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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 28th August 2022

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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.

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

Sat 27th 6pm	Personal Intention	Tue 30th 9.30am	Private Intention
Sun 28th 9.30am	Fr. Leo Staples RIP	Wed 31st 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 28th 11am	Dorrie Keating RIP	Thu 1st 9.30am	Dorrie Keating RIP
Mon 29th	NO MASS	Fri 2nd 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: 20/21 August: £380 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 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: On Wednesday, August 31, we will have a Parish Council Meeting. We have some important items to discuss, including proposals for the way forward for the Synod in our Parish. If you have any items that you would like to bring up, please let us know either by phone call (01753-917030) or through emailing the office email.

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.

Food (Urgent): Soup, Long-life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Carrots/Mixed Veg. **Toiletries and Basic Items (Urgent):** Deodorants, Disposable Razors, Shampoo, Shower gel/Soap. **Always Required:** Tinned Fruit, Instant Mash, Instant Coffee (small jars), Tinned fish, Toothpaste, Washing up Liquid, Shaving foam/gel, Baby wipes, Strong carrier bags.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

(continuation of excerpts from Evelyn Underhill – adapted)

In Love we Trust

Our Lord found great significance in the life of birds, in their freedom, their self-abandoned trust, their release from mere carefulness. They were very precious to Him, and patterns for our faith and hope. I sometimes think the divine gift of Hope, poured into our hearts by God, was first tried out in birds. Long ages before we appeared, the clouds of tiny migrants swept over the face of his planet. Incarnate scraps of hope, courage, determination, they were ready at a given moment to leave all and follow the instinct that was calling them in the teeth of peril and difficulty, giving themselves trustfully to the supporting air.

Nor does this exhaust their likeness to our souls. If we ask why birds are so utterly at home in the air, science tells us that it is partly because they are creatures of air. Their very bones are so made that the air penetrates them. They are lifted from within as well as supported from without.

Like the birds are we both penetrated and supported by an ocean of God's Love, both within us and around us. As the bird is in the air, so we are in the Being of God. As the bird, we are called to another country, our homeland towards which we are destined. The courage which can face long effort, vast and lonely distances, is the armour we need to endure the testing conditions of our flight. This comes from God's gift of the virtue of Hope. Hope tells us that loneliness and boredom do not have the last word, for God is with us all through the journey. It is in Him that we live and move and have our being. He is the One who has planned and who supports the journey, of which He is the Goal. He has made us for Himself, and our hearts will find rest and peace only in Him.

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>