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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th November 2021

THIRTY-SECOND 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).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturdays from 12.30pm to 1pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6th 6.00pm	Private Intention	Mon 8th	NO MASS
Sun 7th 9.30am	Success of Climate Change Conference	Tue 9th 9.30am	November Mass for Holy Souls RIP
Sun 7th 11am	John Casey RIP	Wed 10th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
		Thu 11th 9.30am	November Mass for Holy Souls RIP
		Fri 12th 9.30am	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.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: November is the Month set aside by the Church for us to remember all who have died, especially our loved ones. We ask for their assistance while we are still in exile, as we journey towards our homeland in Heaven. A box will be placed in front of the Altar at St Augustine's so that you can place the names of those your particularly wish to pray for during the month. Our morning Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during November will be offered for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a second collection for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

PARISH COUNCIL: We regret that because of COVID we had to postpone our Parish Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3rd November. It will now be held on Monday 15th. We ask for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit will guide us on the way towards strengthening the Faith in our Parish.

MISSIO BOXES: If you have Red Missio Boxes in your home would you please bring them to Church this weekend. Many thanks for your generosity towards this valuable work over the years.

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR READINGS: We have a shortage of readers for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses at St Augustine's. We would be very grateful if you would agree to volunteer. We will commission the new volunteers as soon as possible.

ALTAR SERVERS: We are having a training session for new Altar Servers this weekend. Would anybody who wishes to attend, please give his/her name as soon as possible. Our thanks to Anne Cannon for organising and, together with Lorette Carter, running the session.

THE FORTHCOMING SYNOD OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH: The Church of is convoking a Synod. The opening ceremony took place on Sunday 10th October in the Vatican. The opening of the Synod in our Diocese took place on Sunday 17th October. Each Diocese and Parish is asked to play its part in this very important initiative of Pope Francis. A principal aim of the Synod is to get the Parish together and listen to each other, so that we can, collectively, discover what the Spirit is asking of us in our mission to renew and strengthen the Faith in our Parish/Diocese. Bishop David has asked that a special prayer be said before the final blessing at each Mass for the success of the Synod. We have prepared a copy of this prayer and it will be said by the community each time we have Mass in the Parish.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's scripture readings, two unnamed women steal the limelight through their reckless generosity. One befriended a stranger seeking asylum in her home town. She risked starvation for herself and her son by sharing her meagre food resources. Following her God-given instinct to care for each other she somehow trusted the same God to provide for the three of them. Her generosity saved all three lives. Centuries later, her kindness is an example for all of us.

The second woman's total wealth was two small coins. Ignoring the cautious convention of her time she quietly slipped both coins into the treasury rather than retaining one of them as a sparse rainy-day reserve. Deep within her, she somehow realised that there is more to life than financial security. Jesus sitting nearby, noticed her unobtrusive generosity. For his disciples, he contrasted her action with the ostentatious religious posturing of the local scribes in their long-tasselled robes. A challenge to hypocrisy and an inspiring example for all of us.

In recent times we have experienced heroically dedicated women and men sacrificing themselves, their time and comfort so as to care for us and protect us and heal our vulnerable sick - even risking their lives in the process. We admire them, thank them, and ask God to abundantly reward their kindness. Let us not forget that 'kindness of the daily expression of Christ's presence among us'

Fr. Frank

Have a good week. Fr Frank