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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 29th May 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEKEND MASSES: St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturdays and 11am on Sundays.
Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sundays.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28th 6pm	Miss O'Donohue RIP	Sun 29th 9.30am	People of the Parish
		Sun 29th 11am	Intentions of Synatra Vas

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rosie Roche and Samuel Pargiter who are to be married on Saturday 28th May at St. Augustine's.

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 this Sunday (29th May). 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.

MILL HILL MISSIONARY APPEAL: Fr. Kevin Hughes will make a Mission appeal next weekend, 4th/5th June at all Masses. He will speak about the 'Red Box' form of helping the Mill Hill missionaries. I would encourage you to be generous in helping by taking a Red Box. The Mill Hill missionaries work closely to our missionaries in Africa.

OFFERTORY for 21st/22nd May: £338 cash/envelopes, £130 (estimated) standing orders.

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

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION – STATEMENT FROM BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic until the present time we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The great challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed their normal range of activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand that there will be some members of the congregations who, for reason of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass is impeded for a serious reason, because of situation such as ill-health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not in breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Looking forward to the Feast of Pentecost (June 5/6th) we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

100 CLUB WINNERS: Congratulations to the winners of the 100 Club draw held this week. The winner for April 2022 is Michael Torpey and for May 2022 is June Cline. They each win £100. If anyone would like to join the 100 Club which provides a method of fundraising for the Parish and gives the opportunity to win £100 in the monthly draw, please contact Pamela Bailey via the office email.

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.

HELP REQUIRED: Is there anyone willing to take the Food Bank items from Datchet church to the Food Bank in Slough once a month or so? If so, please contact Barbara Williams or Paul Nockles via the office email. The items given at Our Lady of Sorrows will be brought to Datchet.

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.

ASCENSION REFLECTION

In a highly emotional scene at the end of his life Jesus tells his disciples: 'I have come from the Father and am going back to the Father'. The phrase 'all good things come to an end' never sounded more appropriate. Jesus is preparing the disciples for his departure and his return to heaven. He is not deserting them. In fact, he is going to be with them in a very personal way for ever.

Before Jesus takes his leave of them, he entrusts them with the responsibility of carrying on his mission of proclaiming the Good News. This ordinary group are the ones who were chosen by Jesus to be the witnesses of the Resurrection. Through them, the world will know that Jesus is alive. As Jesus' earthly life ends, their mission begins.

Today that responsibility belongs to us. It is now up to each of us to carry on the mission of Jesus. Through us today, the world will know that Jesus is alive, present and active in our world. As Pope Francis says to each of us, 'every Christian is a missionary to the extent that they have experienced the love of God in Jesus'.