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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Sunday 25th December 2022

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASSES		Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Augustine's
Sat 17 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent		6pm
Sun 18 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.30am	11am
Mon 19 Dec	NO MASS		
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	WEEKDAY MASSES		9.30am
Sat 24 Dec	Nativity of the Lord		8.30pm Carols 9pm Mass
Sun 25 Dec	Nativity of the Lord	9am Carols / 9.30 Mass	11am
Mon 26 Dec	NO MASS	--	--
Tue, Wed, Thu	WEEKDAY MASSES		9.30am
Fri 30 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph		9.30am
Sat 31 Dec	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God		6pm
Sun 1 Jan	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	9.30am	11am

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.

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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17th 6pm	Luceta Maria Shaw RIP	Sat 24th 9pm	Personal Intention
Sun 18th 9.30am	Kathleen Corr RIP	Sun 25th 9.30am	People of the Parish
Sun 18th 11am	Brendan Galvin RIP	Sun 25th 11am	Personal Intention
Mon 19th	NO MASS	Mon 26th	NO MASS
Tue 20th 9.30am	Personal Intention	Tue 27th 9.30am	Rita Niffikeer Intention
Wed 21st 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP	Wed 28th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Thu 22nd 9.30am	Hilda & Edward Bailey RIP	Thu 29th 9.30am	Brendan Galvin RIP
Fri 23rd 9.30am	Personal Intention	Fri 30th 9.30am	Personal Intention

Please pray for the soul of **AGNES RYAN** who has died recently.

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.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS: This will be held after the 11am Mass on Sunday 18th at St. Augustine's.

OFFERTORY: 11th December: £392 cash and £120 standing orders.

SECOND COLLECTION for SHOC (SLOUGH HOMELESS OUR CONCERN) taken last weekend: £400.

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: In keeping with tradition, the collection in Churches at Christmas is offered by Parishioners as a sincere and personal thank you for the dedication and service of their Parish Priest. This Parish has been greatly blessed by having Fr. Frank come and serve us as our Priest. Those who will not be attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in our Parish, may wish to place their donation in an envelope marked Christmas Offertory for Fr. Frank in one of the Offertory collections prior to or shortly after Christmas. Or alternatively post an envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. Donations can be made in cash or by cheque made payable to **ST. AUGUSTINE'S**, (please do not make your cheque payable to Fr. Frank).

FOODBANK – A SPECIAL APPEAL: Because of the very difficult times we are in at present, we fear that for very many people, this time leading up to Christmas will be anything but enjoyable, as they struggle to have sufficient money to afford the essentials. We can help in some little way by being as generous as possible in relieving their anxiety and bringing some little light into their Christmas. The items that are most essential are basics items. **Food (Urgent):** Soup, Long-life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat (stewed steak, mince, chicken in sauce), 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

Putting St. Joseph back into Christmas

We don't know much about Joseph from the Gospels, but Matthew draws our attention to the important role he played in God's plan of salvation. Today's gospel highlights one of many crises Joseph had to negotiate in his role as husband of Mary and legal father of Jesus. Joseph was already engaged to Mary, but not living with her, when he makes the shocking discovery that she is pregnant. We are left to imagine the turmoil and anguish Joseph must have felt in the wake of his discovery. He made up his mind to divorce Mary informally. He wanted to keep the law, but without publicly shaming Mary. He probably assumed that another man must be the father of Mary's child and, as a righteous Jew, he was obliged to divorce her. But as an honourable man of integrity and sensitivity, he tries to find a way to meet the requirements of the law, without causing Mary extra pain and shame.

Then Joseph had a dream in which the angel of the Lord told him: 'do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit'. How hugely relieved Joseph must have been with this news. Instinctively he knew that Mary would not be unfaithful and now he had the explanation, which he instantly believed. So, Joseph reverses his decision to divorce Mary and he gladly takes her home as his wife – a decision that will forever change his life. During a later part of the Christmas story, when the Holy Family flees from the murderous design of King Herod, Joseph will be responsible for protecting Mary and her Son from clear and life-threatening danger.



MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANK:

I pray that the coming week will be a safe and blessed week for us all, and that the very cold weather will not interrupt whatever plans we may have made for spending this Christmas.