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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17th July 2022

SIXTEENTH 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 16th 6pm	David James Greenham RIP	Tue 19th 9.30am	Dorrie Keating RIP
Sun 17th 9.30am	Christine Stanley Intention	Wed 20th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 17th 11am	Dorrie Keating RIP	Thu 21st 9.30am	Walter Stanley RIP
Mon 18th	NO MASS	Fri 22nd 9.30am	Special Intention

DEATH: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorcas (Dorrie) Keating (Wraysbury) who died on Friday 8th July. 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. The provisional funeral arrangement is for Requiem Mass at St. Augustine's at 12.30pm on Wednesday 3rd, with funeral immediately afterwards at Crimp Hill Cemetery, Old Windsor.

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.

BAPTISM: We welcome into our Parish community a new member, Geordan Queenan, who was baptised on July 9th at St. Augustine's. Geordan's parents are Colm and Amanda Queenan. They live in Datchet.

OFFERTORY: 9/10 July: £234 cash and £130 (estimated) standing orders.
Collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea): £159

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 9.30am Mass in Eton. Next Sunday it will be held after the 11.00am Mass in St. Augustine's.

Pamphlet – “10 Reasons to Come to the Catholic Church”: Bishop David has given permission for the pamphlet to be distributed throughout the Diocese. I have found the content of this pamphlet to be very interesting. We have now received an additional number of copies, which you will find at the rear of the Churches.

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 of Bishops of England and Wales *(continued from last week)*

The Church as 'Other'

Lay people feel disempowered. They 'feel that things are being 'done to them' rather than 'with them'. Parish and deanery councils have little or no impact, a point that is repeatedly recognized and regretted. Yet, the reports consistently speak of a need for a Church where the parish is the genuine hub of the community ... vibrant, nurturing, alive with the faith and a desire to share joy with everyone ... Priests lead by encouraging their flock to be fully active and take ownership and responsibility, rather than trying to maintain personal control.

The term 'accompaniment' is mentioned often. Pope Francis's highlighting of the 'art of accompaniment' points to a vision for our communities that builds trust and understanding of one another's stories, struggles and walks of faith'. Many reports link a perceived failure of the Church to evangelise with the lack of participation of lay people, especially women, in the life of the Church. Lay people should be part of *decision-making* in areas that affect them in their life of faith. Parishes that do this are singled out for praise. Where these are mentioned there is a hope that parish pastoral councils be concerned less with 'business' and more with the building up of the community and its pastoral needs.

Truth, Mercy and Welcome

The majority voice in the reports focused on conversion, of the need for a change in the way of living, acting and operating of the Church at all levels so as to enable it to be more loving and welcoming especially to particular groups perceived as alienated. If there is a single overriding melody, it is in the desire for a more fraternal Church in which God's universal love can be more palpably felt and lived.

In this connection, shining through the reports is a strong desire for a Church that better performs *God's mercy* in Jesus Christ, who did not make moral conversion a prerequisite of His embrace but whose love and acceptance triggered that conversion in those who came to Him. The idea of such a Church is one that does not firstly judge and exclude but unconditionally embraces, lies behind strong criticism in the reports of the way the Church teaches, and presents itself. The dream is of a Church boldly proclaiming its authentic teaching while, at the same time, offering a witness of radical inclusion and acceptance of 'outsiders'.

(to be continued next week)