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**26 November - 4 December 2016**

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Patrick Zammit **Tel: 01322 279955**  
**PERMANENT DEACON:** Rev Michael Dale  
**PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's** Headteacher – Mrs Laura White **Tel: 01322 225173**

Saturday	26 Nov	6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY - Noel Labouchardiere	
Sunday	27 Nov	9.00am	Maria Crisci RIP - Alberto Crisci	<b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</b>
		11.00am	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>	<u>SCHOOL MASS</u>
		5.00pm	Georgia Cremona RIP	
		6.00pm	<b>SENIOR CLUB</b> (Youth Group - TBA)	
Monday	28 Nov	9.00am	Claidz RIP - Mary Joseph	
		2.00pm	- 3.00pm <b>MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP</b> (in the Presbytery)	
Tuesday	29 Nov	9.00am	Good Estate of Lorna Flynn - Moira Oldham	
Wednesday	30 Nov	9.00am	Holy Souls	ST ANDREW(APOSTLE)
		12.30pm	Requiem Mass: Noel Joseph McDonnell RIP	
Thursday	1 Dec	9.00am	Colm Gallagher RIP - Chris Gallagher	
Friday	2 Dec	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSP:</b> Holy Souls	
		9.00am	Thomas & Dorothy Fitzgerald - Sharon Fitzgerald	
		4.15pm	- 7.00pm <b>JUNIOR CLUB</b> (Cascades)	
Saturday	3 Dec	10.00am	Catherine (Alex) Alexander RIP - Daughter	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY - Alfred McGloin - Anne McGloin	
Sunday	4 Dec	9.00am	Maggie Callan - Chris & Family	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</b>
		11.00am	Maurzen Kelleher RIP - John Kelleher	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
		6.00pm	<b>SENIOR CLUB</b> (Youth Group)	

**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:** 1.12.16 Team 'F' (G Rabino, C Elazagui, D Teves, J Fe, A Galang), 9.12.16 Team'A'(C Johnson, R Fullagher)

**SEASON of ADVENT:** Preparation for the festival Season has begun. The shops are the first sign of Christmas.

Such preparations do not necessarily point to the Crib of Bethlehem. What was a religious feast in origin is now for many a secular celebration without any reference to the Child Jesus, the incarnate God. Our religious belief and conviction draws us back to the Scriptures which speak of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is a time chosen by the Church so that during the four weeks we concentrate our minds on the great mystery of the incarnation. I would like to encourage every parishioner to participate fully in the liturgical life of the Church. Children too are encouraged to participate actively. I would like each child to pick up a card which I will sign each Sunday. There will be a special draw for the children who attend all the Sundays of Advent.

**SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:** At present we are enrolling candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you wish to enrol please collect an application form.

**SENIOR PARISHIONER'S CHRISTMAS DINNER:** The Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday 11 December 2016 from 1.00-4.00pm. Please remember to collect an invitation and return to Fr Pat as soon as it is completed.

**MUSIC NIGHT:** Knights of St Columba would like to thank all those who took part in the venue and all those that helped out. Finally a special thank you for those who supported us on the night. The total money raised was £679 for LIFE. Thank you all. Grand Knight: Mr John Murphy

**Pastoral Letter:** Archbishop Peter has delivered the ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER. This is to be read at the end of each Mass this weekend. Copies are available from the back of the Church.

**HOUSE of MERCY APPEAL – NEXT WEEKEND** Brother Roy will make an appeal on behalf of the House of Mercy.

**Jesse Tree 2016** - We raised £20 for Peru. For the eleventh year members of St Vincent's Parish came together at the Parish Christmas shapes depicting symbols from the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees with events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1 'A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots'. Jesse was the father of King David. Our collaged shapes represent some of the people, prophesies and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent Season with the faithfulness of God across 4000 years of history. See our Jesse Tree in Church.

**Last Week's Offertory:** 21.11.16 - £758.13 **2nd COLLECTION** (Catholic Youth Service): £156.49