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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th July 2021

17th 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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: As from this coming Tuesday (July 27th) we will have Morning Mass **IN THE CHURCH** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays of each week at 9.30am. We would ask those attending to observe the usual protocol regarding wearing of masks, social distancing, and hand sanitising, track and trace (for those who do not come regularly).

THERE WILL NO LONGER BE PRIVATE PRAYER IN THE CHURCH FROM 12.00 TO 12.30AM

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24 th July 6pm	People of the Parish	Tue 27 th July 9.30am	Alan Taylor RIP
Sun 25 th July 9.30am	Private Intention	Wed 28 th July 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 25 th July 11am	Private Intention	Thu 29 th July 9.30am	Private Intention
Mon 26 th July	Private Intention	Fri 30 th July 9.30am	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.

GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY: This Sunday is grandparents Sunday. All Masses this weekend will be offered for Grandparents in the Parish.

We would refer you to the beautiful prayer for Grandparents by Pope Benedict in this week's newsletter. Perhaps you might think of including it in your regular daily prayer schedule. It stresses such an important need in society at the present time.

FUTURE OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES: At our Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday the issue of the future opening of our Churches was discussed in detail. The opening of Eton is out of our hands, as we await permission from the College before we can open.

Having examined a very recent directive from the Diocese as well as local circumstances in our parish, it was decided that, for one month at least, it would be wise to continue with the status quo, with Mass in the Hall at the usual times.

We have arranged for another Meeting on September 1st to consider the matter, and we sincerely hope and pray that by then it will be safe to revert to our pre-Covid schedule.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Four children from the parish received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 18th; Ava de Freitas Gordinho, Ben Joseph Petri-Woods, Brandon Lech Smillie, and Harry William Petri-Woods

We had a special Mass for the occasion in St. Augustines at 3pm. It was a moving occasion and much appreciated by the children and their parents. Let us pray for them, that his will be the beginning of a regular habit of receiving the Lord in this great sacrament.

Our very sincere thanks to Anne Cannon who prepared the children so well for the occasion. Our thanks also to Lorette Carter who assisted Anne in preparing the liturgy for the occasion.

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

This is Grandparents Sunday, a day the Pope has specially set aside to honour and pray for grandparents throughout the world. The following is a special prayer by Pope Benedict for the occasion. Perhaps you might like to print it and say it frequently.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Joachim and Anne

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them. They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all society.

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families' strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they many pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely, and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care,

accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers,

grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,

where you welcome all humanity with the great embrace of life with end. Amen

Have a good week. Fr Frank