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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th August 2022

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

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): Each Saturday from 12.30pm to 1pm, in St. Augustine's, there is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or for a discussion of any issue that might be on a person's mind.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 13th 6pm | Personal Intention | Tue 16th 9.30am | Remedios Sebastiana RIP |
| Sun 14th 9.30am | People of the Parish | Wed 17th 12.30pm | Carolyn Ansell RIP |
| Sun 14th 11am | Dorrie Keating RIP | Thu 18th 9.30am | Alan Taylor RIP |
| Mon 15th | NO MASS | Fri 19th 9.30am | Personal Intention |

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

RESUMPTION OF ADORATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

We have resumed Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we had before lockdown. We will have it on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 5.30pm to 6.15pm at St. Augustine's**. At the present time, the Church, our Country, and the World are in great need of God's blessing, so we would hope that many will attend this privileged time of prayer, at least on one of the days mentioned.

OFFERTORY: 6/7 August: £350 cash and £120 (estimated) standing orders.

TEA / COFFEE AFTER MASS AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS AND ST. AUGUSTINE'S: This Sunday we will have our usual get together immediately after the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows in the Eton Town Council building.

FOODBANK – A SPECIAL APPEAL: Due to the very rapid rise in the cost of living, the foodbank is becoming more and more a necessary means of support for an increasing number of people. We strongly encourage you to be as generous as possible in these very difficult times.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – CLIMATE CHANGE

Recently, I read a very interesting letter to the editor of the *Tablet* magazine and would like to give a summary of it. Certainly, I would not agree with all it says, but I think it might open up a new way of thinking about the Church and its responsibility for God's Creation. (The sections in italics are quotes from the letter; those without italics are my own comments).

The scientists are virtually unanimous. Unless we can reduce carbon emissions by 45% by 2030, we have no hope of zero by 2050. If we fail, we will bequeath climate horror to our children. You would have thought people would be beside themselves with concern, but they are mostly not. Witness the absence of this issue from the current debate for the leadership of the Conservative Party.

Yet most people are not stupid or irresponsible and if they care about anything it is their children's future.

They spend huge sums of money educating their children, trying to ensure a good future for them. But what we must ask is, will these children have any future? What will be Earth (or indeed our country) be like for our children or grandchildren in 30/40 years time? Will it be habitable at all? Very controversially, the letter goes on:

We have little time left. But the Covid vaccines were developed in one year instead of 10 because huge amounts of money were poured into the research. We don't have to despair. In this uniquely challenging time, the Church should sell the Vatican. Partly because it would raise gargantuan sums. Think how much Elon Musk or Branson would pay to give people breakfast in the Sistine Chapel. But also because it would be such a vivid sign that the Church is not an art gallery but concerned only with salvation, in both this world and the next.

Mad idea? But then searing droughts and floods, large parts of the world too hot to live in, much of our most fertile land going under water, including considerable chunks of the U.K, hundreds of millions of refugees, and widespread shortages of food and water – it doesn't sound [all that insane].

Fr. Frank

FULL COPY OF THE SYNODAL DISCUSSION REPORT: For those who would like to read the full report produced by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, please use the link below.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>