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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th November 2021

THIRTY-THIRD 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 13th 6.00pm	Private Intention	Mon 15th	NO MASS
Sun 14th 9.30am	Success of Climate Change Conference	Tue 16th 9.30am	November Mass for Holy Souls RIP
		Wed 17th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 14th 11am	John Casey RIP	Thu 18th 9.30am	November Mass for Holy Souls RIP
		Fri 19th 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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a second collection for the Retired Priests' Fund.

BLESSINGS OF GRAVES: The five parishes in the Slough area will come together at 2pm this Sunday 14th November for the Blessing of the Graves of those who have been buried there. A Priest from each Parish will go to the graves of each Parishioner who has died, and will lead those present in prayer.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL: Our Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15th at 10am. If you have any issues you would like to raise please send them immediately and we will include them on the Agenda under Any Other Business. We ask for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit will guide us on the way towards strengthening the Faith in our Parish.

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. Your continued support for the Foodbank is very much needed and appreciated. To facilitate easier donation of items, we will have a box near the altar at St. Augustine's, and at the rear of the Church in Eton.

ALTAR SERVERS: Our thanks to Anne Cannon, together with Lorette Carter, for organising and running the training session for Altar Servers.

THE FORTHCOMING SYNOD OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH: The Church of is convoking a Synod. 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

We live in anxious times. Many are anxious about viruses, climate change and ageing in a rapidly changing world. Sharing our anxieties with loved ones in family and among trusted friends can help us to cope. But with the changing circumstances of mobile relationships, who can we depend on to throw us a lifeline when the chips are down?

Jesus lived in anxious times too. The local people of his time were oppressed by a harsh foreign army of Roman soldiers preparing to destroy Jerusalem with its beautiful Temple, the symbol of the peoples' hopes in their God. As well as sharing these anxieties, Jesus foresaw his own impending suffering and crucifixion, engineered by the local religious leaders and facilitated by the Roman forces of occupation. All these hope-sapping forebodings are intertwined in the words of Jesus in the complex tapestry of this Sunday's Gospel.

What sustained Jesus through it all? The Father's love was his sustaining lifeline. His constant awareness of this loving presence, frequently accessed through deep prayer and intimate chat, nurtured his fidelity to the task He had been sent to do. The lifeline task was to spread the Gospel of God's merciful friendship and his ongoing loving care of his people. This love was witnessed by Jesus' caring for the sick, by his welcome for sinners, by his patience with the ambitious disciples, by his counter-cultural respect for women, by his calling out injustice. Always his lifeline was his Father's love.

The antidote to anxiety is practical love in action through kindness to each other. Responding to the daily prompting of the Lord and to the providential circumstances of life around us each day, is the road to peace of mind and to building the Kingdom of God together. Chat intimately to the Father each day, as Jesus did.

Fr. Frank

Have a good week. Fr. Frank