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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th November 2022

THIRTY THIRD 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 12th 6pm	Remembrance Day	Tue 15th 9.30am	Gina Skokupska RIP
Sun 13th 9.30am	Remembrance Day	Wed 16th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 13th 11am	Nodlaig O'Flaherty RIP	Thu 17th 9.30am	Maureen Lally Intention
Mon 14th	NO MASS	Fri 18th 9.30am	Edna and Family Intention

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 will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **St Augustine's** on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 5.30pm to 6.15pm.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY: This Sunday is Remembrance Day. Today we honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our Freedom. Masses on Saturday and Sunday (9.30am) will be offered in their memory, and in thanksgiving to God for their heroism. There will be an ecumenical Service at St. Mary's, Datchet at 10am in honour of them.

OFFERTORY: 6th November: £342 cash and £120 standing orders.
Bishop's Maintenance Fund £209.

SECOND COLLECTION will be taken this weekend for Sick and Retired Clergy.

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.

SYNOD FOLLOW-UP: There will be a Zoom meeting for the diocese with Bishop David and his organizing team on Monday, November 21st. at 7.30pm. I encourage as many as possible to join in. To register, log in to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/launching-our-diocesan-assembly-with-bishop-david-tickets-451827617567>

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. Augustines programme in January? If so, please give details either to Fr. Frank or Anne Cannon. 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.

GOVERNORS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE SLOUGH DEANERY

There are 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 this weekend asking if any people would consider become a governor at any of these schools.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faithfulness/Fidelity

Because friendship is such a precious thing it is very fragile. It takes much effort and sacrifice to preserve and nurture it. Frail creatures that we are, it is very easy to let selfishness undermine even the strongest of friendships. An obvious form of selfishness is in using others for my own advantage or satisfaction. A subtle, but far more common form, is the tendency to take another's friendship for granted. I need to be aware of the silent way that routine and boredom can gradually undermine friendship. Remembering birthdays, anniversaries, peak occasions, frequent use of phone calls or social media – all these can be valuable ways of keeping alive the *gifted, sacred nature of friendship*, and preventing it from becoming just a casual or functional relationship.

In virtually every relationship there will be times when the sheer joy of being together will wane and I no longer feel how life-enhancing a true friend is. This is a crisis time, a time when friendship is tested and proven. It's a time when I come to know if a friendship is truly the selfless commitment, I thought it to be, or is there too much of the ego in it.

I need to remember that friendship is *more about commitment than emotion*, more about **Willing than Feeling**. And this applies to all kinds of friendship, including the marital bond. A Steadfast Will gives me the courage and strength to endure the dry periods that frequently affect a relationship. These are periods that test how genuine friendship really is. If I have the resolve and determination to live through these times of darkness, I'll find that friendship can reach a new level and become even stronger. Indeed, it is probably true that friendships can grow *only* through being tested in the everydayness of boredom and routine.

Fr Frank.