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13-21 February 2016

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Saturday	13 Feb	6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: Good Estate of Bridget Neylon - Mary Kelly
Sunday	14 Feb	9.00am	Andrew Creighton RIP - Creighton Family <u>1st SUNDAY of LENT (C)</u>
		11.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		2.00pm	Syro-Malabar Mass
		4.00pm	DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS
		5.00pm	Jimmy Gately RIP
Monday	15 Feb	9.00am	Friends & Family of the late Andrew Creighton - C Creighton & Family
		2.00pm	- 3.00pm MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP
		6.00pm	- 7.00pm CONFIRMATION CLASS
Tuesday	16 Feb	9.00am	Thomas McCarthy RIP (Ann.) - Carmel White & Family
Wednesday	17 Feb	10.00am	Good Estate of Miss Pat Algar Jones - Betty Pluckrose
Thursday	18 Feb	9.00am	Maria Iarossi RIP (Ann.) - Family
		7.30pm	1st LENT TALK: Introduction 'What is Mercy?'
Friday	19 Feb	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: John Dickman RIP
		9.00am	Rose Foreman RIP (Ann.) - F.M.
		3.30pm	DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS
		*	NO Junior Club (Half term)
Saturday	20 Feb	10.00am	Piotr (Peter) Tuszynski RIP - Len & Molly
		1.00pm	BAPTISMS: Riley James O'Connor & Elizabeth Claire Gull
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: Catherine Alexander RIP - Mary Kelly
Sunday	21 Feb	9.00am	Good Estate of Sherry Read - Mary McDonagh <u>2nd SUNDAY of LENT (C)</u>
		11.00am	Kevin Havard RIP - Andrew & Monica Diedo
		12.15pm	BAPTISM: Amos Justine De Saram
		4.00pm	DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Sat from 10.30am - 11.00am and 5.45pm - 6.15pm

DAILY EXPOSITION: Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am **TEA ROTA:** check your new rota

CLEANING TEAMS: 13.02.16 Team'E' (E Ranson, D Marshall, L Goode), 20.02.16 Team'F' (G Rabino, C Elazagui, D TEves, J Fe, A K Gring)

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: We would like to make this Penitential Service the centre piece of the Year of Mercy. An opportunity for everyone to avail oneself of the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation. The scriptures is a source of teaching, testifying to God's infinite mercy to the sinner. Here are a few examples of the revealed truth on God's mercy.

a) "He forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. (Ps 103: 3-4)

b) He will again have compassion upon us, he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast out sins into the depths of the sea." (Mich 7:19)"

Finally we are reminded of the story of the Prodigal Son. In telling these stories Christ is at pains to help us grasp the immense happiness of God in pardoning our sins. Thus the father of the Prodigal Son organises a great feast to "make merry" for this son, who was dead, and is alive again. (Lk 15:24).

The weekend of the 27/28 February we are having a Penitential Service. This will take the following format. Half an hour before each of the four masses at the weekend a Penitential Service will be held for five minutes or so then there will be sufficient time for a private confession (or an act of reconciliation). If necessary confessions will continue during the Mass. We shall have a number of priests present to give one a free choice of confessor. Time of absence from the practise of the sacrament is immaterial, what counts is the here and now reconciliation with God.

LENTEN TALKS: It has become part of our Parish tradition to hold a series of talks during the Season of Lent. Each year's theme was chosen to suit the need of the moment. This year we are going to focus on the theme of Mercy. It is the Holy Father's choice that we spend this year reflecting, contemplating and praying for God's mercy on everyone. These talks will take place on five consecutive Thursdays. We meet at the Conference Centre at 7.30pm. There will be time to ask questions. The following are the themes for this series:

- (1) 18.02.16 Introduction to the theme: What is Mercy?
- (2) 25.02.16 God's mercy: therapy, healing & salvation
- (3) 03.03.16 The Corporal Works of Mercy
- (4) 10.03.16 The Spiritual Works of Mercy
- (5) 17.03.16 The Cross, Sign of God's Mercy

I look forward to see you on Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm.

ST PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE: The 17th March is the feast of St Patrick. This year it falls on a Thursday. The dance is organised for Saturday 12th March 2016 at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. If at all possible we encourage those interested to buy their tickets early enough to give the organisers a chance to plan.

SUMMER FETE (CORRECTION - 4th JUNE 2016) Due to a national event celebration the date for the Summer Fete has been changed from 11th JUNE to 4th JUNE 2016.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS: St Anselm's Primary will be collecting these vouchers which will be distributed with shopping in Sainsbury's from 27th Jan - 3rd May. Please kindly put any vouchers in the voucher box at the back of the Church.

DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS: The devotion to the Stations of the CROSS presents us with a time for in-depth meditation on the love of Jesus for humanity through his physical and mental suffering from the moment he entered the Garden of Gethsemane to his Crucifixion and death.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY: 07.02.16 - £894.06

2nd Collection: (Poor Parishes) £194.47