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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 30th October 2022

THIRTY FIRST 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 29 th 6pm	Mairead Hurley RIP	Tues 1 st 6.30pm	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Sun 30 th 9.30am	Peter Frederickson RIP	Wed 2 nd 9.30am	FEAST OF THE HOLY SOULS – MASS FOR ALL DECEASED IN THE PARISH
Sun 30 th 11am	People of the Parish		
Mon 31 st 10am	REQUIEM MASS FOR GINA SKOKUPSKA		
Tues 1 st 9.30am	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)	Thu 3 rd 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
	Sylvia Burchell Intention	Fri 4 th 9.30 am	Personal Intention

Funeral Mass.

Please note that there will be Mass for Gina Skokupska (mother of Maria) at 10am on Monday, October 31, followed by burial at Slough Cemetery.

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.

OFFERTORY: 23rd October: £293 cash and £120 standing orders. Missions £407

First Holy Communion: Parents and godparents. Do you have a child in Form 3 or above? Has your child made First Holy Communion? If not, would you like them to join St. Augustine's programme in January? If so please give details either to Fr. Frank or Anne Cannon – annescannon@fastmail.fm Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Church Hall and after Class, all go to the Church for 11.00am Mass

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS Next Tuesday November 1st is **THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**. We will have mass that day in **St Augustines at 9.30am and Our Lady of Sorrows at 6.30pm.**

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. 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.

Accommodation for Refugees from Ukraine. Would you be willing to open your home and heart for people displaced by the war in Ukraine? If so, please see poster at the rear of the Church for contact details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Friendship (continued)

We have been reflecting on some of the essential qualities in a genuine friendship. We have mentioned openness and respect, and today we will look at a third quality – Tolerance/Acceptance.

Likely, in our younger days we had a very naïve understanding of friendship. We thought of it as a comfortable togetherness, free of all tensions and differences. This view was not realistic. Because friendship involves individuals who are unique, tensions are inevitable. Growth towards a lasting friendship depends on how tensions and differences are managed.

God has made each of us with our own unique personality and talents, with our weaknesses and idiosyncrasies as well our strengths. Healthy friendships acknowledge this. A test of a friendship's maturity is the extent to which it allows each person to express his/her own unique self. The Spirit that has brought us together is the Spirit of freedom, and therefore a basic question I must ask myself is whether or not I'm providing the atmosphere where the other person is free to express wishes and views that are opposed to mine. If not, there is likely to be some element of intolerance or power-play at work in the relationship.

By nature, we all tend to be narcissistic. A basic instinct in me draws me to befriend another person, not as *other*, but as the image of myself that I want to see reflected in him/her. But if I like another only on this condition then I'm not really liking the other person at all. I'm liking the image of myself that I want to see reflected in him/her. In other words, I'm indulging in a sophisticated form of self-love. (*We'll continue with this theme next week*)

Fr. Frank