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## NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th July 2021

### 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Live Masses this weekend will be at 6pm on Saturday, and 9.30am and 11am on Sunday. The Masses will be held in St Augustine's Hall. There will not be an online Mass.

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

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm	People of the Parish	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Private Intention
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am	Andrew Whitehead RIP	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Michael Cadwallader RIP	Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Michael Cadwallader RIP
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Private Intention	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Private Intention

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, John Blades, Dorrie Keating, David Mendes, Judy de Monte, Fred Oufi, Michael Torpey, and Sharon Westby. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

Please remember especially in your prayers Fr. Séan Rynn. He had a stroke some time ago and seemed at first to be responding to treatment, but now finds that his right leg is paralysed, and he is unable to walk. If you wish to send greetings to Fr. Séan, his address is:  
ST. PATRICK'S, KILTEGAN, CO. WICKLOW, IRELAND.

**WEEKEND MASSES NOTICE:** As from this Weekend we will only have live Masses in the Hall. The times will be as they were prior to Covid:

Saturday 6.00pm    Sunday 9.30am (in Hall)    Sunday 11.00am (in Hall)

We pray particularly at this time that the Holy Spirit will guide the leaders of our country who are making crucial decisions with regard to how to deal with Covid.

In regard to the place and times for Masses in our parish we will continued to be guided by the recommendation of the Diocese. We will have a Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and this item will be foremost in our Agenda.

**SLOUGH FOODBANK:** Your support is needed now more than ever. Statistics for 2020 show a shocking increase in the number of people needing help – up 37% from 2019. Please continue to support the Foodbank with your donations. The Foodbank asks that you kindly donate only the items specified on their shopping list. These items are: LONG-LIFE MILK, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT, TINNED VEGETABLES (NOT SWEETCORN), LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE SPONGE PUDDINGS, LONG-LIFE RICE PUDDING, TINNED SPAGHETTI, TOILETRIES AND BASIC ITEMS SUCH AS RAZORS, DEODORANT, STRONG CARRIER BAGS.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We have four children who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will have a special Mass for the occasion in St. Augustine's at 3pm on that day. Let us pray for them, that they will persevere in the practice on their Faith.

Our very sincere thanks to Anne Cannon who has given so generously of her time in preparing the children for their big day.

**SEA SUNDAY:** This Sunday, Churches throughout the world are celebrating Sea Sunday (formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea). Let us join in our prayers for the safety and welfare of those seafarers and fishermen and those people of the Sea who play role in our lives and whom we often forget about.

There is a Collection for Sea Sunday at all Masses throughout the world for Sea Sunday. Please contribute generously.

#### ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

This week I quote two snippets from famous spiritual authors. They give us all food for thought. The themes are unrelated, but the message in both is inspiring. The first is from the Dalai Lama. The second is by a great Anglican woman of the last century, Evelyn Underhill.

1. We have bigger houses, but smaller families.  
We have more conveniences, but less time.  
We have degrees now, but less common sense.  
We have more knowledge, but less good judgment.  
We have more experts, but more problems than before.  
We have multiplied our possessions, but have less good values  
We have learned how to make a living, but not a life  
We have added years to life, but not life to our years.  
We have been all the way to the moon and back,  
But we easily lose our way here on earth, our common home.

#### 2. The Sheep Dog

We offer ourselves, in one way or another, to try to [do God's Will]. We want, as it were, to be among the sheep-dogs employed by the Good Shepherd. Have you ever watched a good sheep-dog at work? He is not an emotional animal. He goes on with his job quite steadily; takes no notice of bad weather, rough ground or of his own comfort. He seldom or never stops to be stroked. Yet his faithfulness and intimate communion with his master are of the loveliest things in the world. Now and then he looks up at the shepherd. And when the time comes for rest, they are generally to be found together.

Let this be the model of your love.

**Fr. Frank**

***Have a good week. Fr Frank***