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## **NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 9th January 2022**

### **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (Year C)**

**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 12.30pm to 1pm, St. Augustine's.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 8th 6.00pm	People of the Parish	Tue 11th 9.30am	Special Intention
Sun 9th 9.30am	Special Intention	Wed 12th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 9th 11am	Carolyn Ansell RIP	Thu 13th 9.30am	John Kearns RIP
Mon 10th	NO MASS	Fri 14th 9.30am	Bridie Nagle

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Dorrie Keating, Val Mercer, David Mendes, Judy de Monte, Keith de Monte, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, Michael Torpey and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

#### **VISIT OF BISHOP OAKLEY**

We are very happy to welcome Bishop David to our parish on the weekend of January 22-23<sup>rd</sup>.

I expect he will preach at each Mass in the parish and that he will be eager to speak to as many parishioners as possible.

I would hope that as many as possible will come together for this important occasion in our parish and hear what the Bishop has to say to us.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Would anyone who wishes to have their child enrolled please get in touch with the Parish as soon as possible.

**SLOUGH FOODBANK:** Because of the worsening economic situation in the country many families are experiencing serious financial problems. We make a special appeal to you again today to be as generous as you can towards our Foodbank. We thank the Foodbank and its volunteers for the valuable service they are giving to those who are in dire need at this time. The CURRENT WISH LIST for the Slough Foodbank 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

### Synod In Our Parish

We hope to begin our Synodal conversations later this month. We are grateful for those who have responded to the invitation to take part in the sessions and encourage others to do so. The diocese tells us that 'one of the key aims of the Synod process is to give us a new way of listening, to one another and to the Spirit'. With this in mind I would like to offer a few suggestions on the Synodal process of listening. I will do this in the newsletters of this week and next week.

### Listening - in the Synodal Process

To many people, listening does not come naturally. It is an art that must be learned. Listening in a synodal way means listening with the mind and heart, as well as with the ears. Often in our listening we hear only the facts of what another is saying, not her/his fears, anxieties, hopes, aspirations etc. The reason is that we're not really receptive to the views of the other. We're rigidly entrenched in our own views and prejudices and this makes us deaf to different views. We become blind to different perspectives and nuances of the issue being talked about. Rather than listening with an open mind we're preparing our response to the other while he/she is still speaking.

Listening, then, is a discipline we must cultivate and it involves a certain level of 'dying to self', a readiness to be humble enough to change my views if what I have heard warrants this. It entails empathetically entering into the mind-set of others and trying to see an issue from their point of view. Doing this is evidence of an honest search for the truth. But it is not only this; it's an exercise in politeness. It is evidence of a deep respect for the other.