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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th March 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

The 11am Mass on Sunday 26th March in St. Augustine's will be for our former Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Seán Rynn. May his soul rest in peace.

LENTEN SOUP: This weekend, **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. All are welcome.

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturday 25th and 11am on Sunday 26th
Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sunday 26th.

WEEKDAY MASSES are held at St. Augustine's:

9.30am every weekday (Mon 27th, Tue 28th, Wed 29th, Thu 30th and Fri 31st).

Stations of the Cross will follow the 9.30am Holy Mass on Fri 31st.

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: Please come and join our Lent Penitential Service with individual confession in preparation for Holy Week. **St. Augustine's at 7pm on Tuesday 28th March.**

CONFESSION can also be made any weekday after Holy Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25th 6pm	Brendan Wall RIP	Tue 28th 9.30am	Eileen Ghent RIP
Sun 26th 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 29th 9.30am	Shane O'Connor RIP
Sun 26th 11am	Fr. Seán Rynn RIP	Thu 30th 9.30am	Frank Henry RIP
Mon 27th 9.30am	Peter McCluskey RIP	Fri 31st 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.

OFFERTORY: 18/19 March: £282 cash, £120 S/Os.

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: Thank you to those from Our Lady of Sorrows who have volunteered to help by joining the rota to count the Offertory in St. Augustine's Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass. We still need some more volunteers, and a representative balance of Parishioners from across the Parish would be appreciated. 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.

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. In general, the items that are most needed 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.

Boxes are available in both Churches in which you can place your donations.

REFLECTION

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent are about how God can take us from death to new life. The first reading tells us of God's desire to bring us back to life. The second reading tells us if Christ dwells in us, we will have new life as He does. And the gospel tells how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Through the raising of Lazarus from the dead, Jesus demonstrates his power over death and foreshadows his own resurrection. This event is a sign of hope for believers, as it points to the victory of life over death. The gospel illustrates the reality of human suffering and the pain that comes with loss, as well as the compassion and empathy that Jesus shows towards those who are grieving. Let us trust in God.

Fr. Shyju