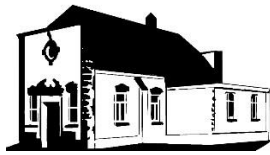


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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th November 2022

LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) CHRIST THE KING

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 19 th 6pm	Ken Byerley	Tue 22 nd 9.30am	Tony Scolard RIP
Sun 20 th 9.30am	Mona Cadwallader	Wed 23 rd 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 20 th 11am	Nodlaig O'Flaherty RIP	Thu 24 th 9.30am	Bridie O'Sullivan RIP
Mon 21 st	NO MASS	Fri 25 th 9.30am	Ann Douglas RIP

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 be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as usual at **St Augustines** on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 5.30pm to 6.15pm.**

Synod Follow-Up: There will be a Zoom meeting for the diocese with Bishop David and his organizing team on **Monday, November 21st. at 7.30pm.** I encourage as many as possible to join in, as the Bishop and other speakers will be talking about the next stage of our Synod discussions. To log in, please go to: [launching diocesan assembly.eventbrite.co.uk](https://launching-diocesan-assembly.eventbrite.co.uk)

OFFERTORY: 13th November: £349 cash and £120 standing orders. Sick & Retired Clergy £306

Baptism: Congratulations to Tom and Sophie Waller on the christening of their daughter, Evelyn, at St. Augustines. Maggie Waller is the grandmother of Evelyn.

Tea/Coffee after Mass at St. Augustines. This Sunday we will have our usual get-together for tea/coffee immediately after the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows.

First Holy Communion: Parents and godparents. Do you have a child in Form 3 or above? Has your child made First Holy Communion? If not, would you like them to join St. Augustines programme in January? If so please give details either to Fr. Frank or Anne Cannon – office@staugustines.org.uk Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Church Hall and, after Class, all go to the Church for 11.00am Mass

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.

For Parishioners at St. Augustines: At our parish council meeting on Wednesday we expressed concern that cars driving through to the exit after Mass are often close to people gathering outside the church for a chat, and we fear an accident could happen. With that in mind, we would suggest that you use the entrance opening when leaving the car park after Mass.

A Parish Celebration for Christmas: You may remember from last year and most enjoyable music session that Danny Mendes and his little group gave us last Christmas. Danny and his group have very kindly offered to do the same this year and we are very grateful to them.

We would encourage as many as possible to attend, as we feel it was a great way of getting us all together and enter into the Christmas spirit.

The concert will take place in the Hall on **Sunday, December 4th immediately after 11.00 Mass.** Please enter it in your diary.

If you wish to attend, please put your name on the **LIST AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH**. We need to have an approximate number of those who will attend

Thought for the Week

The first and second readings in today's Mass give us an indication as to the kind of king that Jesus would turn out to be. In the passage from Samuel, God declares King David to be a shepherd, as well as a leader of the people. We see Paul telling Colossians how the kingdom of Christ transcends time and space but also how Jesus will make the ultimate sacrifice for the world and for the human race.

Jesus would indeed be a good shepherd, caring for and guiding the whole flock but rejoicing especially in finding the one lost sheep. He would make the ultimate sacrifice, out of love for the world and its people. A few short weeks before we will celebrate once again the birth of Christ, we see in the gospel how he was a king that was born to die, as indeed we all are. Many people including those close to him would have been expecting a great and powerful king who would vanquish the occupying force and place his followers in positions of greatness. Jesus, through his inglorious death on the cross, having been tortured, mocked, surrounded by criminals and abandoned by his disciples, offers us liberation of a different sort: liberation from everything that prevents us from living life in all its richness and fullness. And just as he invites the criminal on the cross beside him to a place in heaven, so does he invite all of us to a place in paradise.

Jesus Christ, king of the Universe, how our world needs such a king at the current time.

Fr Frank