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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th May 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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 7th 6pm | Tim Hurley Intention | Tues 10th 9.30am | Keith DeMonte RIP |
| Sun 8th 9.30am | People of the Parish | Wed 11th 9.30am | Carolyn Ansell RIP |
| Sun 8th 11am | Telcy Fernandes | Thur 12th 9.30am | John O'Connor RIP |
| Mon 9th | NO MASS | Fri 13th 9.30am | O'Connell Family |

We are sad to announce the death of our Parishioner, **Keith DeMonte**, at Thames Valley Hospice on Friday 27th April. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Judy, and to all his family and friends. Let us remember them in our prayers. The funeral Mass will take place at St. Augustine's on Wednesday 18th May at 2pm, with cremation immediately afterwards.

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

VOCATION SUNDAY: Each year, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is Vocation Sunday. We are encouraged to pray particularly on this day for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It's encouraging to remember that while Vocations in this part of the world have greatly declined, there's a great surge in vocations in other areas, such as Africa.

There will be a **Second Collection** taken this weekend for the **Diocesan Priests' Training Fund**.

OFFERTORY for 30th April/1st May: £282 cash/envelopes, £130 (estimated) standing orders.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council will meet on Wednesday 11th May at 10.15am

SAFEGUARDING: As you know, Jan Fredrickson has been our Safeguarding Officer for the Parish for the past number of years. She has asked to retire from her work and on behalf of the Parish I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the skilful and professional way she has performed this important task.

Judy Hill has very kindly agreed to take over from Jan and we are very grateful to her for volunteering. Should you wish to contact Judy, her contact details are given at the top of the Newsletter each week.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS. We were greatly encouraged by the large turn-out for the Tea/Coffee get-together after Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows last Sunday. We obviously intend to continue. The next get-together will be on **Sunday 15th May**, followed by one on **Sunday 29th May**. These will continue to be held at the **Eton Town Council Building**, which is near the Church. All are very welcome.

TEA/COFFEE ST. AUGUSTINE'S: We plan to restart this tradition in the St. Augustine's Church Hall after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 15th May**. We hope that a good number will come to this important community occasion for our Parish.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: Anyone who wishes to accommodate a Ukrainian family might like to get in touch with the Diocese for guidance. The contact email is: caritas@northamptondiocese.org

SLOUGH FOODBANK: With the rising cost of living, our support for the foodbank is needed now more than ever. 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.

EASTER REFLECTION (continued from last week)

By virtue of his Resurrection the Spirit of Jesus invests us with a **new Power** to transform the world. We must believe in this Power, and in order to keep *active* we need to nourish it continually. This we do through prayer and action. The prayer in question is of a special kind. It doesn't merely look inward to our own interest and wellbeing. It must have a missionary focus – it must be a prayer aimed at *intensifying the presence of the Risen Christ in and around us*. It takes the form of an urgent and confident plea that Christ's reign will become more pervasive in the world. This is the prayer that is at the core of the first three petitions in the 'Our Father' – 'hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done'.

As we allow Christ's Spirit of Love to grow in us, we'll slowly find our interest in the world's problems becoming deeper, and our prayer more expansive. We'll experience a growing intensity in *our zeal* to transform the world. This is the heart of Christian prayer; it is at the core of the first three petitions in Jesus' own prayer, the 'Our Father' – 'hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done'. It is also the fervent prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper as he begs his Father to bring to fruition his mission 'that all may be one'. The prayer which looks only to our own sanctification and well-being is not neglected, but it is superseded by a passionate desire to involve ourselves more and more in making the presence of the Risen Christ more pervasive in our world. Let's not forget that our call, as Catholics, is not to redeem ourselves *from* the world; it is to *redeem the world*. As Christ's Body, we're co-responsible with Christ in accomplishing this mission in the world today.