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# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th August 2022

## NINETEENTH 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 6th 6pm	Personal Intention	Tue 9th 9.30am	Dorrie Keating RIP
Sun 7th 9.30am	Walter Stanley RIP	Wed 10th 12.30pm	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 7th 11am	People of the Parish	Thu 11th 9.30am	Mrs Furey RIP
Mon 8th	NO MASS	Fri 12th 9.30am	Personal Intention

**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:

We have resumed 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:** 30/31 July: £277 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 immediately after the 11am Mass in St. Augustine's Hall.

**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.

We spoke two weeks ago about ‘Marginalised Groups’ and first among these was Women. Last week we spoke about LGBTQ+ and Young People. In our conclusion this week, we include the groups Divorced and Remarried, the Traveller Community and People of Colour.

### Divorced and Remarried

Those who are divorced and remarried without an annulment were mentioned often as a marginalized group in the Church who ‘expressed great hurt at their exclusion from the Eucharist’. There was a perception of injustice, ‘particularly where the innocent party is concerned’. There is a call for the ‘lived experience of the faithful to be brought into meaningful dialogue with the official teaching of the Church’ on this matter.

### The Traveller Community

A number of submissions mention the Traveller community, helping them to feel welcome and understanding their needs.

### People of Colour

The largest concentration of Catholics in England and Wales is in cities with large diverse communities. One-third of Mass goers in the UK are born overseas and the issue of exclusion of people of colour seldom appears in the diocesan reports. The racial and cultural diversity of Catholics is seen as one of the great gifts of the Church in England and Wales.

However, this diversity is not reflected in leadership roles, which produces a sense among some people of colour that ‘decisions are not made by us, but are instead made for us’.

### **Towards a Synodal Church in England and Wales**

The purpose of the synodal journey is to enable the Church more fruitfully to fulfil the mission of evangelization through the participation of each and every one of her members. There is felt desire that the synodal process now be embedded in the diocese and parishes, and that structures and formation be introduced at every level to enable this.

The path to a synodal Church requires reviewing and removing obstacles to listening and participation. The reports hope for a ‘new leadership style’ that reflects a relationship between priests and lay faithful of collaboration and co-responsibility, and for structures that facilitate dialogue, discernment and participation in decision-making processes, while respecting that decision-*taking* is the task of designated authority. Synodality requires us to be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit and making *listening* a norm of pastoral ministry.

The Report ends with the comment: ‘an ever-deepening synodality will be reflected in greater attentiveness to the peripheries of suffering and need, both locally and globally. A synodal Church in which the faithful assemble, listen and discern is more likely to recognize Christ in the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth, and to respond in concrete apostolic actions that make visible God’s compassion for all His creatures.

**FULL COPY OF THE SYNODAL DISCUSSION REPORT:** For those who would like to read the full report produced by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, please use the link below.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>