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## NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent immediately after the 9.30am Mass in St. Augustine's.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** Saturdays 12.30pm to 1pm, St. Augustine's  
*If anyone would like to chat about any issues they may be concerned with, they are welcome at this time.*

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2nd 6.00pm	Special Intention	Tue 5th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 3rd 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 6th 9.30am	David Mendes RIP
Sun 3rd 11am	Catherine Whitehead RIP	Thu 7th 9.30am	Neil Mulvihill
Mon 4th	No Mass	Fri 8th 9.30am	Patrick Mulvihill (Sick)

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

**UKRAINE:** The Bishops of England and Wales have made an urgent appeal for prayers this Lent for a speedy end to the war in Ukraine. We must also pray for the people in Ukraine at this time, and the very many who are leaving their homes and relatives for sanctuary in neighbouring countries. Their plight must surely speak deeply to our hearts.

**OFFERTORY** for 26th/27th March: £232 cash/envelopes, £130 (estimated) standing orders.

## **EASTER SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AT ST. AUGUSTINES AND OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ETON.**

The following is the schedule of Services for Holy Week, which begins next Sunday (Palm Sunday).

**Palm Sunday Weekend (April 9th/10th):** Masses will be at the usual weekend times and will be preceded by Blessing of Palms.

**Holy Thursday – April 14th:** Mass of the Last Supper at 6.00pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton, followed by silent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.00pm.

**Good Friday – April 15th:** Stations of the Cross: 12 noon, St Augustine's.

Liturgy of the Passion: 3pm, St. Augustine's.

**Holy Saturday – April 16th:** Easter Vigil Ceremony: 7pm, St Augustine's.

**Easter Sunday:** Masses as usual – 9.30am, Our Lady of Sorrows and 11am, St. Augustine's.

**SLOUGH FOODBANK:** The Foodbank in Slough tells us that, with the rising cost of living, our support is needed now more than ever. We would encourage you to continue being as generous as you can afford. Given the acute crisis in Ukraine there is a danger that we may forget that there are many who are very needy in our own country.

**NURSERY OPENING:** The nursery in the Parish Hall opened on Monday last, March 28th. We are very happy with it, and it should be of valuable service to Datchet and the surrounding community. It is a family-run nursery, and we have a very good relationship with the family who are running it. They have a lot of experience in this work and are already running nurseries in London and Ealing. The Agreement is that the Hall will be available for Parish use at weekends, and each evening of the week from 6pm onward.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Lord, there was a time when the feeling of guilt had us paralysed. We felt condemned by voices within us, coming from sermons we had heard in childhood, threatening us with hell fire, teachers telling us we were no good. Like the woman in today's Gospel, we felt as if we were standing in full view of our accusers, and they were condemning us to a hell of self-loathing.

We thank you, Lord, that at that moment we heard the wise and compassionate voice of Your son, telling us through our parents and very special friends of how special and precious we are - that we are 'carved on the palm of Your hands'. Gradually the accusing voices slunk away in defeat as they saw You write on the ground of how passionately You love us and how much each of us means to You.

St. Seraphim once wrote: "all condemnation is of the devil. We condemn others only because we shun condemning ourselves"

It's been about 70 years since I heard my mother quote these memorable words to someone who was saying nasty things about a friend of hers who had died.

*Let her rest within death's portals  
Leave her faults to God alone,  
She but erred like other mortals  
None but sinners cast a stone.*

**Fr. Frank**