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# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th July 2022

## SEVENTEENTH 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 23rd 6pm	Maureen and Ken Byerley (Thanksgiving)	Tue 26th 9.30am	Robert Tillon RIP
Sun 24th 9.30am	Ronald Badger RIP	Wed 27th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 24th 11am	Dorrie Keating RIP	Thu 28th 9.30am	Special Intention
Mon 25th	NO MASS	Fri 29th 9.30am	Walter Stanley RIP

**DEATH:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorcas (Dorrie) Keating (Wraysbury) who died on Friday 8th July. 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 Requiem Mass for the repose of Dorrie will be at St. Augustine's on Wednesday 3rd August at 12.30pm and burial 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, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

**RESUMPTION OF ADORATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Beginning this coming week (July 25th), we will be resuming Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we had before lockdown. We will have it on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 5.30pm to 6.15pm at St. Augustine's. At the present time, the Church, our Country, and the World are in great need of God's blessing, so we would hope that many will attend this privileged time of prayer, at least on one of the days mentioned.

**OFFERTORY:** 16/17 July: £506 cash and £120 (estimated) standing orders.

**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 11.00am Mass in St. Augustine's.

**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 synodal reports confirm the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. There is regular mention of the need to re-examine sacramental disciplines, above all, those that restrict access to Matrimony, Holy Orders and the Eucharist. Although there is no longer a 'distinction between Jew and Gentile', restrictions are seen by many as denying this equality. There was also a minority voice opposed to any relaxation of the sacramental disciplines.

There is repeated frustration at perceived inconsistency in the definition of 'practising Catholic' in school admission policies, and at the apparent contradiction of priestly celibacy and former Anglican priests being married, and in the confusion around the area of marriage law, especially when so many are declined sacraments because of their marital status.

### Marginalised Groups – Women

The place of women in the Church was the cause of passionate, repeated and strongly expressed concern. *It was a constant theme, occupying substantial sections of every diocesan report, and should be regarded as one the headline findings of the synod in England and Wales.*

On the whole, women were not considered a marginalized minority so much as a silenced, unrecognized majority whose gifts lie unwrapped and ignored in the parish culture. Despite being the 'lifeblood' of the Church, women are seen as excluded from leadership and ministry roles in ways that are damaging to the Church's mission and credibility. The Church must make better use of the gifts that women have – including in decision-making and planning. The contrast was drawn between the synod meeting – places of sharing and mutual respect – and the structures of the Church, seen as male-dominated, patriarchal, and exclusive of women. Many feel hurt and angry about this.

Despite many calls for women to be ordained as deacons and priests, most discernment about the valuing of women was not focused on ordination but on the need to reflect on the power and gift of women in the Church. There were many calls for women to be able to preach, for the Church to have women exercise leadership roles, and for the service of authority in the Church to reflect the charisma of women. Without this service as leaders and in ministries, the witness of the Church is weakened, and its credibility undermined.

*(The synopsis of the Synodal Report will conclude next week)*