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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th September 2021

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: There will be 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).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11 th Sept 6pm	Nino Puma Intentions	Tue 14 th Sept 9.30am	Maureen Hannon RIP
Sun 12 th Sept 9.30am	Nancy McLaughlin RIP	Wed 14 th Sept 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 12 th Sept 11am	People of the Parish	Thu 16 th Sept 9.30am	Jack Wilson RIP
Mon 13 th Sept	NO MASS	Fri 17 th Sept 9.30am	Private Intention

RESUMPTION OF MASSES AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS

We are very happy to announce that Eton College has given permission for Masses at our Lady of Sorrows. This will allow us to resume our pre-Covid schedule for Masses in the Parish.

WE WILL RESUME MASSES AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS ON SUNDAY OF THIS COMING WEEK - SEPTEMBER 19th - AT THE USUAL TIME, 9.30AM.

As at St. Augustine's, we will have certain precautions – masks should be worn, hand sanitising, one metre distancing. We are very happy that music will also resume, as in former times. Naturally only those who feel safe in coming to Mass need come.

Our special thanks for Bob Forsythe who has been liaising with the College about the re-opening of Our Lady of Sorrows.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS IN THE PARISH THAT AS OF NEXT WEEKEND, WE WILL BE BACK TO OUR PRE-COVID SCHEDULE IN BOTH CHURCHES, AND WE PRAY THAT THE CHURCHES WILL BE QUITE FULL AGAIN.

VOLUNTEERS

Now that we are back again in the Churches for Masses we need help to tidy up the Hall and have it back in its pre-Covid state. We would like some volunteers to help with this work. If you would like to assist, please contact the parish house – 01753- 917030 – and we can make arrangements for a suitable time and date.

SICK OF THE PARISH:

Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially Nino Puma, 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.

SLOUGH FOODBANK

The following letter came from the Warehouse Manager of Slough Foodbank. It is very encouraging and should prompt us to continue being as generous as we have been in our donations. Please note the WISH LIST of items needed.

"I have personally weighed in the last two donations from St. Augustines and Our Lady of Sorrows and would like to send a special 'thank you' to you all. The first donation included so many sponge puddings which we are always desperately in need of. When the second came ... I was so impressed by the quality of the food you sent us. The five crates were FULL of all the things we are short of, and did not contain one single item that was not on my current Wish List. There were several bags full of tinned meat and I know how expensive it is. So THANK YOU once again. You get my Star Donor Award."

The current wish list is: FOOD: Long Life Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat (stewed steak, mince, chicken in sauce), Jam, Long life Fruit Juice, Long Life sponge puddings, Coffee (small jars), Pasta Sauce.

TOILETRIES AND BASIC ITEMS: Razors, Deodorants, Washing up Liquid, Strong Carrier bags, Shampoo

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Need for *Relationships in our Life*

Although God is One, he is also a community of Three Persons; he is community. Since we humans are made in God's image and likeness, it's natural that 'togetherness' or relationship should characterize the way we live with one another.

None of us sets out in life as an independent, autonomous self. Psychologists point to the fact my sense of being an independent self is awakened through contact with other people. No one is an island. There is a fundamental need in the human heart for friendship, for relationships. C.S. Lewis writes:

Love ... and your heart will certainly be hurt ... If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one ... Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries, avoid all involvements; lock it up safely in the coffin of your selfishness. In that coffin -safe, dark, motionless, airless – your heart will change. It will not be broken; it will become hard, frozen, impenetrable.

We need love as much as we need air. True, I can 'exist' without relationships, but I cannot *live*, in the fully human sense. Ladislaus Boros has a good way of putting this: ‘

Man receives his own self from the other. Before he began to love, it was as though he were not himself ... But once he loves he is. He loves and therefore he is. And the other person has the same experience with him. The other person 'is' himself with a newly achieved assurance from the moment they love each other ... each receives his own self from the other as a mutual gift ...

The richness of our lives depends not on the amount of money we have, but on the range and depth of the relationships we form. Experience brings this truth home; it lets us see the transforming effect that lasting relationships can have on our lives. In a true friendship, we see how much more 'real', more 'alive' we become. A whole new dimension of life is opened up. We can feel, in a radically new way, the joy and adventure of living. It's as if we are born anew, with an enhanced capacity for a fuller and richer life. Let us pray for the gift of friendship in our lives, for it is a gift – and a very great one.

Fr. Frank

Have a good week. Fr Frank