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## **16 July - 4 September 2016**

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### **JULY**

Saturday	16 July	2.00pm	Baptism: Aaron David Hughes	
		3.00pm	Baptism: Natan Szymanski	
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS of SUNDAY:</b> Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP - Family	
Sunday	17 July	9.00am	Joseph M Vas RIP - Algine Nazareth	<b><u>16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u></b>
		11.00am	Martin & Silva RIP - Aboska & Roshan	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
Monday	18 July	9.00am	Good Estate of Tom Garvey - Eileen	
Tuesday	19 July	9.00am	Mrs Rita Doyle RIP - Jean Sloane & Family	
Wednesday	20 July	9.00am	Moira Wrenn RIP (Ann.)	
Thursday	21 July	9.00am	Margaret (Peggy) Gallagher - Mary O'Brien & Family	
Friday	22 July	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL:</b> Jon Tarbin	ST MARY MAGDALENE
		9.00am	Liam McGloin RIP - Peggy & Bill Goade	
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>ST ANSELM'S SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS</b>	
Saturday	23 July	10.00am	David & Georgie Tester RIP - Janet & Sean Ellis	ST BRIDGET
		11am	Baptism: Alejandro David Wotava Dudley	
		4pm	Baptism: Ella Dodley	
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUN.:</b> Fr Peter Farmer RIP	
Sunday	24 July	9.00am	Maurzen Kelleher RIP	<b><u>17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u></b>
		11.00am	Paul Owa RIP - A.C.C.A.	
		3.00pm	Baptism: Archie Ricky Buckley	
		5.00pm	Matthew Kenneally RIP - Sister & Family	
Monday	25 July	9.00am	Good Estate of Mary Hanks - Michael & Shirley Minton	ST JAMES (APOSTLE)
Tuesday	26 July	9.00am	Kathleen Reynolds RIP - Rocke Family	JOACHIM & ANNE (Parents of
Wednesday	27 July	9.00am	Milo Kelly RIP - Rocke Family	Blessed Virgin Mary)
Thursday	28 July	9.00am	George Diedo RIP (Ann.) - Diedo Family	
Friday	29 July	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSP:</b> Ken Jackson RIP- Margaret Jackson	
		9.00am	Maurzen Kelleher RIP	ST MARTHA
		1.30pm	WEDDING: Amelia Alice Ford & Christopher Stephen Foudy	
Saturday	30 July	10.00am	Thomas Fitzgerald - Sharon Fitzgerald	OUR LADY
		11.00am	Baptism: Nae Tochukwu Nathaniel Okafor	
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Mary Hanifan RIP - Chris & Carmel White	
Sunday	31 July	9.00am	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	<b><u>18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u></b>
		11.00am	Gwido Calleja RIP -Diedo Family	
		5.00pm	Mary & Joe Goulding - the Pike Family	

### **AUGUST**

Monday	1 Aug	9.00am	Good Estate of Baby Ryan - Parents	
Tuesday	2 Aug	9.00am	Veronica Falzon RIP - Robert Falzon	
Wednesday	3 Aug	9.00am	Victor Lewis RIP (6th Ann.) - Mrs J Lewis	
Thursday	4 Aug	9.00am	Piotr (Peter)Tuszynski RIP - Parents & Brother	
Friday	5 Aug	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSP:</b> Maureen Kelleher RIP	
		9.00am	Catherine Alexander RIP - Daughter	
Saturday	6 Aug	10.00am	Tony Clark - Bernie & Family	
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Fr Edward Bovington (Ann.)	
Sunday	7 Aug	9.00am	Dolly McCarthy RIP - Chris & Carmel White	<b><u>19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u></b>
		11.00am	Richard Boronski RIP - Ann & John Vigar	
		2.30pm	Baptism: Lottie Susan King	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	

Monday	8 Aug	9.00am	Elizabeth Byrne - Labouchardiere	ST DOMINIC
Tuesday	9 Aug	9.00am	Kathleen Leydon - Edna & Martin Quinn	ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS (Edith Stein)
Wednesday	10 Aug	9.00am	Costantina Balzan RIP (Ann.)	Andrew & Monica Diedo
Thursday	11 Aug	9.00am	Private intention - Mrs Frances Murphy	ST CLARE
Friday	12 Aug	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL:</b> Holy Souls	
		9.00am	Nora Whiffin RIP (Ann.)	
Saturday	13 Aug	10.00am	Teresa Morosini	OUR LADY
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Mary Rivington	
Sunday	14 Aug	9.00am	Barbara Egan RIP -Janet Crowley	THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
		11.00am	Fr Geoffrey Winchester RIP	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
Monday	15 Aug	9.00am	Fr Albert Colbert RIP (Ann.)	
Tuesday	16 Aug	9.00am	Yvonne Kearney RIP - Rocke Family	
Wednesday	17 Aug	9.00am	For the Harber Family - Michael Russell	
Thursday	18 Aug	9.00am	Anthony Paul Store RIP (Ann.) - Mother	
Friday	19 Aug	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSP:</b> Holy Souls	
		9.00am	Josie Drinnan (For Long Life) - Carmel & Chris White	
Saturday	20 Aug	10.00am	James Carroll RIP - Daughter	ST BERNARD (ABBOT)
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP (Ann.) - Family	
Sunday	21 Aug	9.00am	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
		11.00am	John Quigley RIP (Ann.) C Quigley & Family <b>21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</b>	
		5.00pm	Piotr (Peter) Tuszynski-Parent & Brother	
Monday	22 Aug	10.00am	Laurence James (Jim) Ellis RIP (Ann.)	THE QUEENSHIP of the B.V.M.
Tuesday	23 Aug	9.00am	Agita Del Grosso - Teresa Morosini	ST ROSE of LIMA
Wednesday	24 Aug	9.00am	Marcella Mary Morgan RIP - F.M.	ST BARTHOLOMEW (APOSTLE)
Thursday	25 Aug	9.00am	Good Estate of Marian & Brian Havard - Private Int.	
Friday	26 Aug	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSP:</b> Holy Souls	
		9.00am	Mark Labouchardiere - Labouchardiere	
Saturday	27 Aug	10.00am	Private Intention	ST MONICA
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Teresa White RIP - Chris & Carmel White	
Sunday	28 Aug	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Monaghan Fam. - F.M.	
			<b>22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</b>	
		11.00am	Mrs Marjorie Smith - Geraldine, Tim & Family	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
Monday	<b>29 Aug</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Ray Brinda RIP - Diedo Fam.	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b> THE PASSION of ST JOHN the BAPTIST
Tuesday	30 Aug	9.00am	Doris Diedo RIP - Diedo Family	ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD
Wednesday	31 Aug	9.00am	James Downey RIP - Downey Family	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Thursday	1 Sept	9.00am	Lorna Flynn - Moira Oldham	
Friday	2 Sept	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSP:</b> Good Estate of Fr John Lavery	
		9.00am	Michael Boland	
Saturday	3 Sept	10.00am	Catherine Alexander RIP (Ann.)	ST GREGORY the GREAT
		3.00pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> <i>Alphonse Rogel Tevee</i>	
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Holy Souls	
Sunday	4 Sept	9.00am	Mgr James McGettrick RIP (Ann.)	
		11.00am	Simon Grace RIP -Rocke Fam. <b>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	

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**CLEANING TEAMS:** See New Rota

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PASTORAL VIEW OF PARISH: The Year of Mercy declared by the Holy Father has given the Universal Church great impetus. We have been encouraged to get in touch with the centre of our being where the divine and the human of our being meet. We are being reminded that in the words of Jesus, Man does not live on bread alone; but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. In the search for God, His Spirit leads to the harmony which is a spirit of mercy. This needs to be translated from, theory to practice. Doing this is a great challenge. Only God's grace gives us the courage to respond with the kind of generosity that enables us to make a difference for the good of the other. I hope this has proved a sound foundation for all our pastoral endeavours. As we continue to build on this foundation let us remind ourselves of the things that happened this year. The Parish excelled in generosity towards the Peruvian Project. Over fourteen thousand pounds (equal to \$20,000) was raised in five weeks to help Fr Alex and his people. This continues to make our Parish a missionary parish, a generous parish and an outward looking parish. Here we are reminded of the words of Jesus when he said, whatever you do to the least members of my family you have done it to me! Deacon Tom Berrie conducted the Lenten Talks. He has done this for the last four years. Deacon Tom has now moved to the Midlands. I hope we can continue this good tradition by making alternative plans. The Lent talks will continue. The Parish has grown considerably. As a result there has been an increase in the number of candidates receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. Here I would like to acknowledge the work of the Catechists who assist our children in their faith through catechesis. This is a noble ministry which complements the parish evangelisation.

The Parish continues to appreciate the growth in diversity. It continues to be our goal to work towards a spirit of inculturation where diversity is recognised in a spirit of unity and harmonisation, where the individual identity and the collective spirit of worship and community participation remain the main mission of our parish community. There are three particular communities that find an accommodation to express their faith liturgy in the mother language, the Afro-Caribbean, Filipino and the Syro Malabar. This form of accommodation helps towards a greater co-hesion of one community of faith. Many languages one faith one family.

our effort has been made to make it possible for newcomers to recognise their parish. Only last week over a hundred new houses on the old Glaxo-Smith Kline site have been leafleted. They received a Parish Information leaflet, a letter of welcome and a school leaflet promoting our Parish school St Anselm's. There are many other things that have taken place or continue to take place in the parish. The life of the parish finds its growth in the response of its parishioners. I would like to urge everyone to take an active part. Every Parishioner is valued. May I appeal to every parishioner to engage in the life of the parish and help in planning the future of the Parish. A good venue for this is the next Parish, "In Council".

GROUND MAINTENANCE: People often admire the beauty of the trees on our ground especially at this time of the year. It is quite some time since we had volunteers who help to keep the grounds orderly and desirable fashion. We still have the occasional volunteers who sweep the car park free from leaves. I am very grateful for such help. I ought to mention Mrs Jacky Downey who on a regular basis sweeps the surrounds of the church. What I am looking for is someone with green fingers to help with the green area of the car park. If you think you can volunteer please let me know. I would like to see an improvement in the car park.

PARISH IN COUNCIL: As a Parish we have opted out to have a "Parish in Council" meeting as opposed to form a Parish Council. The Parish in Council gives every member of the parish the opportunity to have one's voice heard by the Parish Community and to collectively plan and undertake responsibility for the present and the future of the Parish in its many undertaking. The next Parish in Council meeting will take place on Sunday 25th September 2016 at 1.00pm. The meeting is preceded by lunch at 12 noon. This will take place at the Parish Centre.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** The scriptures remind us how jealous Jesus was for his Father's house even to the point of getting angry for those who defiled it. By this He showed that His Father's House is a house of prayer which deserves to be kept in order. For this reason I am appealing for volunteers. This renewed appeal is due to a shortage in the number of volunteers.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS:** For a good number of years we used to have a Senior Parishioner's Tea Party. This ceased a couple of months ago. It has become a bit difficult to find volunteers. I would hope that we can restart in the near future. Should you wish to volunteer please let me know. I would like to take this opportunity to thank most heartily those volunteers who have given so much of their time and by providing the treats. This gave our Senior Parishioners the opportunity to meet others for a few hour twice a month.

**1st HOLY COMMUNION 2017:** This is the time of the year when we start planning for the next year's Holy Communion. This year we have seen a marked increase in the number of children receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is important to remind you that our parish programme is a two year programme. This applies to all children who wish to make their first Holy Communion, whether they attend a Catholic School or not. The preparation for the sacrament starts in Year 2. The first year the children will attend the Bible Club. Here they explore some of the main events in the Old Testament to provide them with a background to the New Testament. In the New Testament Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. For the parents who were unable to attend the meeting there is still time to enrol their child or children. The enrolment Forms are to be found at the back of the Church by the blue notice board. Once the form is filled it is to be returned to the Presbytery. May I remind parents that there is a time limit for applying.

**BIBLE CLUB:** The BIBLE CLUB is an integral a part of our First Holy Communion Programme. Each child is expected to cover the two year programme. If the first part is missed for a good reason a plan has to be devised to cover the whole programme. Copies of the programme will be available in September 2016.

**PARISH SCHOOL: ST ANSELM'S:**

Our Parish School of St Anselm's is a precious asset to the whole Parish Community. For anyone who is closely involved in the life of the school is bound to be marvelled by the community and hard work that goes in to the daily life of the school in order to achieve and maintain a high standard of education and upholding the religious nature of the school. The complimentarity of these two elements makes the school a place of excellence. The main credit goes to the leadership in the person of Mrs Laura White. As head she shows a great spirit of collaboration with the governing body, the staff and the parents. At times the task is undaunting but the inner conviction and determination prevails. An hour ago I was listening to the school production by Year 6. "Joseph" was the musical. What a performance and what lovely voices! The product of seven years of education and formation. Here is the result of Year 6 SATS.

	% of children meeting the expected standard			
Year 6	Reading	Writing	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	Maths
School	85	88	97	91
Kent	69	80	-	71
National	66	74	-	70

Year 6	% achieving expected standard in Reading, writing and Maths combined	
School	75	
Kent	58	
National	53	

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Summer holiday.

**PERU:** Yesterday Fr Alex phoned me from Peru to update me on the progress being made in part due to your generosity. The bishop and the local mayor will officially open the Hall. In due course the photographs of this event will be displayed in the Church for everyone to see. This will take place after the summer break. Last year it was agreed to suspend the collection of toys in order that a focus will be on the project. Now the project is realised, you might agree to go back to collecting new toys for Christmas. Please think about it. We shall touch on this subject in September.

**SUMMER HOLIDAY:** This Summer twelve young people and five adults from the parish will be on holiday abroad. We shall visit three countries. The Czech Republic, Austria and Italy. I hope this experience will enable the youngsters to come together and form the next Youth Group which I hope will start in September.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Of recently we saw a decline in the number of Altar Servers. Any boy or girl who made his or her first Holy Communion is eligible to become a server. One can become a server by contacting Mark Ranson or Fr Pat. I hope that we shall have a new crop of servers in September.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE: (1st, 2nd & 3rd)**

1) Adeowa Elizabeth Sanni & Owolabi Sylvester Akinuoye of Huntley Avenue, Northfleet  
2) Samantha Josephine Mongan & John Kerrigan of Old Orchard Lucan Co Dublin

**FOUNDATION MASS:** **What is a Foundation Mass?** The Foundation Mass is an opportunity to have a mass said for twenty five years on a specific day of one's choosing. Often this registration takes place during one's lifetime or in a specified will. This is done through the Chancellor's Office with the assistance of the priest of the parish. Here one is rest assured of continuous prayers in this life and in the hereafter. More information could be given on request

**HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE:** **In recent years it has become necessary in some hospitals to ensure that your religious affiliation is registered in your personal admission form. This will guarantee you a visit from a Catholic hospital chaplain. Experience has shown that some patients missed the opportunity of a visit due to lack of registration. Please make sure you give your religious denomination to receive the desired assistance.**

**PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE:** A plenary indulgence may be gained once in the parish church on the usual conditions, viz a visit to the church, during which the Our Father and Creed are recited together with a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, sacramental Confession and Holy Communion. The indulgence may be gained today, the Feast in Assisi of Saint Mary of the Angels.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:** The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday the 14th August. It continues to be a holy day of obligation. We celebrate this feast with the Universal Church.

**SUPPLY PRIEST:** CANON PHILIP JOSEPH GAMBIN **has very kindly volunteered his services and he is here on supply to allow me to have a break. Since his arrival he has made a number of acquaintances. With the assistance of Mr John Murphy he will be visiting the sick and the housebound. In my absence he will be conducting the services and seeing to your needs. He will be with us till the end of August. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for his help and support. Finally I would like to thank him on your behalf for his assistance.**

**St Vincent's African Community** - cordially invite Parishioners to join in celebrating their annual African Mass on **SUNDAY 24th July 2016**. Refreshments follow immediately afterwards in the Church Hall. You are all invited.

**Ride & Stride:** The Friends of the Kent Churches Ride & Stride takes place on the second Saturday in September each year. 50% of money raised goes to the church or chapel chosen by the participant. The remaining 50% of money, plus any gift aid, goes into a fund administered by the Friends of Kent Churches, to be distributed in grant aid to Kent churches of any denomination and age, provided they are in use as churches. Further details can be obtained from the Friends of Kent Churches website: [www.friendsof Kent churches.co.uk](http://www.friendsof Kent churches.co.uk)

**Mary's Meals** - is currently reaching 1,101,206 children with life-changing meals in their place of education, and this work is only possible thanks to the generosity of our supporters all over the world, who give their time, skills, prayers, and gifts to help grow our school feeding programmes so that we may continue to reach the next child in need of Mary's Meals.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 20016/17

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
			<b>1st Communion Parents Meeting Dates:-</b>
1	7.30-8.30pm	14 September 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Talk & Discussion (in the Conference Centre)
2	7.30-8.30pm	21 September 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Talk & Discussion
3	7.30-8.30pm	28 September 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Talk & Discussion
4	7.30-8.30pm	5 October 2016	4 <sup>th</sup> Talk & Discussion
5	7.30-8.30pm	12 October 2016	5 <sup>th</sup> Talk & Discussion
6	11.00am MASS	16 October 2016	<b>ENROLMENT SERVICE (1st Holy Communion)</b>
7	7.30-8.30pm	TBA	EXPLORATION OF THE FAITH
8	4.15-7.00pm	9 September 2016	<b>Junior Club</b>
10	6.30-8.30pm	11 September 2016	<b>Youth Group</b>
11	After 11am Mass	25 September 2016	<b>PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING</b>
12		Sat 15 October 2016	First Holy Communion Class
13		Wed 12 October 2016	First Holy Communion Class
14		TBA	<b>BIBLE CLUB</b>
15	12-4.00pm	<del>Sat 12 November 2016</del>	<b>CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2016</b>
16	1.00pm	Sun 11 December 2016	Senior Parishioner's Christmas Dinner 2016
17	1.30pm	Fri 21 December 2016	School Closes : )
18	11.00am	18 December 2016	<b>FILIPINO MASS</b>
19	<b>LENT TALKS 2017</b>	9 March 2017 (i)	TBA
20	<b>(Thurs - 7.30pm - 9.00pm)</b>	16 March 2017 (ii)	
21		23 March 2017 (iii)	
22		30 March 2017 (iv)	
23		6 April 2017 (v)	
24		<del>11 March 2017</del>	<b>ST PATRICK'S DANCE</b>
25		1 MARCH 2017	ASH WEDNESDAY
26		13 APRIL 2017	MAUNDY THURSDAY
27		14 APRIL 2017	GOOD FRIDAY
28		15 APRIL 2017	HOLY SATURDAY
29		16 APRIL 2017	EASTER SUNDAY
30	10.30am & 2.30pm	17 June 2017	First Holy Communion 2017
31	10.30am	18 June 2017	Corpus Christi Procession
32	12 noon - 4.00pm	<del>17 June 2017</del>	<b>SUMMER FETE 2016</b>