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**13 February - 21 February 2021**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

Fr Patrick Zammit

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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  | 13 Feb | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: HOLY SOULS</b>  |
| Sunday    |        | <b>8.00am</b>  | <b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b> |
|           | 14 Feb | <b>10.00am</b> | Andrew Creighton RIP (Ann.) - Creighton Family                                   |
|           |        | <b>12 Noon</b> | Ronald Barry Thomas RIP (Ann.) - Barbara Holland                                 |
|           |        | <b>5.00pm</b>  | Mr Victor Viegas RIP - Labouchardiere  |
| Monday    | 15 Feb | <b>8.30am</b>  | <b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>                |
|           |        | <b>9.00am</b>  | Mary McDonagh's Intention  |
| Tuesday   | 16 Feb | <b>8.30am</b>  | <b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>                |
|           |        | <b>9.00am</b>  | Good Estate of Matthew Labouchardiere - Labouchardiere                           |
| Wednesday | 17 Feb | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>HOLY SOULS</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY - A Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b>         |
|           |        | <b>12.30pm</b> | <b>Darent Valley Hospital - Distribution of Ashes</b>                            |
|           |        | <b>6.00pm</b>  | Evening Mass: Robert Rich RIP - Caroline Farmer and Family                       |
| Thursday  | 18 Feb | <b>8.30am</b>  | <b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>                |
|           |        | <b>9.00am</b>  | Maria Iarossi RIP - Family   |
| Friday    | 19 Feb | <b>8.30am</b>  | <b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic</b>                |
|           |        | <b>9.00am</b>  | Rose and Terry Foreman RIP (Foundation Mass)                                     |
| Saturday  | 20 Feb | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>HOLY SOULS</b>  |
|           |        | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Mr WJ Best</b>  |
| Sunday    | 21 Feb | <b>8.00am</b>  | Joy Mannumal RIP - Joy Ansy <b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)</b>        |
|           |        | <b>10.00am</b> | Michael Minton RIP   |
|           |        | <b>12 Noon</b> | <b>HOLY SOULS</b>  |
|           |        | <b>5.00pm</b>  | <b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>  |

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST**

**DAILY EXPOSITION:** Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am

**TEA ROTA: ON HOLD**

**CLEANING TEAMS: TBC**

**RIP ANNIVERSARY:** Zofia Lesinska, Barry Ward, Jimmy Gatley, Patrick Michael McDonagh, Frances Hardress Harris, Lily Heakin, Harold Bareham, Kay Sharp, Gloria Mucci, Hannah Wrigwell, Margaret Quinn, Teresa Lynch, Francis Crowe, Eunice Lawrence, Shirley James, Jane Fanelli, Emily Cusack, Kathleen Rocke, Mary Marjorie Smith, Sheila Walters, Emily Boote, William Lawrence, Rose Foreman, Lucia Sabatino - May they rest in peace.

**LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY:** What is the history of Lent and Ash Wednesday? Until relatively recently, the origins of Lent - known as Tesserakostí in Greek and Quadragesima in Latin, for 'the forty' - were believed to be self-evident. Many of the theology handbooks of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century confidently claimed that Lent was established by the apostles themselves or in the immediate post apostle period at the latest. Closer examination of ancient sources however reveals a more gradual restorical development. By the mid-third century, Dionysius of Alexandria speaks of a fast of up to six days practiced by the devout in his see. Only following the Council of Nicea in 325AD did the length of Lent become fixed at forty days. Ash Wednesday dates from at least the fourth century, although it is not possible to give an exact date. During that century, penitents looking for forgiveness and re-entry into the community would dress in sack cloth and sprinkle ashes to show repentance. This custom certainly predates Christianity as can be seen by references in Hebrew scriptures (Esther 4: 2-3; Daniel 3; Jonah 3:6) Lent is a penitential period involving the dual disciplines of ABSTINENCE and FASTING. During Lent, many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain foods, habits or luxuries - for example meat, cakes and sweets, alcohol, smoking - for its duration (the money saved is often donated to a charity). Lent starts this Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. There are two masses with the distribution of ashes at 10am and 6pm.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS - THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Traditionally, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross took place twice weekly on each Friday and Sunday during Lent. The Friday devotion was led by our school children of St Anselm's. Sadly, we shall miss them this year. Certainly, there is another way in being able to continue the devotion on a personal level as opposed to community level. For this reason, the church is open from 8am until 7pm. If one happens to be sick or housebound, this devotion could be done at home.

**The 14 Stations**

1. Jesus Is Condemned To Death
2. Jesus Receives The Cross
3. Jesus Falls The First Time
4. Jesus Is Met By His Blessed Mother
5. The Cross Is Laid Upon Simon Of Cyrene
6. Veronica Wipes The Face Of Jesus
7. Jesus Falls The Second Time
8. The Women Of Jerusalem Mourn For Our Lord
9. Jesus Falls The Third Time
10. Jesus Is Stripped Of His Garments
11. Jesus Is Nailed To The Cross
12. Jesus Dies On The Cross
13. Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross
14. Jesus Is Placed In The Sepulchre

**NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY:** The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent and believe in the Gospel', or 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return'. The priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head without saying anything.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Poor Parishes** This weekend a collection will be held for POOR PARISHES. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the small parishes in the Diocese.