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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY (YEAR A) 27TH SEPTEMBER

Weekday Readings: Year 2 Week 26 Divine Office: Week 2

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| Saturday | 26th | First Confessions 5.00pm Short Liturgy, 5.10pm Confessions 6.00pm | Mass | (Helen Green & Richard Shillito) |
| Sunday | 27th | 8.30am 10.30am | Mass Mass | (The Parish) (The Catenians) |
| Friday | 2nd | 10.30am | Mass | The Holy Guardian Angels (Intentions of Fr. John Guest) |

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY (YEAR A) 4TH OCTOBER

Weekday Readings: Year 2 Week 27 Divine Office: Week 3

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| Saturday | 3rd | 6.00pm | Mass | (Paul Longthorpe RIP) |
| Sunday | 4th | 8.30am 10.30am | Mass Mass | (Thanksgiving (Des and Sue)) (The Parish) |
| Friday | 9th | 10.30am | Mass | St John Henry Newman (CAFOD) |

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY (YEAR A) 11TH OCTOBER

Weekday Readings: Year 2 Week 28 Divine Office: Week 4

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| Saturday | 10th | 5.00pm | Teaching Session for Parents & Children preparing for First Holy Communion | |
| | | 6.00pm | Mass | (The Parish) |
| Sunday | 11th | 8.30am 10.30am | Mass Mass | (Prisoners) (Teachers & Children) |
| Tuesday | 13th | | | St Edward the Confessor (The Government) |
| Wednesday | 14th | 10.30am | Mass | (Fr. Jim McGloin RIP) |
| Thursday | 15th | 12.00noon | Mass | St Teresa of Avila (The Secular Carmelites) |
| Friday | 16th | 10.30am | Mass | (The Johnson Fund) |
| Saturday | 17th | 5.15pm | Confessions | |
| | | 6.00pm | Mass | (The Mission of Young People) |
| Sunday | 18th | 8.30am 10.30am | Mass Mass | (The Mission of the Laity) (The Mission of this Parish) |

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER SURVIVE REBUILD HEAL

Give up a meal, eat simply, and help one another to face the worst of the coronavirus crisis. Let's pray in particular for the poorest and most vulnerable of our world. There will be a special CAFOD collection on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th or donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.00.

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

As you will have probably guessed from this triple edition of the newsletter we are having a bit of a holiday. Obviously, this will take the shape of a staycation rather than a world cruise!! It will be great to have some time to ourselves, some time to relax and some time to explore this wonderful land of Cornwall.

Believe it or not the beginning of October marks the first anniversary of our arrival at St Augustine of Hippo, and what a year it has been. The steep learning curve getting to know names and faces, and a new parish routine was soon replaced by a rather more severe learning curve: how to survive a pandemic, how to cope with lockdown, how to keep in touch with parishioners, how to keep the parish financially afloat, how to worship, pray and teach virtually rather than physically. We are not out of the woods yet by any means.

I am looking forward to reading Pope Francis' new encyclical Fratelli Tutti on the future of the Church post COVID. I will be doing some reflecting on what this all means for us as a parish. What is the Church of the future going to look like here in Cornwall? So some homework for my break!

Meanwhile Cardinal Robert Sarah has written a very inspiring letter on the celebration of the liturgy during and after the COVID-19 pandemic entitled "Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!" I will enclose a copy with this newsletter.

Some of my immediate concerns are:-

1. Making sure new and young members of our parish feel fully at home.
2. Ministering to the housebound and self-isolating
3. Making sure that our stewards receive the support and rest they need.
4. Starting a new round of RCIA and catechesis

ST AUSTELL FOODBANK VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

As you will no doubt appreciate the demand for food banks within the UK has increased dramatically over the past few months. In April we saw a 73% increase in the usage of the St Austell Foodbank. The demand is likely to increase further over the coming months.

St Austell Foodbank have secured funding to recruit additional volunteers as part of the Community Champion service and to fund Information and Guidance (Level 2 training).

Community Champions seek to address the underlying cause of the food crisis and support clients as needed. If anyone would like to explore this volunteering and training opportunity further please make contact with Jon Langford (St Austell Foodbank Manager) at jon.langford@lightandlife.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK and especially:- Helen Ledwidge, Yvonne Bradbury, Joseph Poole, Pauline Pallett, Pauline Abdey, Derek Dyer, Fred Abraham, Sylvia Austin, Brendan Bowe, Teiaia Bradbury, Paul Briscoe, James & Margaret Clapp, Joanne Clarkson, Maureen Coles, Sue Dugmore, Elaine Gladwin, Suzi Hill, Teresita Hill, Elizabeth McKie, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, June Parsons, Edwina Porter- Duncan, Sylvia Ryan, Amanda Stickney, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford and Sally Wilson.

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Telling your beads, praying the holy rosary, is an ancient and revered practice that actually unites us with many people of different faiths. Many religions have sets of beads or knots on a rope, the fingering of which, in association with particular formulae of prayer, help to centre us and focus. The very repetition of the same prayer over and over, creates its own atmosphere of stillness and concentration.

What we are blessed with as Catholics is a highly developed form of the Rosary with its four sets of five holy mysteries, the Our Father, a decade of Hail Marys and a Glory be. Where groups of Catholics have found themselves forcibly separated from the Sacraments of the Church it has often been the Holy Rosary that has kept them going. In the Rosary body, mind and heart are united together in one integrated act of prayer and praise. In meditating on all twenty mysteries in turn, the whole of our Catholic faith is rehearsed and made real.

Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray for us.