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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st November 2021

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (Year B)

WEEKEND MASSES: St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturdays and 11am on Sundays.
Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sundays.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

We would ask those attending to observe the usual protocol regarding wearing of masks, social distancing, and hand sanitising, track and trace (for those who do not come regularly).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturdays from 12.30pm to 1pm

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 20th 6.00pm | People of the Parish | Tue 23rd 9.30am | November Mass for Holy Souls RIP |
| Sun 21st 9.30am | Loftus & Williams Families | Wed 24th 9.30am | Carolyn Ansell RIP |
| Sun 21st 11am | Alinka (very unwell) | Thu 25th 9.30am | Denis O'Rourke RIP |
| Mon 22nd | NO MASS | Fri 26th 9.30am | Private Intention |

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Dorrie Keating, David Mendes, Judy de Monte, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, Michael Torpey and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: November is the Month set aside by the Church for us to remember all who have died, especially our loved ones. We ask for their assistance while we are still in exile, as we journey towards our homeland in Heaven. A box will be placed in front of the Altar at St Augustine's so that you can place the names of those you particularly wish to pray for during the month. Our morning Mass on Tuesdays during November will be offered for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

VOLUNTEERS FOR READINGS: We have a shortage of readers for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses at St Augustine's. We would be very grateful if you would agree to volunteer. We will commission the new volunteers as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL

We held our parish council meeting on Nov. 15th and among the main items discussed were the forthcoming Synod, the Nursery and the Christmas Concert. The following is a summary of what we discussed.

Synod In our Parish

Pope Francis has formally opened a 2 year Synod for the universal Church. The purpose of the Synod is to renew the Church. Before Vatican 2, the Church was centralised and clericalized. The Clergy tended to control, and the lay people were largely passive. Vatican 2, and now Pope Francis are keen to stress that Bishops and Clergy are there to serve the Dioceses and Parishes, not to control them. Parishioners, together with the Priest, are jointly responsible for the Parish's growth, and the Synod asks us to come together and discern what we can do collectively towards making the Church more vibrant, and relevant to the needs of the present day. All Parishes in the Diocese are asked to be involved in this process. It is suggested that each Parish organise small groups of say 5 – 7 people so that their views can be known, and these will be passed on to the Diocese.

We encourage as many as possible to participate in this process. Please let us know – either by phone or email - if you are willing to be involved. We can then arrange a time and day for different groups to meet. Please give this matter serious thought. We are all called to evangelise!

Nursery

The diocese has requested that an effort be made to have parish halls that are underused made available for various activities so that they can bring in some income for the Diocese, and also offer amenities for people in the area. With this in mind, the Diocese is anxious that we let our Hall out on lease to a Nursery Group who have requested its use. An agreement has been signed between the Diocese and the group. The group is run by Susan Dhillon and is called 'Twinkle Tots'. You may look it up on the website if you wish to know more about it. The group may use the Hall only from Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 5pm. Outside of these times, the Hall will be for Parish use. Nursery classes will begin in early January.

AGM

Our AGM has been postponed this year and will take place at a later date.

Christmas Concert on December 12th

On December 12th after 11.00am Mass we will have refreshments in the Parish Hall and this will be followed by Danny Mendes' Christmas Concert. Danny and his group have very kindly volunteered to entertain us with Christmas Carols and other songs after the refreshments. We will have a printed copy of the words of the carols so that all can join in. We had this kind of entertainment two years ago and it was a memorable occasion for all present – so please put it in your diary for this year!

Other items discussed in our Meeting will be mentioned in future newsletters.

SLOUGH FOODBANK: The CURRENT WISH LIST IS:

FOOD: Long Life Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat (stewed steak, mince, chicken in sauce), Jam, Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Coffee (small jars), Pasta Sauce.

TOILETRIES AND BASIC ITEMS: Razors, Deodorants, Washing up Liquid, Strong Carrier Bags, Shampoo. Your continued support for the Foodbank is very much needed and appreciated. To facilitate easier donation of items, we will have a box near the altar at St. Augustine's, and at the rear of the Church in Eton.

ALTAR SERVERS: Our thanks to Anne Cannon, together with Lorette Carter, for organising and running the training session for Altar Servers. Four children from St. Augustine's attended altar serving training recently and another child will attend shortly. We now have one altar server for Our Lady of Sorrows. Our thanks to Pip and Kirstie Kerr for organising this.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Louise and Darren Jones whose daughter, Orla, was baptised at Our Lady of Sorrows last week.

Have a good week. Fr. Frank