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25 February – 5 March 2023

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PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's Headteacher – Mrs Laura White **Tel: 01322 225173**

Saturday	25 Feb	6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Martha Collins RIP – Dan McCarthy
Sunday	26 Feb	9.00am	Maureen Kelleher RIP (Ann.) -F.M.
		10.30am	Sean McGhahan – Maureen Budaly 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
		2.30pm	BAPTISM: Chianugo Nathan Orji
		4.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Monday	27 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans
Tuesday	28 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Good Estate of Janice & Jim Taylor - Labouchardiere
Wednesday	1 Mar	9.00am	THANKSGIVING – Dale Family ST DAVID (PATRON OF WALES)
		6.00pm	- 7.00pm - CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		7.00pm	- 8.30pm LENT TALK: No 1 – 'Introduction to 4 Gospels – One Jesus' – by Kevin Barry
Thursday	2 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Fr Peter McPolin RIP (Ann.)
Friday	3 Mar	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mass: HOLY SOULS
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Osborne Labouchardiere RIP - Labouchardiere
		3.30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		4.00pm	JUNIOR CLUB (activity TBC)
			CONFIRMATION CLASS (Time TBC will contact by email)
Saturday	4 Mar	10.00am	Bishop Peter Smith RIP (Ann.)
		11.00am	BAPTISM: Precious J. Adaeze, Ruth Patience & Shepherd Samuel O.J. Kalu
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: John & Teresa, Kenneth & Margaret Jackson, Bob Williams – Jackson & Lynch Family
Sunday	5 Mar	9.00am	Joe Connor RIP – J Crowley
		10.30am	James Alexander Bentley RIP (Ann.) 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
		4.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

CLEANING TEAMS: 19.02.23: Team 'E' (Edith Ranson, J Murphy, Alicia Fisher), 25.02.23 Team 'F' (Filipinos)

PERU:

The Parish Peruvian Project has been in existence for over twenty years. In that time our Spirit has been outstanding. The Spirit of generosity both on the individual and communitarian level has surpassed all expectation. St Anselm's School played a special part especially at the time when every Christmas we used to ship an average of two thousand toys donated by our school children and their parents. This custom had to cease because Fr Alex was having problems with the Peruvian Customs people. We have set up a display for you of photos which Fr Alex forwarded to us. Here we see how encompassing is the life of the Parish. How it caters for both the Spiritual and transport needs of its people.

It is your constant support that we are part of the life of the Parish. This makes our Parish a missionary parish in character.

In last week's newsletter we said we will provide you with an envelope marked "PERU MISSION" to take your offering. A retiring collection will take place on the weekend of 11th/12th March 2023.

You may wish to place your offering in the bag at the end of the Mass or hand the envelope in person. Make this one of your acts of generosity this Lent.

LENT TALKS –Lent is a time of reflection and evaluation. Somehow from time to time we all need to celebrate to rediscover the path which helps us to discover the footsteps of the Master.

The Lent Talks this year on the four Gospels are to be the source of our self discovery in the light of Jesus and his teaching.

Traditionally each Lent Catholics attend the Lent Exercises". This is a week organized by the Parish for different age groups. People attended the weekly courses. There was a sermon every night from Monday to Friday with an opportunity of the Sacrament of the reconciliation. It was very beneficial.

Our parish 'Lenten Talks' mirror in a small way this Lenten practice.

I very much would like to encourage as many Parishioners as possible to attend these talks. It is understandable that it is not always easy for one to attend all the talks. Many of you have already received a copy of the programme. Mr Barry assisted by Mrs White has organized the talks for you for which I am very grateful.

These are the titles:

TALK I	'Four Gospels but one Jesus' – 1st March 2023
TALK II	'The Gospel of St Matthew' – 8th March 2023
TALK III	'The Gospel of St Mark' – 15th March 2023
TALK IV	'The Gospel of St Luke' – 22nd March 2023
TALK V	'The Gospel of St John' – 29th March 2023
TALK VI	'Hearing the Voice of Jesus in the Gospels' – 5th April 2023

ADULT PRAYER IDEAS

- Subscribe to a daily prayer newsletter (Notre Dame and the Jesuits offer good options)
- Each morning, scroll through the contacts on your phone. Randomly stop and say a prayer for whichever person you land on
- Spend a few minutes with Scripture each day
- Start the Bible in Year podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz on Hallow
- Attend a daily Mass once a week
- Attend or pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday
- Invite a friend to attend Mass with you
- Join the Bible Study Group at Church
- Attend Adoration of the Eucharist
- Go to confession
- Pray the Rosary once a day
- Pray the Daily Examen on Hallow
- Join Hallow's #Pray40 Lent Challenge

KIDS / TEEN FASTING IDEAS

- Give up a favourite toy or game
- Fast from social media for a day
- Give up a favourite snack
- Drink only water at school
- Give up a favourite chair at home or seat at school
- Go without headphones/air pods for a day
- Play your favourite game, focusing on helping others instead of winning
- Allow others to pass in front of you in the lunch line

GENERAL IDEAS for LENTEN SACRIFICES

- Give up coffee (or only brew it at home)
- Give up alcohol
- Give up certain social media sites, or limit them to certain days/time of day
- Give up electronics after a certain time in the day (ie no screens after 8pm)
- Sleep without a pillow
- Wake up without hitting the snooze button
- Wake up without hot (with only lukewarm) water
- Keep the thermostat several degrees cooler
- Pray in the back of the parking lot and say a prayer as you walk to the grocery store
- Abstain from reading gossip/rumour sites

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTISE: An Altar Servers practice will take place on Thursday 2nd March at 5.30pm. The meeting will take place at the Presbytery and Church.

EXPLORATION OF THE FAITH: At present there are two candidates exploring the Catholic faith. If anyone is interested please get in touch.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 3rd March is Family Fast Day for CAFOD. This is a CAFOD initiative. CAFOD is the Overseas Aid Agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We help people to live with dignity, support their families and flourish. Through the Church network we reach people and places others can't, helping those who need help most. Please make use of the envelopes.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS (AFTERNOON TEA) - We are now getting in a routine with various Parish activities. The Senior Parishioners Afternoon Tea (Tea Party) has now started. These meetings take place every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. There will be a reminder in the newsletter.

LENT: If you are looking for something to do for Lent, here is a list of practical ideas.