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## NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th July 2021

### 16th 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 17 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm	Geoffrey Hatton Masraff RIP	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Private Intention
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am	Peter Fredrickson RIP	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Michael Cadwallader RIP	Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Private Intention
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Private Intention	Fri 23 <sup>rd</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 Roger Stewart. 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:** This weekend we will only have live Masses in the Hall. The times are as usual:

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.

**FUTURE OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES:** We await the Government announcement of the lifting of Covid restrictions on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Very shortly after this the Bishops of England and Wales will issue guidance on how we might implement this announcement in our parishes.

In our own parish, our Parish Council will meet on Wednesday next at 10am to consider how we might implement the Bishops's guidelines, taking into account our present situation. If you have any suggestions, please submit them via the Office Email before Wed. morning. Our hope is that we will shortly be able to have Mass again in St. Augustine's and Our Lady of Sorrows, but of course, we need to be careful and to take into the account the views of parishioners, as well as the Bishops guidelines.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We have four children who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. They are: Ava de Freitas Gordinho, Ben Joseph Petri-Woods, Brandon Lech Smillie, Harry William Petri-Woods

We will have a special Mass for the occasion in St. Augustine's at 3pm. 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.

**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.

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

#### ***SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR – GOSPEL REFLECTION***

We all need a break from time to time. I remember reading once a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common -she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there's no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they're 'like sheep without a shepherd' and he responds with compassion and love. No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help; it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion.

We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. However, in the chaos of life, even when there are great demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray. (Triona Doherty)

**Fr. Frank**

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