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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 27th March 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent immediately after the 9.30am Mass in St. Augustine's.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Our Lenten Penance Service will take place in St. Augustine's on Wednesday, March 30th at 7.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturdays 12.30pm to 1pm, St. Augustine's *If anyone would like to chat about any issues they may be concerned with, they are welcome at this time.*

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 26th 6.00pm | Special Intention | Tue 29th 9.30am | Special Intention |
| Sun 27th 9.30am | People of the Parish | Wed 30th 9.30am | Carolyn Ansell RIP |
| Sun 27th 11am | Special Intention | Thu 31st 9.30am | Special Intention |
| Mon 28th | No Mass | Fri 1st Apr 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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Our Lenten Penance Service will take place in St. Augustine's on Wednesday next, March 30th at 7.00pm. Lent is a time for repentance, for examining our way of life and moving more resolutely towards a more Christ-like way of living. The Penance Service offers us a special opportunity for this, as well as the opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession, as it used to be called). We would strongly encourage as many as possible to see this Service as a central part of the Lenten Season and to attend it, if at all possible.

UKRAINE: The Bishops of England and Wales have made an urgent appeal for prayers this Lent for a speedy end to the war in Ukraine. We must also pray for the people in Ukraine at this time, and the very many who are leaving their homes and relatives for sanctuary in neighboring countries. Their plight must surely speak deeply to our hearts.

Our CAFOD collection, which has a special focus on Ukraine this year, was very well supported, and brought in £1,039. If anyone would like to add further to this amount, you can place your contribution in an envelope with the Offertory Collection and say that it is in aid of Ukraine.

OFFERTORY: The value of the Offertory made in our Churches last weekend was £311. This value excludes contributions made directly into the Bank Account.

SLOUGH FOODBANK: The Foodbank in Slough tells us that, with the rising cost of living, our support is needed now more than ever. We would encourage you to continue being as generous as you can afford. Given the acute crisis in Ukraine there is a danger that we may forget that there are many who are very needy in our own country.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Boxes for those who contribute to Offertory using envelopes, are available for collection at the back of the Church. If your box is missing, please contact Michael Reynolds on via office@staugustines.org.uk

100 CLUB: Earlier this month, Fr. Frank made the draw for the 100 Club. Congratulations to the winners who have each received a cheque for £100. They are: January 2022: Elizabeth Forsyth, February 2022: Mary McAteer, March 2022: Akira Kirton. If anyone would like to join the 100 Club, please contact me via office@staugustines.org.uk email. The subscription is £1 per week, that is £52 per year. Thank you. Pamela Bailey.

LOST GLOVES: A lady who attended David Mendes's Funeral lost her black fur lined gloves (St. Augustine's or the car park). One of the pair has been found, if anyone has found the second glove, please contact Fr. Frank.

NURSERY OPENING: The nursery in the Parish Hall will open this coming Monday, March 28th. We are very happy with it, and it should be of valuable service to Datchet and the surrounding community. It is a family-run nursery, and we have a very good relationship with the family who are running it. They have a lot of experience in this work and are already running nurseries in London and Ealing. The Agreement is that the Hall will be available for Parish use at weekends, and each evening of the week from 6pm onward.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The prodigal son came home empty handed.
He had no trophies to show his father,
no achievements with which to earn his praise, his welcome, and his love.
He was a failure. Worse still – he was a sinner.
He deserved to be punished – and he knew it.
Yet, punishment was the last thing he needed.
To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire.
So what happened?
When the father saw his lost son coming towards him, his heart went out to him,
and next minute they were in each other's arms.
It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness.
Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, or rain falling on parched ground.

Those who have experienced this kind of love,
know something about the heart of God. (Flor McCarthy, SDB)