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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th July 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Each Saturday from 12.30pm to 1pm, in St. Augustine's, there is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or for a discussion of any issue that might be on a person's mind.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9th 6pm	Dorrie Keating RIP	Tue 12th 9.30am	Graciana Soares (75 th Birthday)
Sun 10th 9.30am	Anthony Lynch RIP & family	Wed 13th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 10th 11am	Margaret & Peter Bartlett RIP	Thu 14th 9.30am	Special Intention
Mon 11th	NO MASS	Fri 15th 9.30am	Special Intention

DEATH: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorcas (Dorrie) Keating (Wraysbury) who died on Friday. She was ill for a long time and our very sincere sympathy to Peter who looked after her so well during her long illness. May Dorrie rest in peace and let us keep Peter in our prayers. Mass this Saturday (9th) will be offered for the repose of her soul.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection taken this weekend for the **Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)**. Pamphlets are available at the rear of the Church.

OFFERTORY: 2/3 July: £258 cash and £120 (estimated) standing orders.
Collection for Peter's Pence: £166

Tea / Coffee after Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Augustine's: This Sunday we will have our usual get together for tea / coffee immediately after the 11am Mass in St. Augustine's. Next Sunday it will be held after the 9.30am Mass in Eton.

Foodbank – A Special Appeal: Due to the very rapid rise in the cost of living, the foodbank is becoming more and more a necessary means of support for an increasing number of people. We strongly encourage you to be as generous as possible in these very difficult times.

Synodal Discussion Report

The Bishops of England and Wales have sent their report on the Synodal discussions in the country to Rome. The full report comes to 22 pages and, as the report is quite long, it might be good to give a brief summary of it – particularly (though not solely) in the way it relates to the issues we talked about in our synodal meetings a few months ago. We will send the full report if you would like to read it.

A Wounded Church called to Conversion

The submissions were honest and sincere, and motivated by a deep love for the Church. The reports show people's passion for the Church to be what they believe Jesus Christ calls it to be; they are frustrated and critical when it falls well short.

From the reports emerged a powerful message that "the Church is significantly wounded in its ability to act according to its own mission, to let its goodness shine out, and to live its life in a way that expresses the beauty of the Faith. Pope Francis is cited often in the reports as inspirational, and his synod as bringing new hope and energy to enable the conversion that will allow the parishes to become 'environments of living communion and participation', and completely mission oriented.

A Church that Embraces

A desire for churches to be places of *closeness* is a striking feature of the reports, expressed in the word *welcome*. There is a constant call for the Church to embody God's unconditional embrace of all, and criticism that the Church is often unwelcoming either to specific people, or to new ideas and inspirations. The Church needs to be far more inclusive and should formally include everyone regardless of who or what they are.

Priests who Enable

Priests are most often praised when they enable collaboration and co-responsibility. Conversely the harshest criticism is reserved for priests who are controlling and insensitive, who shield themselves from their parishioners and fail to listen to them.

The term *clericalism* is constantly invoked in the reports to describe a resistance on the part of priests to the exercise of co-responsibility. The reports highlight the need for a change in the way priests and laypeople relate in order to see themselves as both responsible for the mission of the Church. *This was one of the strongest constant themes in the submissions.*

There is criticism of 'routine celebration, mediocre liturgy and homilies that do not speak to the real world'. The criticism is often accompanied by a call to allow women to preach.

(to be continued next week)