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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th April 2022

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 17th April 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -	Saturday 9th	6pm St. Augustine's
	Sunday 10th	9.30am Our Lady of Sorrows 11am St. Augustine's
		<i>Masses preceded by blessing of Palms</i>
	Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th	9.30am St. Augustine's
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thurs 14th	6pm Our Lady of Sorrows
		<i>Followed by silent exposition of the blessed sacrament until 9pm</i>
Good Friday, Stations of the Cross – Liturgy of the Passion -	Friday 15th	12 noon, St. Augustine's 3pm, St. Augustine's
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil –	Saturday 16th	7pm, St. Augustine's
Easter Sunday –	Sunday 17th	9.30am Our Lady of Sorrows 11am, St. Augustine's
	Easter Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9.30am, St. Augustine's

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9th 6pm	Special Intention	Sat 16th 7pm	Members of St. Patrick's Missionary Society
Sun 10th 9.30am	People of the Parish	Sun 17th 9.30am	Class of 1965 (St. Patrick's Missionary Society)
Sun 10th 11am	Alan Taylor RIP	Sun 17th 11am	People of the Parish
Mon 11th	NO MASS	Mon 18th	NO MASS
Tues 12th 9.30am	Noreen Conway Morris RIP	Tues 19th 9.30am	Special Intention
Wed 13th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP	Wed 20th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Thur 14th 6pm	People of Ukraine	Thur 21st 9.30am	Special Intention
Fri 15th	GOOD FRIDAY	Fri 22nd 9.30am	Thanksgiving Intention

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.

OFFERTORY for 2nd/3rd April: £241 cash/envelopes, £130 (estimated) standing orders.

EASTER OFFERTORY FOR FR. FRANK: By tradition, the offertory we give each Christmas and Easter is our personal donation to our Priest Fr. Frank as a thank you for his devotion and service to us in our Parish. Any offertory, whether loose or in envelopes, placed in the collection plates on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday will be Easter Offertory for Fr. Frank.

- If you are away, personal donations can be made by posting/placing an envelope marked “Easter Offertory” through the letterbox of Fr. Frank’s home or in the collection plate on the weekends before and after Easter Sunday.
- All Easter Offertory, like normal offertory must be paid into the Parish Bank Account. Therefore, if you write a cheque, please make it payable to **ST. AUGUSTINE’S**. *Thank you.*

GOOD FRIDAY SECOND COLLECTION will be taken for Holy Places.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to renew their commission at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening at 6pm in Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton.

UKRAINE: The Bishops of England and Wales have made an urgent appeal for prayers 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.

FLOWER ROTA: If you would like to be on the St. Augustine’s rota, please give your contact details to Fr. Frank. The Parish will reimburse the cost of flowers. Thank you. Lorette Carter and Anne Cannon.

SLOUGH FOODBANK: With the rising cost of living, our support for the foodbank is needed now more than ever. 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – PALM SUNDAY

During the Liturgy of the Word the events of Jesus’s passion are proclaimed in full. We might ask why does the Church give so central a place in its liturgy to the passion and death of Jesus? Why do we continue to remember in all their shameful and gory details the humiliation of the one who was Love Incarnate, the one who came on earth only to bring healing, forgiveness and peace? It was surely not because this was the price demanded by the Father for our sins. Only a sadist would demand such a price, and God is not a sadist; He is Love itself. Nor does Jesus deliberately court his own destruction. He did not seek the Cross, though he did embrace it freely as he discerned the inevitable outcome of his mission of love would involve being handed over to his enemies and put to death. Jesus’ suffering and death shows us with startling clarity what happens to self-forgetful love in a world ruled by the demons of hatred and violence. Jesus might have avoided the Cross, but only by turning aside from his mission of proclaiming God’s reign of justice, peace and love. And this he could not, and would not, do. The events we recall today represent the final phase and climax of Jesus’ life-giving mission of love.

As we recall the memory of Jesus’s passion and death, we profess our gratitude for the love that allowed Jesus to be ‘led like a lamb to the slaughter’. We express our solidarity with all the victims of violence in our world today: the people of Yemen, Ethiopia, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Northern Nigeria and, especially the people of Ukraine. Let us pray that, like Jesus, we may be active witnesses to his transforming love in our violent world.

Fr. Frank