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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th May 2022

FIFTH 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

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| Sat 14th 6pm | Jesse Grey RIP | Tues 17th 9.30am | Hurley Family |
| Sun 15th 9.30am | People of the Parish | Wed 18th 2.00pm | Keith DeMonte RIP |
| Sun 15th 11am | Tim Hurley's intentions | Thur 19th 9.30am | Carolyn Ansell RIP |
| Mon 16th | NO MASS | Fri 20th 9.30am | Eileen O'Donohue RIP |

PLEASE NOTE; NO 9.30AM MASS WED 18th MAY

DEATH AND FUNERAL: The funeral Mass for Keith DeMonte will take place on this coming Wednesday, May 18th at 2.00pm. The cremation will be immediately afterwards at East Hampstead Crematorium.

We would like to see a large turn out to say farewell to Keith from this world, and to show our sympathy to Judy and her family.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS: We were great encouraged by the large turn-out for the Tea/Coffee get-together after Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows last Sunday week. We obviously intend to continue with it – but, for the present at least, it will be on a fortnightly basis. If people would prefer it to be weekly, this can easily be arranged.

TEA/COFFEE ST. AUGUSTINE'S: We plan to restart the Tea/Coffee tradition in the Church Hall at St. Augustines **after the 11am Mass this Sunday, May 15th**. We hope that a good number will come to this important community occasion for our parish.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Many parish issues were discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, including our discussion on the Synod. We will distribute the suggestions on the Synod that the diocese has sent to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales to all parishioners.

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.

OFFERTORY for 8th May: £324 cash/envelopes, £130 (estimated) standing orders. Second collection Diocesan Priests' Training Fund £250.

SLOUGH FOODBANK: Because of the rapid rise in the cost of living, the Foodbank is becoming, more and more, an essential support for an increasing number of people. We would encourage you to be as generous as you can in giving to it.

EASTER REFLECTION

Last week, we said that our call, as Christians, is not to redeem ourselves from the world; it is to *redeem the world*. This entails expanding our traditional notion of evangelization – seeing it as far more than teaching doctrine and the commandments we must obey. It must include opening our minds to the beauty and order in the wonderful world God has given us. It means deepening our appreciation of the huge advances in science and technology that we've seen in recent times, recognizing that the sciences can be a huge ally in our quest for a more human and Christian world. We have seen how many of the discoveries in the scientific field can, if properly managed, greatly enrich our lives, reduce human suffering, facilitate greater communication and make life less lonely for many.

But our appreciation of science and technology mustn't blind us to the evil that is latent in the almost-godlike worship that is given to the sciences at the present time. While technological progress is admirable, it mustn't be achieved at the cost of spiritual values. Promoting spiritual values must remain paramount in any society that aims to further the *true progress* of humanity. These values include compassion, solidarity, generosity, chastity, self-control, selflessness etc. Having them at the forefront of our catechetical programmes is a *key part of evangelization*. This means, among other things, promoting initiatives that will arrest the downward trend towards selfishness and individualism, raise awareness of the huge level of injustice in the world, promote community ventures that help people out of loneliness and depression, raise the dignity of all people. It means protecting and beautifying the environment, creating conditions that will make the world a more human place for people to live in, and a better and safer place for those who come after us.