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## **9 - 17 January 2021**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

Fr Patrick Zammit

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**PARISH PRIEST (EMERITUS):**

Fr Michael Leach

**PERMANENT DEACON:**

Rev Michael Dale

**PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's**

Headteacher – Mrs Laura White

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Saturday	9 Jan	<b>6.30pm</b>	Benedict Jung – Rita Usher	
Sunday	10 Jan	<b>8.00am</b>	Fr Stanislaw Tomlin RIP	<b><u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</u></b>
		<b>10.00am</b>	Claudina Julia Da Silva Pereira Melo RIP	
		<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Marcella Mary Morgan RIP (F.M.)	
Monday	11 Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	John Dickman RIP	
Tuesday	12 Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	For the Good Estate of St Anselm's School, Staff, (Children) & Parents	
Wednesday	13 Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	All Clergy – Ethan, Nate Dias Alberto	
Thursday	14 Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Private Intention	
Friday	15 Jan	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>	
Saturday	16 Jan	<b>10.00am</b>	Andrew Vine RIP	<b>B.V. MARY</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>	
Sunday	17 Jan	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	<b><u>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</u></b>
		<b>10.00am</b>	David Mackney RIP	
		<b>12 Noon</b>	Mary Fogarty RIP – Dale Family	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Betty Nunn RIP	

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST**

**DAILY EXPOSITION:** Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am

**TEA ROTA: ON HOLD**

**CLEANING TEAMS: TBC**

**THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC:** The persistence of the Covid 19 pandemic and its unrelentness worldwide makes us ponder on the words of scripture in relation to the effect which is having on so many people. When God created us He was pleased with the work of His hands to the point that he made us stewards of creation. A virus is a microscopic entity so infinitesimal yet so powerful. It has taken all the resources of the world, the best minds in the field of medical science and a universal effort by people of Good Will in search of an answer.

The progress is small; the certainty is limited. In short the human factor alone is insufficient to bring about the necessary answer to a mysterious illness which has and still is taking many a life.

In the light of history the world has experienced a number of different pandemics. Science has helped a lot, but as we see from present experience there is no immediate and absolute answer or a fast solution.

From biblical times people called on God for intervention. What is the present understanding regarding the people of faith? Do we still consider divine intervention as proper to our time and not to rely solely on human endeavor alone. In imitation of the past do we see God's intervention as necessary for the relief of this Pandemic. If we continue to believe that we subsist on God for our life temporal and spiritual, I am sure it stands to reason that in the light of our faith, God will continue to intervene. In the words of Jesus we are asked to do so. Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you". We are encouraged to pray.

As a Parish we daily hold half an hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration. The intention of the Daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is for seeking God's mercy to deliver us from the Pandemic.

Other Parishioners can join us on streaming or in spirit.

**WEEK of CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Monday 18th January is the beginning of a week of prayer for Christian Unity. Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council there was a greater fervor towards Christian Unity. This approach brought many Christians together especially where the life of prayer was concerned. It helps to do away with a great deal of prejudice amongst the various Christian denominations. The call of the Church was that of Jesus, "That they all may be one". Prayer is at the heart of unity. I encourage everyone to pray during these eight days in line with Jesus's request.

**PERU PROJECT:** The Peru Project is twenty years old. It was the Parish Millennium Project. It is still going. Quite a remarkable feat for the Parish. Of late we have lost that momentum, still there are individual parishioners who continue to trust in providence. Hopefully things will pick up once we are over the pandemic. Only this week I received a cheque. This came as a result of a funeral held recently where the family requested of the mourners to send a donation to Peru in place of flowers.

**Daily Exposition & Adoration:** For the last twenty nine years with the exception of the first lockdown the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration was held from Monday to Friday at 8.30am-9.00am. This is a time of silent prayer. It is open to all parishioners. I would like to continue to encourage this practice. Here we find intimate moments with God