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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th September 2022

TWENTY- FIFTH 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17th 6pm	Personal Intention	Tue 20th	NO MASS
Sun 18th 9.30am	Queen Elizabeth RIP	Wed 21st	NO MASS
Sun 18th 11am	King Charles	Thu 22nd	NO MASS
Mon 19th	NO MASS	Fri 23rd	NO MASS

QUEEN ELIZABETH AND KING CHARLES

We continue to mourn our Queen and thank God for giving her to the nation for so many years. We pray that she is now with God, continuing with the work she was so faithfully engaged in while she was with us in this life.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time must also turn to King Charles III. His task in these rapidly changing times is hugely challenging. We ask God that he will rule with wisdom and discernment and that he will inherit all the virtuous qualities that made his mother such a towering example of all that we would ask for in the Leader of our country.

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.

There will be no weekday Masses, nor will there be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week and next week.

OFFERTORY: 10th & 11th September: £302 cash and £120 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 11am Mass at St Augustines.

Diocesan Mass for Married Life: At the Cathedral in Northampton on **Saturday October 1st at 12.00 noon** Bishop Oakley will offer Mass for God's blessing on married couples. Bishop David will give his pastoral blessing to those celebrating a significant milestone in their marriage – i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years.

Please see the notice at the rear of the Church for further details, and for forms you may fill in if you wish to attend.

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. **Due to generous donations, we have 12 months' supply of Pasta and do not need it.**

Masses on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September: Fr. Bosco Clarke has kindly agreed to say the Masses in St. Augustines and Our Lady of Sorrows next weekend.

Second Collection: There will be a Second Collection this week for Home Mission Sunday.

CAFOD will have its FAMILY FAST DAY on Friday, Oct. 7th. The following Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 8/9) there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's gospel seems, on first sight, to be rather gloomy in telling us that we must be 'detached' from money if we are to please God. But 'detachment' does not mean that we renounce money or the pleasures and good things we have, or that we see them as a source of temptation. What we must renounce *is a selfish way of having them*. It is possible to own nothing more than a book or a pen and be lacking in detachment, while it is possible to own millions of pounds and still be detached. What is important is my attitude to my possessions. Towards all that I own I must have the attitude of open-handedness, selflessness and generosity. If I remember that God is the owner of all I have then I will see myself merely as a steward of my possessions. This will bring me to see all forms of greed and hoarding as a form of injustice, as the act of a steward who is unjust. One of my favourite authors, Gerald Vann, writes beautifully on this:

All the gifts that God gives are things for which we must care and yet not care; we are only stewards. You have our own particular gifts and talents, of body and mind and heart; you must be open-handed with them use them in your love and service of the world, and use them as God's gifts to you.

But you are meant to be more than stewards of God's things; you are meant to be lovers as well. If you hurt anything of the things that God has made – by lust or tyranny or blindness, or in any way as mere means to your pleasure or profit – you hurt yourself and all the world, because to the extent you destroy the unity of God's family.