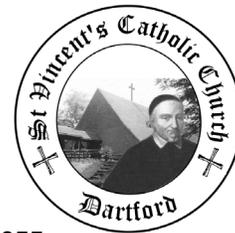


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Saturday	2 April	<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Good Estate of Anne McKinney - Greg
Sunday	3 April	<u>8.00am</u>	Good Estate of Ann Shirley - Eileen
		<u>10.00am</u>	Foundation Day for the Knights
		<u>12 Noon</u>	Eileen Darby RIP – S & D Scowen
		<u>4.00pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Tim South RIP – Dale Family
Monday	4 April	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	John Kelleher RIP (Ann.) – F.M.
		<u>2.00pm</u>	MARRIAGE: Charlotte Pierzchniak & Mark Kieran Ranson
Tuesday	5 April	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Hedi Boronska RIP – Tina Bentley
Wednesday	6 April	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Wanda Yvonne Ann Hilsom – Arlene & Euan Labouchardiere
		<u>7.00pm</u>	- 8.30pm (5th) LENTEN TALK: 'How to read the Scriptures' by John Scott
Thursday	7 April	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Mrs Eileen Carlyle RIP – Moira Oldham & Bridie Godfrey
Friday	8 April	<u>8.15am</u>	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mass: HOLY SOULS
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Good Estate of John Stevenson, Karen Butter, Wendy Stephens
		<u>3.30pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday	9 April	<u>10.00am</u>	Annie Wheaton RIP – Brian Wheaton
		<u>12 Noon</u>	MASS: Filipino Community
		2.30pm	BAPTISM: Mia Angelina Parete
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Vincent Brien – Dan McCarthy
Sunday	10 April	<u>8.00am</u>	Arnaldo Melad Cepeda RIP (Ann.) – Reggie Cepeda
		<u>9.45am</u>	MEET IN THE HALL TO PROCESS TO THE CHURCH
		<u>10.00am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		<u>10.00am</u>	BAPTISM: Great Pearl Wickcliffe
		<u>12 Noon</u>	Joseph John Francis RIP – Mrs Renee Francis
		<u>3.00pm</u>	BAPTISM: Salvatore Maurizio Malluzzo
		<u>4.00pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Milagro Abalos RIP – M J Abalos

NEW CLEANING TEAMS: 12.04.22: Team 'D' (Lesley Hovell, Doris), 17.04.22: Team 'E' (Edith Ranson, John Murphy)
23.04.22: Team 'F' (Filipino Community)

EASTER SERVICES: Attached to the newsletter you will find the Easter Programme for the Easter Services. Easter is the most sacred time in the Churches calendar. We see unfolding before our eyes the mystery of redemption and salvation. It is not somebody else's salvation but our Redemption and salvation. When we participate in the Easter Services we find ourselves more connected to the reality of Christ's Passion and resurrection. It is right and proper that we make every effort to reconnect with the Easter liturgy in full after an absence of two years.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Extra time is given to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Easter period. Please consult the programme. The Sacrament is also available on request.

ALTAR SERVERS: The Altar servers are being invited to resume their services to assist with the Easter services. David Havard is responsible for the training of altar servers. Any young person who wishes to serve is requested to give us his or her name.

VACANCY: St Anselm's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor. 6.25 hours per week. KR3 (18,425 pro-rata). This is a Term time only position (38 weeks per year). The role of Midday Supervisor involves a range of tasks including: – playtime supervision-play leading-maintaining clean dining areas-being a good role model for the children. St Anselm's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Therefore, all appointments are made subject to suitable references and receipt of an enhanced DBS disclosure. Please contact Karen Woodhams in the school office on 01322 225173 for an application form.

LENT TALKS: There are two more talks to finish this year's Lent Course. On Wednesday 6 April we have the fifth talk. The title for this talk is 'How to Read the Scriptures' by John Scott and on Wednesday 13 April is the final talk entitled 'Meeting Christ in the Scriptures' by Robin Maxted. I would like to thank Mr Kevin Barry who together with Mrs Laura White organized the Lent Course. I am sure many benefitted from these Talks. They were varied and inspiring.

SUNDAY PLUS

Think for yourself

No one deserves mercy



"I know he doesn't deserve mercy," the mother answered. "It wouldn't be mercy if he deserved it."

That is the point about mercy: nobody deserves it. Everyone deserves true justice; mercy, on the other hand, is sheer gift. Mercy cancels out wrongs and transgressions – not because a sparkling defence has been found, but because that is the free response of the person who is grieved. Mercy does not suggest that the guilty are not guilty; it recognises the guilt but does not demand satisfaction for the wrong.

You see that beautifully illustrated in the Gospel where Jesus shows mercy to the woman caught in adultery. The challenge of the Gospel is whether we can see ourselves, not as the woman who is caught in adultery, but as the man who is caught up in forgiveness. Can we forgive as readily as Jesus forgives? Or do we dote on people's wrongdoing, reminding them of past failures and lighting vigil lamps to their mistakes? Can we show mercy and leave it?

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbbooks.co.uk.

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

The story is told of a young French soldier who deserted Napoleon's army but who, within a matter of hours, was caught by his own troops. To discourage soldiers from

abandoning their posts the penalty for desertion was death. The young soldier's mother heard what had happened and went to plead with Napoleon to spare the life of her son. Napoleon heard her plea but pointed out that because of the serious nature of the crime her son had committed he clearly did not deserve mercy.

Prayer to communicate by encounter

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth.

Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.

Grant us the grace to recognise your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.

Pope Francis, Prayer for World Communications Day 2021

"In communications, nothing can ever completely replace seeing things in person. Some things can only be learned through first-hand experience. We do not communicate merely with words, but with our eyes, the tone of our voice and our gestures. Jesus' attractiveness to those who met him depended on the truth of his preaching; yet the effectiveness of what he said was inseparable from how he looked at others, from how he acted towards them, and even from his silence."

Pope Francis

Feast of the week
Monday 4 April

St Isidore of Seville (c. 560-636)

Incredibly, the patron saint of the Internet is someone who died almost 1400 years ago!

St Isidore of Seville was one of four saints in his immediate family – a tough act for the rest of us to follow! Still, however holy, Isidore's brother Leander, insistent that his younger brother would make use of his educational opportunities, bullied him so much that, unable to take any more, Isidore ran away.

Isidore eventually returned home, but Leander, not believing that he wouldn't escape again, imprisoned him in a cell to complete his studies.

Despite the ill-treatment, Isidore developed a great love for learning. He became a priest and a bishop who, remembering his own abuse, insisted on consulting people before making decisions.

Famous for his vast knowledge, Isidore was probably the first person to create an encyclopaedia. He also invented the full stop, comma and colon.

One of his last acts before his death was to give all his possessions to the poor people of Seville.

Today:
Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Monday:
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
John 8:12-20

Tuesday:
Numbers 21:4-9
John 8:21-30

Wednesday:
Daniel 3:14-20, 24-25, 28
John 8:31-42

Thursday:
Genesis 17:3-9
John 8:51-59

Friday:
Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

Saturday:
Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

Next Sunday:
Procession: Luke 19:28-40
Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14 – 23:56