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## **NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

### **FIFTH 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**

Sat 5th 6.00pm	Special Intention	Tue 8th 9.30am	Special Intention
Sun 6th 9.30am	Special Intention	Wed 9th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 6th 11am	People of the Parish	Thu 10th 9.30am	Special Intention
Mon 7th	No Mass	Fri 11th 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, Judy de Monte, Keith de Monte, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, Roger Stewart, and especially David Mendes who is very ill in hospital. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

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

Thank you very much for your very generous contribution to SHOC last weekend. The amount collected was £342. 20.

#### **SYNOD DISCUSSIONS**

We are very encouraged by the number who have come to our weekly conversations on the Synod. It is surely a sign that we have a deep interest in the future of the Church in our parish and in the wider world. Our conversations ended this past week and after that we will put together our presentation to the Pastoral Deanery.

## **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.

Donations for the Foodbank can be left at both of our Churches at Mass times. In St. Augustine's the donations' box is near the Altar. In Our Lady of Sorrows, the donations' box can be found in the alcove at the rear of the Church. Please note that there is no longer a donations' box outside the Presbytery, as the weather means it is impractical to have a storage box outside. Please bring your donations to the Churches when you attend Mass. Thank you.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

St. Paul's reading today describes hope as one of the three things that will last, alongside faith and love. Without hope we would give up completely when troubles come, and surrender to depression and despair. How important it can be to hold on to hope, never to forget that bad times do pass and that time can be a great healer.

Perhaps the thing that made Jesus so important to the people of his time, that made them hang on his words, was the fact that his message was all about hope. He taught those who felt rejected and alone that his Father, God, never turned anyone away and never abandoned any soul. In today's Gospel Jesus told his listeners in the synagogue that even lepers and gentiles found favour with God. Some who heard him became angry – angry that he was offering hope to those they saw as outcasts and their enemies. But Jesus revealed that God denies the gift of hope to no one.

So, as we reflect on the coming of spring and the beginnings of new life in the earth – and hopefully the beginning of the end of Covid - let us ask God to renew the gift of hope in ourselves and to bring light and life to the parts of our lives that are dark and in need of encouragement.