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PARISH PRIEST:

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PARISH PRIEST (EMERITUS):

Fr Michael Leach

PERMANENT DEACON:

Rev Michael Dale

PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's

Headteacher – Mrs Laura White

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Saturday	2 Jan	<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Antonia Zammit RIP (Ann.)
Sunday	3 Jan	<u>8.00am</u>	Patricia Caw RIP – John Caw <u>2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</u>
		<u>10.00am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		<u>12 Noon</u>	Canon Albert Ryan RIP
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Elizabeth Dooley Atkins – Margaret Nightingale
Monday	4 Jan	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Good Estate of Paul Noonan – Michael Russell
Tuesday	5 Jan	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Bridget Ward's Intention
		<u>7.00pm</u>	VIGIL MASS: Holy Souls
Wednesday	6 Jan	<u>10.00am</u>	MASS: Geneviva Rebelo RIP – Ethan, Nate Dias Alberto
			EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION)
		<u>8.00pm</u>	MASS: Private Intention
Thursday	7 Jan	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Mary Walsh RIP
Friday	8 Jan	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Rev Michael Byrne RIP (Ann.)
Saturday	9 Jan	<u>10.00am</u>	Holy Souls
		<u>6.30pm</u>	Benedict Jung – Rita Usher
Sunday	10 Jan	<u>8.00am</u>	Fr Stanislaw Tomlin RIP <u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</u>
		<u>10.00am</u>	Claudina Julia Da Silva Pereira Melo RIP
		<u>12 Noon</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		<u>5.00pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Marcella Mary Morgan RIP (F.M.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST

DAILY EXPOSITION: Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am

TEA ROTA: ON HOLD

CLEANING TEAMS: TBC

A WORD OF THANKS: Casting my mind back over twelve months there are many people I wish to thank for their support. In the light of the Covid 19 pandemic I would like to express my sincere gratitude to John Paul Mogg who made streaming possible for the Parish. I know that many parishioners benefitted from this service especially during the first lock down. This kept the Church alive in many a home. This enabled our school St Anselm's to stream the mass on their day of opening to enhance the Christian perspective being a Catholic school. Equally this service enabled people as far as India to follow a marriage service as a family were prevented to travel to the UK. Since the reopening of churches the congregation kept increasing now we are hit once more due to Tier 4 restrictions. Other groups I wish to thank is the Knights of St Columba and John Murphy's team who continue to steward the Church services especially the Stewarding of the Masses which they have been doing week in and week out.

I would like to acknowledge the continued financial support made by a good number of parishioners in such difficult times, especially as some peoples income has suffered. There are a few of the parishioners whose support has been unstinted. My gratitude towards all those people is unbounded. Finally I would like to thank everyone for your kind support towards me with your Christmas contribution and presents. You are truly generous.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: The preparations for these two sacraments needs a fresh look due to restrictions we are experiencing. I am thinking of an alternative. Since we are not allowed to hold the usual catechism classes I am conferring with the Catechists in the hope of finding an answer through the internet. It is important to provide our children with the necessary instructions in preparation for the sacraments. I look forward to have the support of parents for such a plan to succeed.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: Since the lockdown thirty children out of fifty-six have made their first Holy Communion. I would like to renew the opportunity for these candidates who still wish to make their first Holy Communion. This could happen as soon as time permits. Parents need to get in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

CATHOLIC DIRECTORY: Copies of the Catholic Directory are now on sale at the Repository.

THE CRIB: I would like to thank David Havard who helped set up the Christmas Crib in the Church. (Crib offering go towards the Peru Project).

PERU PROJECT: The Peru Project is twenty years old. It was the Parish Millennium Project. It is still going. Quite a remarkable feat for the Parish. Of late we have lost that momentum, still there are individual parishioners who continue to trust in providence. Hopefully things will pick up once we are over the pandemic. Only this week I received a cheque. This came as a result of a funeral held recently where the family requested of the mourners to send a donation to Peru in place of flowers

SCHOOL & SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF: (St Anselm's School) **As a parish we are very proud of our school. Since the pandemic our teachers have become the unsung heroes. I feel not enough acknowledgment and recognition has been given to such a dedicated team notwithstanding the many difficulties. I invite our parents to join me in formally thanking our teachers and staff at St Anselm's. We are truly indebted to them. Sadly there is no other way to show our gratitude other than offering our prayers for their safety and good health. Credit to our Staff at St Anselm's the school was kept open. Well done.**