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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 22nd May 2022

SIXTH 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

Sat 21st 6pm	People of the Parish	Tues 24th 9.30am	Sr. Joan O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 22nd 9.30am	Jim Regan RIP	Wed 25th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 22nd 11am	Special Intention	Thur 26th 9.30am	Special Intention
Mon 23rd	NO MASS	Fri 27th 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, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: The Blessing of Graves in Slough Cemetery / Crematorium will take place this Sunday, May 22nd at 3pm. I am very sorry for this short notice, but I only received the information late last week.

SYNODAL DISCUSSIONS: Our gratitude again to all those who participated in the Synodal Discussions. A copy of the Diocesan Report, which was sent to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, was emailed to all on the Parish email distribution list. The report includes a number of suggestions that we submitted, and we continue to pray that the Synod in Rome next year will help bring about renewal in the Church that is badly needed.

OFFERTORY for 14th/15th May: £326 cash/envelopes, £130 (estimated) standing orders.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection taken next weekend for Catholic Communications Network (Mass Media).

TEA/COFFEE after MASS at OUR LADY OF SORROWS and ST. AUGUSTINE'S. We will have Tea / Coffee at both St. Augustine's and Our Lady of Sorrow **every fortnight**. The next date will be **Sunday 29th May**, after the 9.30am Mass in the **Eton Town Council Building**, and after the 11am Mass in **St. Augustine's Church Hall**. We were greatly encouraged by the large turn-out for the Tea/Coffee get-together over the past few weeks. We would urge you to attend if possible as it is a nice community event.

KEYS to ST. AUGUSTINE'S and the HALL: At the recent Parish Council meeting, it was said that for insurance purposes, we should have a list of all those who have keys for either the Church or the Hall. Would those who have keys please notify me or a member of the Parish Council. Those who wish to return their keys please do so.

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 rapid rise in the cost of living, the foodbank is becoming more and more, a very valuable support for an increasing number of people. We would encourage you to be as generous as you can in giving to it. Our support for the foodbank is needed now more than ever.

EASTER REFLECTION (continued from last week)

Our reflection last week on the range and scope of evangelization stressed that it's not just a question of learning the truths and morals of our Faith. It's about educating us in our responsibility for making the world a better place. This is just an expansion of our understanding of the basic law of loving our neighbour. A mature view of Christian Charity means far more than being good-living; it has a global outreach. It may begin at a local, person-to-person level, but it does not end there. It includes our responsibility for all God's Creation. A great spiritual writer of the last century, Teilhard de Chardin, writes prophetically about this:

The charity spoken of in the gospel has too long remained that of the Good Samaritan, who welcomes, heals and consoles. Is there really no room to give this magnificent virtue a form which would be still more generous and active? ... Love of neighbour could not, of course, let fall this flower of compassion which has given rise to such an impressive harvest of charitable enterprise without at the same time losing something of its intrinsic beauty. Nonetheless, love of neighbour has now to assume a more solid form through a *passionate attachment to the overall work of the world*. Not only to bring relief, but to develop. Not only to make reparation, but to build. *Love of neighbour at this point in our history can signify nothing other than a total devotion to the human effort [to build a better world]*

And Teilhard goes on:

From now on, without losing any of its compassion, charity will complete its work in lives dedicated to human progress. Charity demands not merely that we bind up wounds; it urges us to build a better world here on earth, and to be in the first ranks of every campaign for the full development of mankind.

The full truth of Christ's Incarnation obviously means believing in the truths of Jesus's life and teaching, but it also means believing that the *Risen Christ is with us today*, actively transforming the world. It also means believing that I am now *in Christ*, as St. Paul repeatedly says, - that, as a member of Christ's Body, I'm an agent in Christ's mission to redeem the world.