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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th October 2022

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) MISSION SUNDAY

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 15th 6pm	People of the Parish	Tue 18th 9.30am	Fr. Michael Morrissey RIP
Sun 16th 9.30am	Mr McMahon RIP	Wed 19th	NO MASS
Sun 16th 11am	Lynda Wilson (friend of Maggie Waller) RIP	Thu 20th	NO MASS
Mon 17th	NO MASS	Fri 21st 9.30am	Personal Intention

NOTE. There will be a meeting of our Missionary Society in East Molesey during the week, so there will be NO MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY

DEATH: Please pray for the repose of the soul of the mother of Maria Skorupska who died during the week. Funeral arrangements later.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Morrissey who was formerly Parish Priest in Windsor. Funeral Mass at St Edward's at 10am on Monday, October 24th followed by cremation at Slough Crematorium

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: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Augustines will be on Monday 17th and Friday 21st October this week from 5.30 to 6.15pm

OFFERTORY: 9th October: £306 cash and £120 standing orders. Cafod £638

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 am Mass at St. Augustines.

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. **The Foodbank is also in urgent need of volunteers who will give a little time to sorting out food and packaging it. It is especially in need of drivers to distribute it.**

Second Collection This is **Mission Sunday** – the special day in the year when we remember the work of Missionaries. As you know, I belong to a Missionary Society and the work our missionaries do in spreading the Word of God in all its aspect is very impressive indeed.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Friendship

For the next few weeks our Thought for the Day will be on Friendship, and how God is present in the inner transformation that takes place when we are blessed with the gift of genuine friendship. When I'm with a true friend I feel lifted above the cares and evil around me and am given a glimpse of the richness and beauty of a better life – a life my heart longs for. This leads me to appreciate what a *sacred gift* true friendship is. I see this clearly in the style of Jesus' ministry. Jesus didn't just preach about friendship, he lived it. This is clear in the way his life impacted on others. I need but look at how his encounters impacted on the lives of such unlikely people as the Samaritan woman at the well, Mary Magdalene, Zacccheus, Mary and Martha and Lazarus, the apostles and a host of others.

Four qualities, in particular, stand out in true friendship: openness or honesty, respect, tolerance and fidelity. We will look briefly at each of these.

Openness. Forming genuine friendships is not easy. It involves courage and risk – being, to an extent, vulnerable before another. Therefore, while at one level I'm attracted to it, in another way I feel threatened by it. A deep friendship will develop only to the extent that I risk sharing something of myself – sharing not just ideas or past happenings, but also feelings, and personal moments in my life. To refuse to take this risk and choose an overly-private and independent life is to miss out on a huge opportunity for personal growth and happiness that a true friendship can offer.

But sharing in depth needs to be approached very delicately. It asks for a climate of absolute trust and confidentiality. I will reveal my personal experiences only to those whom I know will listen sympathetically, will not divulge them to others, and will not judge or think less of me because of what I tell them. (continued next week)

Fr. Frank