

## **ST AUGUSTINE'S DATCHET**

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## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Sunday 26th September 2021**

### **26th 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 25th Sept 6pm	Private Intention	Tue 28th Sept 9.30am	Flanagan Family
Sun 26th Sept 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 29th Sept 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 26th Sept 11am	Quirke Family	Thu 30th Sept 9.30am	Private Intention
Mon 27th Sept	NO MASS	Fri 1st Oct 9.30am	Jess Grey RIP

**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.

#### **SLOUGH FOODBANK**

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

**RESUMPTION OF MASSES AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS:** We are very happy that Masses have resumed 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 WE ARE NOW BACK TO OUR PRE-COVID SCHEDULE IN BOTH CHURCHES, AND WE PRAY THAT THE CHURCHES WILL BE QUITE FULL AGAIN.

**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.

**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](mailto:mass.mfl@northamptondiocese.org) Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**CAFOD:** CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY will be on Friday 1st October. There will be special CAFOD Collection at Masses on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**100 CLUB:** Congratulations to John Lipscomb and Dorrie Keating who have each won £100 in the 100 Club Draws for August and September 2021.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### ROADMAP TO CHRISTIAN LOVING – DETACHMENT OR ‘POVERTY OF SPIRIT’

The more sensitive we are to the depth of God’s love for us the more generously we’ll want to give ourselves to Him and our neighbour. To do this we need God’s grace, but we also need a determined and sincere act of will-power that is ready to take in hand those negative elements that are preventing us from loving as we should. During the next few weeks we will try to identify some of these elements and explore their implications in the way we live.

#### Different Areas of Detachment.

Firstly, we need to be detached from money and possessions. This does not mean that we renounce these or imply they are evil in any way. On the contrary, they are gifts from God and he wants us to use and enjoy them. What we renounce is a possessive or selfish way of having them. It is possible for me to own nothing more than a few basic luxuries and still be lacking in detachment or ‘poverty of spirit’. On the other hand, it is possible to own millions of pounds and yet, be detached. What is important is my attitude. Towards all that I own, I need cultivate an attitude of open-handedness, of selflessness and generosity. Since God is the source of all I have and am - my life included - all my possessions are mine by gift, not by right. As St. Paul tells us: ‘What do you have that was not given to you’ (1 Cor. 4:7). I am merely God’s steward of all I have. Seen in this light, I see hoarding and greed as a subtle form of injustice. As a just steward I must be ready to let go – to share what I have in excess with my fellow human beings so that all might live equitably and contentedly with one another. If only we would live like that, what a glorious and peaceful world we would have!

Fr. Frank

*Have a good week. Fr Frank*