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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th March 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

We have received sad news from Kiltegan. Fr Seán Rynn died peacefully in the Care Unit, St Patrick's, on the evening of Wednesday 15 March. Fr. Seán was our Parish Priest until his retirement in April 2017 and we are very grateful for his service to us. Funeral arrangements are:

Friday 17 March at 7.30pm – removal to St Patrick's Chapel

Saturday 18 March at 12 noon – Funeral Mass followed by burial in Society cemetery.

Both ceremonies will be available on

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-missionary-society>

No password necessary.

Please pray for the repose of Fr. Seán's soul.

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturday 18th. Fr. Ian McDole will officiate.

Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sunday 19th. Mgr. Sean Healy will officiate.

St. Augustine's Church: 11am on Sunday 19th. Mgr. Sean Healy will officiate.

WEEKDAY MASSES are held at St. Augustine's:

Mon 20th: NO MASS

9.30am on Tue 21st, Wed 22nd and Thu 23rd. Fr. Shyju will officiate.

9.30am on Fri 24th, followed by Stations of the Cross. Fr. Ian McDole will officiate.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: from 8.30am on weekdays prior to Holy Mass.

The Rosary is prayed at 9.15am on weekdays prior to Holy Mass.

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18th 6pm	Holy Souls	Tue 21st 9.30am	Bridie Intention
Sun 19th 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 22nd 9.30am	Joe Donnelly RIP
Sun 19th 11am	Roy Niffikeer RIP	Thu 23rd 9.30am	Joseph Murphy RIP
Mon 20th	NO MASS	Fri 24th 9.30am	Holy Souls

If you wish to request a Mass Intention, please use one of the Mass Intention Envelopes, which can be found at the back of each Church.

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 and after the 11am Mass in St. Augustine's Hall.

OFFERTORY: 4/5 March: £506 cash, £120 S/Os. 11/12 March: £304 cash, £120 S/Os

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: £910

For those who use printed envelopes to give their Offertory each weekend, please remember to collect your box of envelopes from the back of the Church.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE – 20 to 30 mins once every 4 to 6 weeks: We are urgently looking for more people to help by joining the rota to count the Offertory in St. Augustine's Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass. Experience shows that this task takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes. It is hoped that enough people will come forward to assist with this task, such that volunteers are on the rota approximately once every 6 weeks. If you are able to support the Parish by joining the team of counters, please contact Loretta Finn or email office@staugustines.org.uk giving your name and contact telephone number.

VACANCY: Pastoral Ministry Office Administration. 2 year fixed term contract. 10 hours per week. Further details and application form: <https://northamptondiocese.org/job/pastoral-ministry-office-administrator/>

REFLECTION

Today we find that Jesus heals a blind man. The blind man was healed and now he can see. It means he can see Jesus physically. But as we go through the Gospel of John, we find that the blind man failed to recognise Jesus or who healed him. Many times, we are just like this. The disciples had a basic question to be asked about his blindness.

We approach God for blessings and once received do we really forget Him! Or, like the disciples, do we have questions about the sufferings and illness that we face. When we approach God with faith, we have answers for everything. Let us pray during this time of Lent, that God will take away our spiritual blindness and that we too would be able to recognise Jesus the way He wants us to.

Fr. Shyju