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# NEWSLETTER

## Sunday 1st May 2022

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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.

**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 30th 6pm	Special Intention	Tues 3rd 9.30am	Special Intention
Sun 1st 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 4th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 1st 11am	Special Intention	Thur 5th 9.30am	Nodlaig O'Flaherty RIP
Mon 2nd	NO MASS	Fri 6th 9.30am	Neil Mulvihill RIP

We are sad to announce the death of our Parishioner, **Keith DeMonte**, at Thames Valley Hospice on Friday 27th April. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Judy, and to all his family and friends. Let us remember them in our prayers. The funeral Mass will take place at St. Augustine's on Wednesday 18th May at 2pm, with cremation immediately afterwards.

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

**SAFEGUARDING:** As you know, Jan Fredrickson has been our Safeguarding Officer for the Parish for the past number of years. She has asked to retire from her work and on behalf of the Parish I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the skilful and professional way she has performed this important task.

Judy Hill has very kindly agreed to take over from Jan and we are very grateful to her for volunteering. Should you wish to contact Judy, her contact details are given at the top of the Newsletter each week.

**OFFERTORY** for 23rd/24th April: £356 cash/envelopes, £130 (estimated) standing orders.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend, 7th/8th May for **Diocesan Priests' Training Fund**.

**TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS this Sunday 1st May.** We are happy to start having Tea/Coffee after Mass on Sundays at Our Lady of Sorrows. We will begin by having it once a month, with the option of having it more frequently, if this is desirable. It will be held at the **Eton Town Council Building**, which is near the Church. We would hope that it will help to enhance the already strong sense of community that is already present. We will start on this **Sunday, 1st May**. All are very welcome.

**TEA/COFFEE ST. AUGUSTINE'S:** We plan to restart this tradition in the St. Augustine's Church Hall after the 11am Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We hope that a good number will come to this important community occasion for our Parish.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S FLOWER ROTA:** It is hoped to restart the rota. If you would like to participate, please give your contact details to Fr. Frank. The Parish will reimburse the cost of flowers. Thank you.

**A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN** entitled "Nourishing Our Spirits" will be held on Saturday 14th May from 9.30am to 12.30pm in St. Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor. The speaker is Dr. Judith Thomas. (This is a repeat of the seminar held at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead on 12th March.

**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.

### EASTER REFLECTION

The birth of Jesus is obviously a key moment in the history of our salvation. But it is not the climactic moment. It's just the starting-point of a process or journey which has its climax in the Resurrection. The Resurrection doesn't merely testify to the truth that Jesus is risen. It heralds the *empowerment* of Jesus, the releasement of his Power as Second Person of the Trinity. Freed from space-time limitations of this world, Jesus is now with his Father in heaven engaged in the mission of unifying Creation and bringing it back to the Father.

Because we have been 'baptized into Christ', we Christians are co-responsible with Christ in accomplishing his mission. Being a good Christian, then, means far more than believing the truths of our Faith, being a loyal member of the Church and saving our souls. It involves this, of course, but its horizon is far wider. It means collaborating with Christ in his work of transforming the world and bringing it back to the Father.

This is our privileged calling as Christians – and what an especially challenging one it is at the present time, as we see all the evil in the world, especially in Ukraine. But while the evil is there in abundance, we're not, in the least, pessimistic. Indeed, we're full of hope that evil will eventually be conquered. This hope would be just wishful thinking, a utopian dream, were it not for *the presence of the Risen-Christ-in-us*, for whom nothing is impossible. It was this Faith-vision that emboldened Evelyn Underhill to write these inspiring words at the height of the London bombing during World War 11:

'Easter and Pentecost show us ... our Lord himself and his chosen apostles possessed of a *new power* – the power of the Spirit. That supernatural power is still the inheritance of every Christian. It is this power *and only this* that can bring in the new Christian society of which we hear so much. (*Anthology of Love, 68-70*)