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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th September 2021

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

WEEKEND MASSES: St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturdays and 11am on Sundays.
Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sundays.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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 18th Sept 6pm	John Stratford RIP	Tue 21st Sept 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 19th Sept 9.30am	People of the Parish	We 22nd Sept 9.30am	James McAuliffe
Sun 19th Sept 11am	Spellman & Coyle Families	Thu 23rd Sept 9.30am	Alphie Byrne RIP
Mon 20th Sept	NO MASS	Fri 24th Sept 9.30am	Joe McCullough Intentions

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, John Blades, Maria Cordosa, Dorrie Keating, David Mendes, Judy de Monte, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This weekend we celebrate WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. There will be a Second Collection at all Masses this weekend.

CAFOD: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY will be on Friday 1st October. There will be special CAFOD Collection at Masses on 2nd/3rd October. Please give generously.

By donating to CAFOD you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people round the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our 'common home'. We pray for those who are striving to protect the Earth that God may strengthen them in their work and inspire us all to be guardians of God's precious gift of Creation. You can donate on the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope available to the rear of the Church.

VOLUNTEERS – ST. AUGUSTINE’S HALL: Many thanks to those who volunteered to rearrange the Hall after the alterations that took place during lockdown and afterwards. The Hall is now ready to function as in pre-Covid times.

RESUMPTION OF MASSES AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS: We are very happy that Masses are resuming this weekend at Our Lady of Sorrows, and we thank Bob Forsyth and Fr. Nick Heap for facilitating the re-opening.

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

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE: Bishop David will celebrate a special Mass at Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 16th October at 12noon for those who are celebrating significant milestones in their marriage, i.e. 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years or over. He will give a special blessing during the Mass. If you are celebrating such a milestone please contact Eamonn & Paula McMorrow on 07412 151 517 or email mass.mfl@northamptondiocese.org Refreshments will be served afterwards.

SLOUGH FOODBANK: Please continue to donate to the Slough Foodbank as the need is great. 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 God-Given Element in Genuine Relationships

Last week we saw how important life-enhancing relationships are for the quality of life we enjoy. When we are blessed with them, we feel as if we’re born again, that a whole new dimension has been added to our lives. The reason we feel this way is because God is in them. No money can buy them, fame or status can’t earn them, no psychological explanation can account for them. They are given as pure gift.

The reason why a rational explanation of their origin eludes us is because God is at the heart of them. They are God’s special way of communicating to us what he is like, his way of saying that he is Love. As St. John says, God is Love, so wherever there’s a deep and genuine relationship God is there. In such a relationship we feel an exhilaration and sense of ‘fullness’ in our lives that mere pleasure of human success cannot account for. It is truly God’s gift.

Christ’s Incarnation teaches us that God is not a remote, ethereal being up in the heavens. He is God-with-us, God-in-us. The Incarnation is not merely the self-revelation of God. Certainly, it is this, but somehow the word ‘revelation’ seems rather academic and abstract and doesn’t convey the deepest meaning of Christ’s becoming human. Jesus is, above all, the self-communication of God to each of us and to all Creation. The Incarnation tells us of the dynamic, indwelling of God in us and in the world. It tells us of the action of the Infinite God, flowing out of himself in a passionate embrace of all his creatures. It tells us of the self-effusiveness of an infinite God, breaking down all the barriers between Creator and creature in order to what, for all eternity, he has longed to be – God among us, God in us.

Fr. Frank

Have a good week. Fr Frank