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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th September 2022

TWENTY- FOURTH 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 10th 6pm	Ladislaus Rattos RIP (& Queen Elizabeth RIP)	Tue 13th 9.30am	Sylvia de Mello (Thanksgiving)
Sun 11th 9.30am	Queen Elizabeth RIP	Wed 14th 12.30pm	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 11th 11am	Ned Prendergast RIP	Thu 15th 9.30am	Personal Intention RIP
Mon 12th	NO MASS	Fri 16th 9.30am	Personal Intention

QUEEN ELIZABETH

While we mourn the passing of our Queen from this life, we are immensely grateful to God for the gift she has been to our country over the past 70 years. Her dignified presence, her unflinching commitment to duty and the noble Christian values she stood for have been a beacon of light and hope for us all in these difficult times.

She is now enjoying the reward of her wonderful life, and from her place in heaven we pray that she will continue to lead and inspire us. May she rest in peace.

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**

OFFERTORY: 3rd/4th September: £390 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 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: On Wednesday, August 31, we had our Parish Council Meeting. Last week we listed some of the items discussed. The following were among other items. We decided to order 30 Mass Books for St Augustines so that all present can easily follow the Readings. We hope they will arrive shortly. The lighting in the Car Park at St Augustines is poor and we are getting a quotation for plans to improve it.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE: At the Cathedral in Northampton on **Saturday October 1st at 12.00 noon**, Bishop Oakley will offer Mass for God's blessing on married couples. Bishop David will give his pastoral blessing to those celebrating a significant milestone in their marriage – i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years. Please see the notice at the rear of the Church for further details, and for forms you may fill in if you wish to attend.

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. **Food (Urgent):** Soup, Long-life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Carrots/Mixed Veg. **Toiletries and Basic Items (Urgent):** Deodorants, Disposable Razors, Shampoo, Shower gel/Soap. **Always Required:** Tinned Fruit, Instant Mash, Instant Coffee (small jars), Tinned fish, Toothpaste, Washing up Liquid, Shaving foam/gel, Baby wipes, Strong carrier bags.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The three parables in today's gospel are all about loss – a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost child. We are so familiar with this gospel that we may not hear what it is saying to us. Why would a farmer go after one lost sheep and leave the rest of his flock unattended? Why would any housekeeper wreck her house to find one lost penny? Why would parents host a party to celebrate the return for a delinquent son. It doesn't make sense.

Yet, this is the point of the parables. This is what God is like. He forgives us no matter what. It's a crazy kind of love, but this is the Christian way. We are invited to love those who ignore us, who oppose us, who speak badly of us. It doesn't make sense. But neither did Christ praying for his executioners: 'Father, forgive them'.

Fr. Frank