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**20-28 February 2016**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

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**PERMANENT DEACON:**

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**PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's**

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Saturday	20 Feb	6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS of SUNDAY:</b> Catherine Alexander RIP - Mary Kelly	
Sunday	21 Feb	9.00am	Good Estate of Sherry Read - Mary McDonagh	<b>2nd SUNDAY of LENT (C)</b>
		11.00am	Kevin Havard RIP - Andrew & Monica Diedo	
		12.15pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Amos Justine De Saram	
		4.00pm	<b>DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS</b>	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
Monday	22 Feb	9.00am	Private Intention - Quigley Family	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER (APOSTLE)
		2.00pm	- 3.00pm <b>MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	- <b>7.00pm CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>	
Tuesday	23 Feb	9.00am	Good Estate of Mary Hanks - Minton Family	
Wednesday	24 Feb	10.00am	Canon Richard Quinlan RIP	
Thursday	25 Feb	9.00am	Peter Riley RIP - Angela Stevenson	
		7.30pm	<b>2nd LENT TALK: Introduction 'God's Mercy: Therapy, Healing &amp; Salvation?'</b>	
Friday	26 Feb	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL:</b> Douglas Whiffin RIP	
		9.00am	Maureen Kelleher RIP (Ann.) - John Kelleher	
		3.30pm	<b>DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS</b>	
		4.15pm	- 7.15pm <b>Junior Club</b> (Cascades)	
Saturday	27 Feb	10.00am	Graham Doyle RIP (Ann.)	
		3.00pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Bartosz Kuszneruk	
		<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>PENITENTIAL SERVICE</b>	
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS of SUNDAY:</b> John, Teresa & Terry Lynch RIP & Kenneth Jackson RIP - The Lynch & Jackson Families	
Sunday	28 Feb	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>PENITENTIAL SERVICE</b>	<b>3rd SUNDAY of LENT (C)</b>
		9.00am	Fredrick Aitkens - Mary Burns & Elizabeth Nightingale	
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>PENITENTIAL SERVICE</b>	
		11.00am	Baby Jay Thomas McCoy - Pickering Family	
		4.00pm	<b>DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS</b>	
		<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>PENITENTIAL SERVICE</b>	
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	

**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:** 20.02.16 Team 'F' (G Rabino, C Elazagui, D Teves, J Fe, A K Gring), 26.02.16 Team 'A'(C Johnson, R Fullager)

**LENT TALKS:** On Thursday Deacon Tom Berrie delivered the first talk in the series of five talks for Lent. As you know the Theme for these talks is the Year of Mercy. The talk and discussion was quite animated. Those who attended contributed a great deal to a mature discussion. I would like to encourage more parishioners to attend the next and second talk this Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm. Your presence and contribution to the meeting will be welcomed. One will find time for reflection and sharing. Please do not say I have nothing to contribute. Your presence is a gift to everyone present. The meeting is at the Parish Conference Centre. **Talks:** (2) 25.02.16 God's mercy: therapy, healing & salvation (4) 10.03.16 The Spiritual Works of Mercy (3) 03.03.16 The Corporal Works of Mercy (5) 17.03.16 The Cross, Sign of God's Mercy

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** We would like to make this Penitential Service the centre piece of the Year of Mercy. An opportunity for everyone to avail oneself of the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation. The scriptures is a source of teaching, testifying to God's infinite mercy to the sinner. Here are a few examples of the revealed truth on God's mercy.

a) "He forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. (Ps 103: 3-4)

b) He will again have compassion upon us, he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast out sins into the depths of the sea." (Mich 7:19)"

Finally we are reminded of the story of the Prodigal Son. In telling these stories Christ is at pains to help us grasp the immense happiness of God in pardoning our sins. Thus the father of the Prodigal Son organises a great feast to "make merry" for this son, who was dead, and is alive again. (Lk 15:24).

**The weekend of the 27/28 February we are having a Penitential Service.** This will take the following format. **Half an hour before each of the four masses at the weekend a Penitential Service will be held for five minutes or so then there will be sufficient time for a private confession (or an act of reconciliation). If necessary confessions will continue during the Mass.** We shall have a number of priests present to give one a free choice of confessor. Time of absence from the practise of the sacrament is immaterial, what counts is the here and now reconciliation with God.

**ST PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE:** The 17th March is the feast of St Patrick. This year it falls on a Thursday. The dance is organised for **Saturday 12th March 2016 at 7.30pm.** Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. If at all possible we encourage those interested to buy their tickets early enough to give the organisers a chance to plan.

**DEVOTION: STATIONS of the CROSS:** The devotion to the Stations of the CROSS presents us with a time for in-depth meditation on the love of Jesus for humanity through his physical and mental suffering from the moment he entered the Garden of Gethsemane to his Crucifixion and death.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY:** 14.02.16 - £855.28