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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st August 2022 TWENTY-FIRST 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 20th 6pm	Personal Intention	Tue 23rd 9.30am	Dorothy Coleman RIP
Sun 21st 9.30am	Dorrie Keating RIP	Wed 24th 12.30pm	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 21st 11am	Ben Whitehead RIP	Thu 25th 9.30am	Dorrie Keating RIP
Mon 22nd	NO MASS	Fri 26th 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: 13/14 August: £307 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 at St. Augustine's in the 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the next few weeks I'd like to share with you excerpts from one of the most inspiring English spiritual writers of the 20th century, Evelyn Underhill. She was an Anglican, but had a great understanding and sympathy for the Catholic Faith. The book from which these excerpts are taken is entitled 'An Anthology of the Love of God'. She writes in beautiful English, as you will see, and her observations are both challenging and down-to-earth.

Love, the Seed of Good

'The fruit of the Spirit' is Love, Joy, Peace, Gentleness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Meekness, Temperance – all the things the world most needs. I do not think St. Paul arranged his list of the fruits of the Spirit in a casual order. They represent a progressive series from one point, and that one point is Love - the living, eternal seed from which all grow. Love, therefore, is the budding-point from which all the rest come - that tender, cherishing attitude, that unlimited self-forgetfulness, generosity and kindness which is the attitude of God to all His creatures, and so must be the attitude towards them which his Spirit brings forth in us ...

To be unloving is to be out of touch with God. So the generous, cherishing Divine love, the indiscriminate delight in others, just or unjust, must be our model too. To come down to brass tacks, God loves the horrid man at the fish shop, and the tiresome woman in the next flat, and the contractor who has cut down the row of trees we love, to build a row of revolting bungalows. God loves, not tolerates, these wayward, half-grown, self-centred spirits, and seeks without ceasing to draw them into his Love.

And the first fruit of his indwelling presence, the first sign that we are on His side and He on ours, must be at least a tiny bud of this Charity breaking the hard and rigid outline of our life.

Fr. Frank

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.

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