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## **NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 23rd January 2022**

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (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**

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| Sat 22nd 6.00pm | Special Intention    | Tue 25th 9.30am | Special Intention  |
| Sun 23rd 9.30am | Michael Malone RIP   | Wed 26th 9.30am | Carolyn Ansell RIP |
| Sun 23rd 11am   | People of the Parish | Thu 27th 9.30am | Special Intention  |
| Mon 24th        | No Mass              | Fri 28th 9.30am | Special Intention  |

**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 this weekend to welcome Bishop David to the Parish. Bishop David will speak at all Masses and let us listen attentively to his words of advice and encouragement.

I am sure he would like to meet as many parishioners as possible and, with this in mind, we are having a little reception with light refreshments for him in the Parish Hall immediately after the 11am Mass. We hope that many parishioners will come to give him a warm welcome.

#### **SHOC (SLOUGH HOMELESS OUR CONCERN)**

Next weekend (Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th), a Second Collection will be taken on behalf of SHOC.

## SYNOD

Many thanks to all who have attended the first session of our synodal conversations. Given the size of our Parish, the turnout has exceeded all expectations and we hope that those involved will continue for the next couple of sessions. We pray that our discussions will help towards bringing about a much-needed renewal of the Church, both at the Parish and Diocesan level.

Should anyone else wish to be attend any of the sessions, you will be very welcome. We have sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7.00pm. in the Parish Hall.

## SLOUGH FOODBANK

We have received a 'thank you' letter from the Foodbank, a copy of which is on display at the rear of the Church. The Foodbank is obviously very grateful of our generous donations, and it says that your support is needed now more than ever. Slough Foodbank statistics for 2020 show a shocking increase in the number of people needing help, with 37% more food parcels distributed versus 2019.

Should you wish to make a donation please visit their website [www.slough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help](http://www.slough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help)

They would like you to only donate items on their shopping list:

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

In today's gospel from St. Luke, Jesus announces the manifesto for his ministry. To do this he takes a passage from the prophet, Isaiah:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted, to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free ... this text is being fulfilled in you today.

Jesus' mission leads him to challenge head-on the values and behaviour of Palestinian society of his time. The afflictions of the poor, then as now, were, in large measure, caused by repression, discrimination and exploitation by the rich and powerful, Jesus directs his mission to those who had been ignored or pushed aside; to the disabled, to tax-collectors, to prostitutes and prisoners and public sinners. In his compassionate outreach to these 'outcasts' Jesus brings the good news of God's Kingdom. It means an end to their exclusion and the introduction of a new order of social relationships based on the principle of inclusivity and equality.

This is the challenge he gives to all of us Christians who continue his mission today. But we do not carry out this mission as isolated individuals. As St. Paul tells us in today's second reading, we are the Body of Christ, and it is as the Body of Christ that we continue this mission. The synodal process, which Pope Francis inaugurated last year and is now going on in our diocese is a graced opportunity to deepen our sense of being the Body of Christ and to collaborate more effectively in the service of the Church's mission. It is only when the Church functions effectively as the Body of Christ and are truly open to the Spirit that it can be a credible sacrament of God's reign of justice, love and peace.