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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th November 2022

THIRTY SECOND 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 5 th 6pm	Martin O'Connell RIP	Tue 8 th 9.30am	Personal Intention
Sun 6 th 9.30am	Peter Fredrickson RIP	Wed 9 th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 6 th 11am	John Casey RIP	Thu 10 th 9.30am	Private Intention
Mon 7 th	NO MASS	Fri 11 th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP

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.**

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a Second Collection this weekend for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund Collection.

OFFERTORY: 30th October: £356 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.

Accommodation for Refugees from Ukraine. Would you be willing to open up 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.

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.

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.

Governors for Catholic Schools in the Slough Deanery: Fr. Kevin has written the following: We have excellent Catholic schools in this Pastoral area – St. Joseph's, St. Anthony's and St. Ethelbert's and Our Lady of Peace. There will be a short talk at all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 12/13 asking if any people would consider becoming a governor at any of these schools. It is an important role and a real way of contributing to strengthening Catholic education in the area.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

FRIENDSHIP (continued)

We continue with the Tolerance/Aspect of friendship because it focuses on an element in friendship which is frequently forgotten.

A genuine relationship is one that allows the other person to be different. My friend is 'other' than me, with her/his particular personality, different interests and outlook on life etc. I need to see differences as a gift to our friendship, not a threat. Entering the world of the other and opening myself to his/her vision of life can be exciting and life-enhancing if we choose to make it so. It draws me out of my set little world of ideas and habits, out of narrow-mindedness and self-centeredness and gives me the courage to embrace the new challenges and opportunities that life with another (or with others) is offering me.

Teilhard de Chardin makes the profound statement that '*union (true friendship) differentiates*'. What we seek in friendship of not a bland uniformity that seeks to eliminate all differences. This, in time, would make life dull and boring. We must welcome *unity in diversity* and if we embrace it, it can bring a creative and enriching tension to our relationships. That's why one of the most basic requirements in friendship is *tolerance or acceptance* – giving the other freedom to be him/herself, to be the weak, limited and fragile person that she/he is. And this is surely the most reassuring tribute I can pay another, the greatest gift I can give her/him – to let the other feel that she/he is my friend not because of her/his wealth or status or intellectual ability, not for what she/he can do or give or achieve, but simply because he/she is just the kind of person that he/she is.

Fr. Frank