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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th October 2022

TWENTY- EIGHT 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 8th 6pm	Personal Intention	Tue 11th 9.30am	Brenda Clancy RIP
Sun 9th 9.30am	Sylvia McNamara RIP	Wed 12th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 9th 11am	Mary Quirke	Thu 13th 9.30am	Private Intention
Mon 10th	NO MASS	Fri 14th 9.30am	Private Intention

DEATH: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Morrissey, former Parish Priest of St Edward's in Windsor who died on the evening of Wednesday 5th October. Many of you may know him. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, Agnes Ryan and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

ADORATION TIME: There be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as usual at **St Augustines** on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** of each week from **5.30pm to 6.15pm** at **St. Augustine's**

OFFERTORY: 2nd October: £305 cash and £120 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 9.30 am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows

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. **Due to generous donations, we have 12 months' supply of Pasta and do not need it.**

100 CLUB DRAW: Congratulations to Roger Stewart and Helen Niffikeer, who have each won £100 in the 100 Club Draw for the months of August and September 2022

Second Collection

There will be a special collection for CAFOD this weekend. The church on England and Wales has a special relationship with CAFOD and we would ask you to be as generous as possible.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The great medieval mystic, Meister Eckhart wrote these profoundly true words:

If people had no other communication with God than that of giving thanks, it would be sufficient.

A favourite author of mine, David Steindl-Rast, wrote a very fine book called *Gratefulness the Heart of Prayer*. He suggests that happiness is born of gratitude. Luke's gospel today tells us of the gracious actions of God and the reactions of people. Notice how he describes the reactions of the Samaritan leper to his healing. "Finding himself cured", he turned back, praising God and thanking Jesus. Luke did not simply say that the man was cured. He *found himself cured*; he consciously reflected on the wonder of his cure. Gratitude begins when we reflect on our gifts, when we become aware of what God has given us – life, health, nature, the little unremembered acts of kindness done to us by others – all of which we tend to take for granted.

It's a lovely practice at the end of the day to reflect on the blessings of the day: the visit of a friend, the smile of a stranger, music, a flower, fresh air, birdsong. Pick out just one item or blessing, turn back to God, like the leper, in praise and thanks. Just one blessing per day. It costs so little, yet it can bring us much happiness and it is a lovely prayer. Gratefulness is the heart of prayer.

But gratitude should be shown in action as well as words. Wilfred Peterson describes thanksgiving as an art, *the art of thanks-living*. It is the following -

Thanking God for your talents by accepting them as duties for the common good
Thanking God for all that others have done for you by doing things for others
Thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful
Thanking God for health and strength by the care you show your body
Thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

Fr. Frank