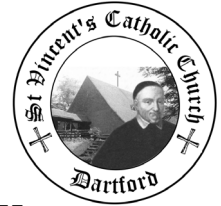


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Saturday	4 Feb	6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Joseph Mannummal RIP – Cijo Family
Sunday	5 Feb	9.00am	Peter John Skegg RIP (Ann.)
		10.30am	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Pauline Casey
		5.00pm	Doreen Nightingale RIP – Elizabeth Nightingale
Monday	6 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Good Estate of Anne McKinney SS PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS (MARTYRS)
Tuesday	7 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		4.00pm	RECEPTION OF THE LATE SHIRLEY MINTON
		9.00am	Pauline Cope RIP – Emir Rocke
Wednesday	8 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Annie Toal RIP – Dale Family
		10.00am	REQUIEM MASS: SHIRLEY MINTON RIP
		2.30pm	SENIOR PARISHIONER'S TEA PARTY
		6.00pm	- 7.00pm - CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Thursday	9 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Eileen & Colin Ryall RIP (F.M.)
Friday	10 Feb	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mass: Zammit Family
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Margaret Silver Nwaoloko RIP ST SCHOLASTICA
		3.30pm	- 5.30pm JUNIOR FRIDAY CLUB
		6.30pm	- 7.30pm CONFIRMATION CLASS (TEAM 'A')
Saturday	11 Feb	10.00am	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans OUR LADY OF LOURDES
		12.00pm	MARRIAGE: Karisa Amor Fabro & Adam Michael Robert Starbuck
		1.00pm	BAPTISM: Rune Haines
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP – Helena Ounsworth
Sunday	12 Feb	9.00am	Anthony Dannu Kirwan RIP (Ann.) – Kate Kirwan
		10.30am	Phyllis Barber & Family – Anne McGloin 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

CLEANING TEAMS: 05.02.23: Team 'C' (Afro-Caribbean Community), 14.02.23: Team 'D' (Lesley Hovell, Doris),
19.02.23: Team 'E' (Edith Ranson, John Murphy, Alicia Fisher), 25.02.23 Team 'F' (Filipinos)

PUNCTUALITY: A person's formation is characteristic of a Christian way of life. In other words Christian life has as its building blocks the many virtues espoused and inspired by the Gospels. From the moment Jesus said 'do this in commemoration of me', he was inviting us to the weekly worship to honour His very presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Such worship presupposes those virtues such as punctuality to.

In recent times it has become somewhat evident that the virtue of punctuality is found wanting. Hence, we find ourselves late for the liturgical service of the Mass. It is prudent and highly desirable for one to be present at least five minutes before the service. This provides us with time to be recollected for that momentous moment when Christ makes Himself present on the altar.

It is good to remind ourselves that this used to be a characteristic quality of the nation at large. Hence punctuality is both a secular and a religious virtue to aspire to. One can understand that occasionally there is a valid reason for being late. This is more the exception than the rule. Let us strive to be punctual as a mark of respect for His presence among us.

THE SEASON of LENT: We are now in the month of February. On the 22nd of the month is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. For our parish Lent is a very special time. An important feature is the 'Lent Talks'. I know that Mr Barry and Mrs White have made a plan for this Lent. From the information I have, this is going to be an interesting season with a very apt topic. A programme will be provided shortly.

MUSIC: You will be pleased to know that having lost Clare James as our organist for forty faithful years due to her departure to be near her family and also lost Brother Tom who returned to Ireland. He too was always faithful and generous with his time. Maria very kindly held the fort in the absence of Clare and Brother Tom. Claire Callender, a new volunteer has stepped in to fill the gap created by Clare James and Brother Tom. Claire will play on Sunday morning at the 9am Mass. Her contribution to our Parish music will enrich our Parish Community and our prayer life as we pray through singing.

PERU: Peru (Fr Alex Mission) has become our chosen mission for the millennium 2000. The Parish developed great affinity for this project. Fr Alex payed a number of visits to our Parish. As a result of covid things went a bit quiet. May I remind you that during these twenty years the parish raised one hundred and fifty thousand pounds towards this project. For a number of years we used to send about two thousand toys for Christmas. Sadly this procedure had to stop because of Custom practices. I very much would like to re-energise this project. My suggestion is to set up a display of the mission on the church noticeboard, and dedicate the season of Lent for the Peru Mission. Any contribution would be gratefully received. Over the years we had some special benefactors. Sadly we have lost some of these subscribers. I am sure the good Lord will continue to look after the mission through His providence.

ALTAR SERVERS: **The first meeting for the candidates was held on Saturday 4 February. We are still recruiting if you still wish to join please give us your name and your contact number.**

CHRISTOPHER DIEDO: Christopher Diedo has served as an altar server for many years. This Sunday he is going to receive the "Medal of Merit", for his faithful ministry for so many years. CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTOPHER!

St Anselm's Primary School – Mrs White

The 10.30 masses that is led by St Anselm's school children are always such joyful and uplifting celebrations. We'd love to know what parishioners think and would be grateful if you would take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts with us on this Google form. <https://forms.gle/VGdd4xDjc96xi6YK6>