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# NEWSLETTER

## Sunday 1st January 2023

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

| MASSES          |   | Our Lady of Sorrows | St. Augustine's |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| Fri 30 Dec      | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph     | 6.30pm              | 9.30am          |
| Sat 31 Dec      | The Solemnity of Mary                   |                     | 6pm             |
| Sun 1 Jan       | The Solemnity of Mary                   | 9.30am              | 11am            |
| Mon 2 Jan       | NO MASS                                 | --                  | --              |
| Tue, Wed & Thu  | WEEKDAY MASSES                          |                     | 9.30am          |
| Fri 6 Jan       | The Epiphany of the Lord                | 6.30pm              | 9.30am          |
| Sat 7 Jan       | The Baptism of the Lord                 |                     | 6pm             |
| Sun 8 Jan       | The Baptism of the Lord                 | 9.30am              | 11am            |
| Mon 9 Jan       | NO MASS                                 | --                  | --              |
| Tue Wed Thu Fri | WEEKDAY MASSES                          |                     | 9.30am          |
| Sat 14 Jan      | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) |                     | 6pm             |
| Sun 15 Jan      | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) | 9.30am              | 11am            |

**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.

**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.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

|                 |                      |                |                          |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Fri 30th 9.30am | Personal Intention   | Tue 3rd 9.30am | Rita Niffikeer Intention |
| Fri 30th 6.30pm | Personal Intention   | Wed 4th 9.30am | Carolyn Ansell RIP       |
| Sat 31st 6pm    | Personal Intention   | Thu 5th 9.30am | Personal Intention       |
| Sun 1st 9.30am  | People of the Parish | Fri 6th 9.30am | Personal Intention       |
| Sun 1st 11am    | Personal Intention   | Fri 6th 6.30pm | Personal Intention       |
| Mon 2nd         | NO MASS              |                |                          |

Please pray for the soul of **AGNES RYAN** who has died recently.

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

Pope Francis has asked us to pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who is very ill.

**TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS:** This will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 1st at Our Lady of Sorrows.

**OFFERTORY:** 18th December: £318 cash and £120 standing orders.

### THANK YOU

At the end of the Year, I would like to thank the many people who have helped in keeping our Parish alive and vibrant during the year. Our Parish Council has been a huge help in dealing with the various issues involved in running the Parish and in their suggestions for improvement. Each one of the members has taken responsibility for a specific area of parish life – finance, administration, catechetics, hall and nursery, health and safety, parish security and maintenance.

The flower committee - though small- has contributed greatly towards keeping the Churches looking at their best. The organists, too, have helped in choosing suitable hymns and encouraging greater participation in them. Our thanks, also, to the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers.

We cannot forget those involved in producing the newsletter each week and in managing our website, and the Parish owes a lot to those who have given their time to organizing the tea/coffee mornings on Sundays. There are others, too, who remain largely silent, but whose valuable service is greatly appreciated.

To all, I would like to say a sincere 'thank you' for your encouragement and support. May God reward you for your service to him in strengthening the good community spirit we enjoy.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the Christmas cards I received, and for your most generous Offering on Christmas Day. It was far beyond what I could have expected. The only repayment I can make is a promise to keep you all in my prayer, and that I will do.

**FOODBANK – A SPECIAL APPEAL:** Because of the very difficult times we are in at present, we fear that for very many people, this time of Christmas will be anything but enjoyable, as they struggle to have sufficient money to afford the essentials. We can help in some little way by being as generous as possible in relieving their anxiety and bringing some little light into their Christmas. The items that are most essential are basics items. **Food (Urgent):** Soup, Long-life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat (stewed steak, mince, chicken in sauce), 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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – IN PRAISE OF MARY

Mary, what did God find in you that was so special that he chose you from among all other women to be mother of His Son. Your obedience and your faith must have been prime factors, but so also was your humility.

More than any other creature, you lived the truth of who you were – a mere creature. You were created by God. Your whole being was anchored in this truth – that everything, even your very existence, was a gift from God. Yes, Mary, emptiness or nothingness was your only 'possession', the only gift you could give God. And how much He cherished it. For it was this gift that allowed Him to enter our human condition. Because you were so truthful about your creaturely condition God was free to emerge from the remoteness of His Godhead and enter the body of a creature, assured in the knowledge that, in you, His divinity would not be usurped or compromised. In you, it would be completely safe from our sinful attempts to control God or become like Him, as did Adam and Eve.

For you never tried to possess God or use Him for your own benefit. In your heart there's never a thought of greatness or self-importance – just a continual advance into amazement and gratitude, as you pondered the bewilderingly great thing that 'He who is mighty' had done in you.

Nor was there any attempt to use your privileged position to gain recognition from your friends. There's no suggestion of letting your divine motherhood become a self-conscious thing – something you would use to mark yourself off as different from others, as better than them. No, Mary – the more the temptation to be special grew the more you instinctively returned that truth in which your whole being was grounded – the truth of your creaturehood, that all was gift. It is 'He that is mighty who has done great things in me, holy is His name'.