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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd October 2021

27th 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 2 nd Oct 6.00pm	Private Intention	Tue 5 th Oct	Private Intention
Sun 3 rd Oct 9.30am	Ursula Badger RIP	Wed 6 th Oct	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 3 rd Oct 11am	People of the Parish	Thu 7 th Oct	Private Intention
Mon 4 th Oct	NO SERVICE	Fri 8 th Oct	Private Intention

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, 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 Refreshments will be served afterwards.

CAFOD: There will be special CAFOD Collection at Masses **this weekend**. 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.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations for Sophie and Matthew Litton on the baptism of their children, Arthur and Evelyn in St Augustine’s on 25th September. Let us pray that they will remain committed to nourish the Faith of the newly baptised.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

ROADMAP TO CHRISTIAN LOVING – (continued)

Our attitude to ambition

Last week we looked at how an over-attachment to material possessions can damage our relationship with God. This week we’ll look at Ambition, and how an over-attachment to it can hinder growth in our relationship with God and people.

In itself, ambition is good and we need it if we are to develop our God-given abilities and be successful in daily life. But we must be aware of its latent tendency to get out of control, and become an obstacle to our spiritual growth. This is an especially important consideration in today’s culture. Who you are in society today is measured largely by what you have, by what you can show the world in terms of possessions, achievements, status, academic qualifications etc. These are what make you ‘important’. If you have them you’re ‘successful’, if you lack them you’re a ‘nobody’. These secular value-standards can easily influence how we think of ourselves as Christians.

If the ambitious instinct gets out of hand, it can lead us to live very selfish lives. It can lead us to be arrogant and aggressive, to develop a win-at-all costs mentality. This can cause us to be proud and boastful and look down on those who have not achieved a similar level of ‘success’ in life. It can lead us into the wholly false assumption that because we are materially better off than others, we are better people. The gospel is there to remind us that our standard for evaluating the greatness and nobility of a person and its principles is very different indeed from those of the world

Fr. Frank

Have a good week. Fr Frank