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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th March 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

As part of his preaching ministry, Fr. Shyju is away this week in Canada leading a Conference for young people. The Conference has been planned for some time, so his absence is unavoidable. Fr. Shyju returns on Monday 20th. In his absence, if anyone requires the services of a Priest, please contact Canon Kevin O'Driscoll at Holy Family Church, Langley. We are very grateful to the Priests who have offered to officiate at our Masses this week.

WEEKEND MASSES: St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturday 11th. Fr. Pius Amoako will officiate.
Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sunday 12th.
St. Augustine's Church: 11am on Sunday 12th.
Fr. Shyju will officiate at the Sunday Masses.

WEEKDAY MASSES: St. Augustine's: There will **NOT** be a Mass on Mon 13th, Wed 15th, & Thu 16th.
9.30am Tuesday 14th and **10am** on Friday 17th followed by **Stations of the Cross**.
Fr. Ian McDole will officiate at these two Masses.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will **NOT** be held this week.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE with individual confession will be held in St. Augustine's at **7pm** on **Tuesday 28th March**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11th 6pm	People of the Parish	Tue 14th 9.30am	Holy Souls
Sun 12th 9.30am	Holy Souls	Wed 15th	NO MASS
Sun 12th 11am	People of the Parish	Thu 16th	NO MASS
Mon 13th	NO MASS	Fri 17th 10am	Feast of St. Patrick

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 and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

If anyone would like to have a priest visit them and or take communion to sick person at home, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju, or send an email to the Parish with the contact details.

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.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS will this week be held after the 9.30am Mass in Eton Council Chamber.

LENTEN SOUP: DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES – On **Sunday 26 March after the 11am Mass**, we will be serving soup in St. Augustine's Church Hall. There will be a collection for **MISSIO** to raise funds to support their work in Syria and Turkey.

MESSAGE FROM ROS NOCKLES, Chair of our Parish Council: Fr. Frank was absolutely delighted with the farewell party we gave him as a parish. Thanks to all those who came as he was very touched by the large number present. Thank you also for your generous donations to his collection and for signing the beautiful card for him that Pamela Bailey prepared. Thanks especially to those who helped in any way with the preparation and clearing up. It was much appreciated.

If anyone would like the contact details for Fr. Frank, please email office@staugustines.org.uk

Letter from Fr. FRANK

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I was overwhelmed by the huge turn-out for my farewell party on Sunday last, and I want to offer my sincere thanks to you all. It was a huge affirmation of the work I have tried to do with you over the past four years, and for that I am very grateful. The day was a truly memorable one that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

I was also overwhelmed by the messages of good will, as well as the gifts I received. I feel so undeserving of it all, since I felt my service of you was not as committed as it would have been some years ago when I had more energy. As many of you would know, aging does take its toll! But I do thank God for giving me the health and opportunity to be with you for these past four years. It has been a priceless experience that will stand by me as I enter the final stage of my missionary journey.

I reached my home in Kiltegan safely, thank God, and am now in the process of settling in. Change is not easy, especially in the early days. But I am very lucky in knowing all the priests here and this will be of great help in getting adjusted to my new way of life.

Again, many thanks for all you have been to me over the past four years, and be assured that you will always be in my prayers – that you and your loved ones may be drawn ever closer to the One Who can comfort and support in all the challenges we face in life.

Frank.

Greetings from Fr. SHYJU

I sincerely thank Fr. Frank for his dedicated pastoral services to the parish during the past years, and for warmly welcoming me. Let me assure him of our prayers. I am very thankful to you all for giving me a warm welcome to the parish.

Let me give you some background about me. I was born and brought up in Kerala, India, and was ordained as a priest for my diocese of Palghat on 31st December 2003. I initially served in my diocese, and came to the UK in 2015 to serve in this diocese of Northampton. Also, I serve in a charismatic preaching ministry, called Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK. My parents and my elder brother and his family live in India, and my younger sister and her family live in Dublin, Ireland. I have six nieces and nephews.

I am very happy to be with you and to serve you. I would like you to feel you can approach me at any time for any pastoral needs. God Bless us all.

Fr. Shyju