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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th February 2022

SIXTH 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 12th 6.00pm	Sr Mary Connell	Tue 15th 9.30am	Connell Family RIP
Sun 13th 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 16th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 13th 11am	David Mendes	Thu 17th 9.30am	Matthew & Susie Connell RIP
Mon 14th	No Mass	Fri 18th 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, and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

DEATH: Let us remember to pray for the happy repose of the soul of David Mendes who died peacefully in Wexham Park Hospital on Thursday. May he rest in peace. We pray also for his wife, Doris, and for his children, Danny and Deborah and their families. Let us ask God to console them, and help them draw comfort from the love and support they gave David over the last few years of his life. Funeral arrangements later.

SLOUGH FOODBANK

We had a 'thank you' letter from the Foodbank and a copy of it is on display at the rear of the Church. The foodbank is obviously very grateful of our generous donation. The foodbank in Slough tells us that our support is needed now more than ever, so we would encourage you to continue being as generous as you can afford to.

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. We are now putting together the results of our conversations with a view to presenting them to the Pastoral Deanery.

We thank those who participated in our conversations, and our special thanks to those who took notes, reminding us of what we said. Many of those who participated found the sessions an inspiring experience and we pray that, in our own small way, we may have contributed to a reawakening of the precious gift of Faith in the Church and in Society – which is a very great need in Europe at the present time.

NURSERY – STAFF NEEDED

We are very happy that plans for the opening of the Nursery in the Parish Hall are going ahead very well. Those running the Nursery are very efficient and we have a very good relationship with them. They tell us that they are rather short of staff and would be grateful if you would let them know of anyone who might be interested. In particular, they need a Nursery nurse, an Administrator, a Nursery Manager and a Chef/Domestic to join their friendly team.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, contact the Nursery – telephone: 07867 557383; email: info@twinkletotz.com

EXAM INVIGILATORS: The following was received from St. Joseph's Catholic High School, Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough SL2 5HW

We are currently looking to expand our team of Invigilators and welcome applications from experienced and new Invigilators. Full training will be provided for any individuals who are new to the role. For more information and an application pack please

email: l.mennone@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or telephone: 01753-524713

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel passage recounts St. Luke's version of the Beatitudes – Jesus' Charter for his Kingdom. The Beatitudes are at the very heart of Jesus' message. Called 'the gospel within the gospel', they show clearly how radically different are the values of his Kingdom from those of the world around us. The world of Jesus' time, just like the world of today, was a world dominated by the rich and the powerful, a world radically divided between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. Jesus identifies himself with the 'have-nots' and proclaims them 'happy' or 'blessed' because their situation is about to change with the coming of God's reign.

In talking of God's reign Jesus was speaking, not of a future life beyond the grave, but of a future state of affairs on earth, when the poor would no longer be poor, the hungry would be satisfied and the oppressed would see the end of their misery. The challenge for all of us today is to bring this about.

The Beatitudes have often been described as a framework for Christian living and indeed they are. They offer guidelines for living out our vocation as Christians. Each of us is called to be a person of the Beatitudes. We are called not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. This means to live simply, to be humble, gentle, merciful, and just in our relationships and to place our ultimate trust in God. Today's reading challenges us to examine our lives in the context of the horizon of God's Kingdom and its Charter, the Beatitudes.