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8 th May 6pm	Private Intention	Tue 11 th May	Private Intention
Sun 9 th May 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 12 th May	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 9 th May 11am	Private Intention	Thu 13 th May	Society Intention
Mon 10 th May	Private Intention	Fri 14 th May	Jesse Grey RIP

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Dorrie Keating, David Mendes, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi and Michael Torpey. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

MONTH OF MARY: During this month of Mary, Pope Francis wants us to join with the Marian Shrines throughout the world in honouring Mary and asking her intervention on behalf of all those who have been affected, in one way or another, by the pandemic. Let us pray especially for the work of the scientists that God will bless their work towards discovering vaccines that will eventually eliminate the threat of the virus.

We pray particularly for the people of India. We ask God that there will be a more equitable distribution of the vaccines throughout the world, and that the poor, especially, will see the benefits of it.

FOODBANK: The Foodbank has an urgent need for donations, as the need is still very great, and we would ask you to be as generous as you can. The food items they need are: Long Life Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables (but NOT sweetcorn), Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Long Life Rice Pudding and Tinned Spaghetti. Toiletries required are Razors and Deodorant. Also Strong Carrier Bags.

Please **DO NOT DONATE PASTA OR BAKED BEANS**, as they have 12 months' supply. Please leave your items outside the priest's door as usual – at any time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS: The St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Members, motivated by their faith, visit vulnerable or isolated people across England and Wales and offer them friendship and practical support. The essence of their work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is their greatest gift. During this time of pandemic, their work has been more valuable than ever. Despite not being able to carry out personal visits, they have continued to contact people by phone and have been particularly concerned for the mental wellbeing of those in need.

We have merged the existing SVP Groups from each Parish within the Slough Pastoral Area to create one Slough Conference and are looking for volunteers who would be interested in joining to help those in need in our Parish and the surrounding areas. If you feel you could help with this very worthy cause or would like some more information, please contact the Parish office by email: office@staugustines.org.uk.