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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 22nd January 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

WEEKEND MASSES: St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturdays and 11am on Sundays.

Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sundays.

WEEKDAY MASSES: St. Augustine's Church: 9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,

and Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Each Saturday from 12.30pm to 1pm, in St. Augustine's, or at <u>other times upon request</u>. 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: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held at **St Augustine's** on **Mondays**, **Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 5.30pm to 6.15pm**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21st 6pm	Personal Intention	Tue 24th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 22nd 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 25th 9.30am	Ted Love RIP
Sun 22nd 11am	Jesse Grey, Alan Taylor &	Thu 26th 9.30am	Personal Intention
	Nodlaig O'Flaherty RIP		
Mon 23rd	NO MASS	Fri 27th 9.30am	Personal Intention

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our First Communion classes for this year have started. We have three from the Parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion — George Purnell, Alexander Crichton and Nora Murray-Cusali. Let us keep them in our prayer.

We are very grateful to Anne Cannon who is conducting the preparation. As you know, Anne has been doing this for many years now, and the Parish owes her a great debt of gratitude. If you know of anyone else who may wish to join the preparation group, please let us know as soon as possible.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS: This will be held after the 11am Mass on Sunday 22nd in St. Augustine's Hall.

OFFERTORY: 15th January: £415 cash and £120 standing orders.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We are rather short of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for our Masses in the Parish. We would welcome whoever would volunteer for these ministries.

If you would like to volunteer please get in touch with Fr. Frank. He will tell you what is involved and will arrange for you to be put on the Rota. You can chose the Mass you would prefer, and being on the Rota does not mean you cannot arrange for a substitute on any week you may be absent.

100 CLUB: For a subscription of £1 per week (£52 per year), membership of the 100 Club enables you to contribute to the Parish as well as having the opportunity to win £100 in the monthly 100 Club Draw. For more information, please contact Pamela Bailey via office@staugustines.org.uk.

FOODBANK – A SPECIAL APPEAL: Because of the very difficult times we are in at present, we know that many people are struggling as they have insufficient money to afford the essentials. We can help in some little way by being as generous as possible in relieving their anxiety by donating to the Foodbank.

At the moment, in addition to the items listed as required below, there is a is very urgent need for bottles of **WASHING-UP LIQUID** and **LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE**.

In general, 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.

HELP WITH COST OF LIVING? If you know of anyone needing help because of the Cost of Living crisis you might like to take with you a leaflet from Caritas, the Charity Office in Northampton Diocese. A limited number of leaflets are at the rear of the Church. More copies are available if needed.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As our 'Thought for the Week' I will take an excerpt from a Letter of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI to the Archdiocese of Munich which was written less than a year before his death. It is very moving, and has a consoling message for us all.

Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though I can have reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings.

In the light of the hour of judgement, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death. I am constantly reminded of what John tells us at the beginning of the Apocalypse: he sees the Son of Man in all his grandeur and falls at his feet as though dead. Yet He, placing his right hand on him, says to him: Do not be afraid! It is I!

Fr. Frank