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### **30 April – 8 May 2022**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

Fr Patrick Zammit

**Tel: 01322 279955**

**PARISH PRIEST EMERITUS (Retired):**

Fr Michael Leach

**PERMANENT DEACON:**

Rev Michael Dale

**PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's**

Headteacher – Mrs Laura White

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Saturday	30 April	<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Vera McCarthy RIP – Dan McCarthy
Sunday	1 May	<u>8.00am</u>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
		<u>10.00am</u>	Joseph John Francis RIP – Mrs Renee Francis
		<u>12 Noon</u>	Paul Owa RIP(Ann.) – Virginia Owa & Family <b><u>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</u></b>
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Margaret Stevenson RIP (F.M.) - Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>2 May</u></b>	<b><u>7.00AM</u></b>	<b>Milagro Abalos RIP – M &amp; J Abalos</b> ST ATHANASIUS (BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)
Tuesday	3 May	<u>9.00am</u>	Joseph Mannummal RIP – Ansy Anthony & Fam SS PHILIP & JAMES (APOSTLES)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>4 May</u></b>	<b><u>6.00PM</u></b>	<b>Joseph Darby RIP – S &amp; D Scowen</b> THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
Thursday	5 May	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Peg O'Mahoney RIP - Eileen
		<u>7.00pm</u>	Meeting for all <b>JUNIOR &amp; SENIOR CLUB</b> applicants at the Presbytery
Friday	6 May	<u>8.15am</u>	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mass: Ann Allen RIP</b>
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Kevin Johnson RIP – Pat McIntyre
		<u>6.30pm</u>	- 7.30pm <b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>
Saturday	7 May	<u>10.00am</u>	Peggy Harken - Della
		2.00pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Lainie Kathleen Fahey
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Wellbeing of Maureen Jackson – Tina Bentley
Sunday	8 May	<u>8.00am</u>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
		<u>10.00am</u>	Lise Veerasamy – Joanna Tapping <b><u>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u></b>
		<u>12 Noon</u>	Joseph John Francis RIP – Mrs Renee Francis
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Christine Le RIP

**CLEANING TEAMS** 01.05.22: Team 'C' (Afro/Caribbean Community)  
15.05.22: Team 'E' (Edith Ranson, John Murphy)

10.05.22: Team 'D' (Lesley Hovell, Doris)  
21.05.22: Team 'F' (Filipino Community)

**PARISH MASS TIMES:** The Pandemic caused us to change the times of the Masses for the weekend in order to make it possible for those who wished to attend Mass could do so and at the same time comply with the norms of the times. Practically all restrictions have been removed and the Congregation expects the Church Services to go back to normal times.

**Saturday the first Mass of Sunday is at 6.30pm. On Sunday morning we go back to having two Masses one at 9.00am and the second Mass at 10.30am. The 10.30am Mass will replace the 11.00am Mass. The Sunday evening Mass will be held at 5.00pm. The new Mass timetable will change on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**Priest Training Fund 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION 8<sup>th</sup> May:** This fund helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. The Archbishop writes, "As I am sure you know, we are blessed to have 6 men already in formation for the priesthood for our Archdiocese. It costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. We rely on the prayers and generosity of you and your parishioners to support our work promoting vocations in Southwark and to fund the formation of your future priests." Please be generous.

**The Bethlehem Nativity Group – HOLY LAND** The Holy Land Christian Community would like to thank all those parishioners who gave them support by purchasing religious articles to support the Christians in the Holy Land. The sale of religious articles realized the sum of £2767.35. The Community is very grateful.

**Gift Aid Appeal:** The Parish is very fortunate to have Mr Gerry Mogg to run the Gift Aid Scheme for the Parish. The Parish is highly indebted to Gerry for supporting the Parish in this field for a good number of years. This weekend he will make the annual appeal in the hope of recruiting new members. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of Gerry's appeal.

**JUNIOR & SENIOR CLUB:** For all those who enrolled to join the clubs there will be an initial meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm at the Presbytery.

**GIFT AID/ COVENANTS (WEEKLY ENVELOPES and ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS) SCHEME: St Vincents Annual Appeal, 30 April-1 May 2022**

Participants in the **Gift Aid/Covenants (Weekly Envelopes contributions) Scheme** are asked to collect their new boxes of envelopes, for the weekly offertory collection, from the back of the church this week please. The new envelopes start from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Through the **Gift Aid** scheme, the Tax Man still **gives** our Parish an extra 25 pence for every £1 you donate, as a UK taxpayer. That's £25 from the Tax Man for every £100 donated per year. Its a lot of money and it's a great opportunity to boost our badly-needed parish funds.

We are very grateful to St Vincents' parishioners for your continued support over the last two years, throughout the COVID pandemic. While there was an inevitable decline in use of the weekly Gift Aid envelopes donations because of "Lockdowns", more parishioners set up online/ BACS donations to replace or add to their weekly envelopes donations. But we are now seeing a steady return of parishioners to the use of the weekly envelopes system, with both Gift Aid weekly envelopes and online donations now used in our Parish.

So, if your donations to our Parish are not yet through the Gift Aid scheme, we would strongly ask you to consider starting this means of support for our Parish, **if you are a taxpayer, paying sufficient tax to cover your donations**. Just sign a simple form (blank forms and explanatory leaflets are at the back of the church) and hand it back to Fr Pat or to Gerry Mogg, (your local Gift Aid scheme organiser). It need cost you no more than your present weekly donations in loose money, because there is no lower (or upper) limit; and you don't have to give for a minimum period.

Most people continue to use the envelopes that St Vincents provides to them for the offertory collection at Mass each week, although (as above) some now prefer to donate online. Tax payers who identifiably donate to a Parish cause, including Mass stipends and our Peru fund, are also able to have those donations included in the scheme. Whichever method(s) of donation you choose, they are of great value to our Parish; and it is confidential. Have a chat with Father Pat about it all or give Gerry Mogg a phone call on 01322 860193.

... And if you are already a taxpayer donating to our Parish via the Gift Aid scheme, we would like to take this opportunity to say a big "Thank You". Please would you also consider increasing your donations, if you are able to do so in these difficult times. Also, to prevent future incorrect claims, please let Father or Gerry know if you have moved address, or if your tax status changes (i.e. if you cease to be a taxpayer, or if the income tax you have paid or expect to pay would be insufficient to cover the total amount being reclaimed by the charity on your behalf).

Very many thanks to all for supporting our Parish in this way and we ask you please to continue to do so, as the HMRC Taxman's additional 25% contribution to your GiftAid-ed donations is really helpful to us.