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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23rd October 2022

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) MISSION SUNDAY

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 22nd 6pm | Mark Ward RIP | Tue 25th 9.30am | Gina Skokupska RIP |
| Sun 23rd 9.30am | Private Intension | Wed 26th 9.30am | Carolyn Ansell RIP |
| Sun 23rd 11am | People of the Parish | Thu 27th 9.30am | Personal Intention |
| Mon 24th | NO MASS | Fri 28th 9.30am | Personal Intention |

DEATH: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gina Skorupska, mother of Maria Skorupska, who died recently. Her funeral Mass will be at St. Augustines on Monday, October 31 at 10.00am. Burial afterwards at Slough Cemetery at 11.45am.**

The Funeral Mass for Fr. Morrissey will be at St Edward's at 10am on Monday, Oct. 24th followed by cremation at Slough Crematorium

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

ADORATION TIME: There will as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Augustines on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week from 5.30 to 6.15pm

OFFERTORY: 16th October: £322 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 9.30 am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows.

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.

Second Collection This is **Mission Sunday** – the special day in the year when we remember the work of Missionaries. As you know, I belong to a Missionary Society and the work our missionaries do in spreading the Word of God in all its aspect is very impressive indeed.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Friendship (continued)

Last week we spoke of Openness as one of the qualities needed for genuine Friendship. This week we will look at another essential quality – RESPECT.

In many relationships, the instinctive tendency is often to control the other person, to mould him/her into the kind of person I want him/her to be. Respect is the quality that recognizes this selfish intent. It inverts it. It lets the other be other. The hallmark elements in respect, therefore, are listening and sensitivity, so we must look at what these involve.

I must be sensitive, *firstly*, to the boundaries in our friendship, and never try to force it to a level the other is not happy with. If I do, the relationship becomes possessive. *Secondly*, I'm happy to let the other remain in his/her world. I try to enter that world – listening to her/his ideas, interests, feelings, outlook on life etc. and make a conscious effort to engage with these – to see the world from her/his point of view. *Thirdly*, I tune in to the other's sensitivity levels - especially those areas she/he may be 'touchy' about. I try to be aware of how my words or mannerisms impact on the other and am sensitive to the issues I bring up and the way I express my opinions. In expressing differences or criticism – and in a real friendship each should feel free to be this - I do so as gently and inoffensively as I can, remembering the wise words of St. Paul: 'speak the truth in love', never in anger. *Fourthly*, I am sensitive to the times when silence is the most appropriate mode of communication. I try to let it be a relaxed silence, for it is often in this kind of silence that the deepest communication takes place, and our friendship is brought to a new level. *Fifthly* I respect and love the other as she/he is, not as I would want him/her to be. There are no judgments, no expectations, no special standards he/she must live up to, no rivals she/he is compared to. I have an unqualified regard for her/him accepting and affirming the other just as she/he.

Fr. Frank