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24 July - 5 September 2021

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JULY

Saturday	24 July	10.00am	Patrick Berry RIP (Snr) - Tom
		2.00pm	BAPTISM: Thomas Andrew James Patten
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Joshua's Birthday - Abeish
Sunday	25 July	8.00am	Luigina Morosini – Guilanna Morosini <u>17TH SUNDAY (B)</u>
		10.00am	Gladys (PIP) Berry – Michael Russell
		12 noon	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		2.30pm	BAPTISM: George Christopher Foudy
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Anna Petrauskait
		5.00pm	Recovery of Anne McKinney
Monday	26 July	9.00am	Mary Galea RIP ST JOACHIM & ANNE (Parents of the B V Mary)
Tuesday	27 July	9.00am	Eamonn Francis Hogan RIP – Robert Hogan
Wednesday	28 July	9.00am	Ann Vigar RIP (Ann.) - John Vigar & Tina Bentley
Thursday	29 July	9.00am	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans
		12 Noon	Requiem Mass: BIBBIANA BULFORD POLICELLI RIP
Friday	30 July	9.00am	Jim Kay O'Mear - Wife
Saturday	31 July	10.00am	Good Estate of Keith Labouchardiere ST IGNATIUS of LOYOLA
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Holy Souls

AUGUST

Sunday	1 Aug	8.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <u>18TH SUNDAY (B)</u>
		10.00am	Thanksgiving – Cervera Family
		12 noon	James Vincent Corry RIP (Ann.)
		5.00pm	Mary Bones RIP – Elizabeth Nightingale
Monday	2 Aug	10.00am	Requiem Mass: GERARDO DI POPOLO RIP
Tuesday	3 Aug	9.00am	Mary Kelly RIP (Ann.) – Sue & Ann
Wednesday	4 Aug	9.00am	Piotr Tuszyński RIP (Birthday)
Thursday	5 Aug	9.00am	Tom Kelly – Sue & Ann
Friday	6 Aug	9.00am	Gwen Mitchell RIP (Ann.)
Saturday	7 Aug	10.00am	Mary Downing RIP ST DOMINIC
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Holy Souls
Sunday	8 Aug	8.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <u>19TH SUNDAY (B)</u>
		10.00am	Lisa Vera Versamy RIP – Joanna Tapping
		12 noon	Harry (Kevin's Son) – Downey Family
		5.00pm	Br Fred Obi RIP – Knights of St Columba
Monday	9 Aug	9.00am	Jim Ellis RIP (Ann.) ST BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein)
Tuesday	10 Aug	9.00am	HOLY SOULS ST LAWRENCE
Wednesday	11 Aug	9.00am	John & Maureen Kelleher RIP ST CLARE
Thursday	12 Aug	9.00am	Nora Whiffin RIP (Ann.)
Friday	13 Aug	9.00am	Fr Albert Ryan
Saturday	14 Aug	10.00am	Joseph (Joe) Perna ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP – Helena Ounsworth
Sunday	15 Aug	8.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <u>THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u>
		10.00am	Barbara Egan RIP – J Crowley
		12 noon	Nwakargo - Thanksgiving for 22 nd Birthday – Chine Okafor
		5.00pm	Fr Albert Coleburt RIP (Ann.)
Monday	16 Aug	9.00am	Leonardo Soriano RIP -Mary Janis Abelos
Tuesday	17 Aug	9.00am	Teresa Morosini
Wednesday	18 Aug	9.00am	Anthony Paul Store RIP (Ann.)
Thursday	19 Aug	9.00am	Safe Delivery – Cervera Family

Friday	20 Aug	9.00am	Fr Edward Bovinngton RIP	ST BERNARD (ABBOT)
Saturday	21 Aug	10.00am	Patrick Joseph Chaperon RIP – Tina Bentley	ST PIUS X
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Mary Deane RIP – Dan McCarthy	
Sunday	22 Aug	8.00am	Patricia Ann Stronghill RIP	
		10.00am	Jim Lawrence (Jim) RIP	21ST SUNDAY (B)
		12 noon	Mari- Lou Setterfield RIP – Maria Ahmed	
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Monday	23 Aug	9.00am	Fr Joseph Gill RIP	ST ROSE OF LIMA
Tuesday	24 Aug	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Monaghan Family - (F.M.)	
Wednesday	25 Aug	9.00am	Marcella Mary Morgan RIP (Ann.) – F.M.	
Thursday	26 Aug	9.00am	Mark Labouchardiere RIP - Labouchardiere	
Friday	27 Aug	9.00am	Kerry Rees RIP – O’Kane Family	ST MONICA
Saturday	28 Aug	10.00am	Gloria Morales RIP – H Aliyha	ST AUGUSTINE
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Felipa, Constantino, Myrna Macapia - Siony	
Sunday	29 Aug	8.00am	Donor’s Intention	
		10.00am	Paul Owa RIP – Oluyemi Family	22ND SUNDAY (B)
		12 noon	Mr & Mrs Okafor – Thanksgiving – Wedding Ann – Mrs Iloanja	
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Monday	30 Aug	10.00am	Good Estate of Fr Norbet – Julia Hudema	MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY
			ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD	
Tuesday	31 Aug	9.00am	Holy Souls	
SEPTEMBER				
Wednesday	1 Sept	9.00am	Annalis Wey RIP (Ann.) – R Usher	
Thursday	2 Sept	9.00am	Pip Berry RIP – Teresa Morosini	
Friday	3 Sept	9.00am	Holy Souls	ST GREGORY THE GREAT
Saturday	4 Sept	10.00am	Holy Souls	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Stephen Webster RIP – Julia Hudema	
Sunday	5 Sept	8.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		10.00am	Bridie McGowan RIP – O’Kane Family	23RD SUNDAY (B)
		12 noon	Sean Brown RIP - Bernie	
		5.00pm	Ronald Nightingale RIP- Elizabeth Nightingale	

CLEANING TEAMS: See Rota

BANNS OF MARRIAGE : (Weeks: 1, 2 & 3)

- 1) **Jacqueline Mary Nugent of Northfleet, Gravesend & Gerard Patrick Moloney of Stroud**
- 2) **Veronica Pearl Joyce of Upminster & Frank Charlie Christopher Ayres of Ash**
- 3) **Aleksandra Nowak & Lukasz Jermat of Dartford**
- 4) **Malgorzata Kilianska & Dominik Hrdlovic of Dartford**

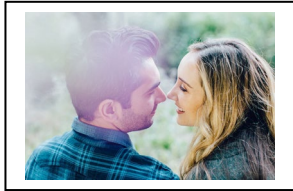
PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE: A Plenary indulgence may be gained once in the Parish Church on the usual conditions, viz a visit to the Church during which the Our Father and Creed are recited together with a prayer for the Holy Father and intentions, Sacramental Confessions and Holy Communion. The indulgence may be gained today, the feast of Assisi of St Mary of the Angels (2nd September).

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Covid pandemic brought into focus the Sacrament of the Sick. During this time we have been constantly reminded of Jesus sending out his disciples to anoint and heal. The apostle James provided us with the formula of the Sacrament when he said, "If there is anyone sick amongst you, call for the priest of the Church, the prayer made in faith, will heal the sick person and if he/she committed any sin, your sins will be forgiven". This is the Sacrament which provides the sick person with physical and practical healing according to the mind of Christ. One can receive this sacrament both at home, in hospital or anywhere else whenever it is needed. Apart from the much desired healing, the Sacrament secures our union with Christ through forgiveness. The greatest spiritual gift we can give to a very sick person is the opportunity to receive the Sacrament.



MARRIAGE:

The Church and Sacraments: A priest is asked to officiate at a marriage church service. A Church marriage is a sacramental marriage which has biblical roots. It is desirable to explore the Sacramental nature of marriage in the light of biblical knowledge. Christ reminded the apostles that, "What God has joined together let no man put asunder". God becomes the binding force in the relationship. The attached article speaks of the gifts of marriage: Companionship, Passion and Purpose



Three Gifts of Marriage: Companionship, Passion and Purpose

When marriage is done well, couples not only experience the wonderful emotional and physical intimacy of being "on the same page" but also frequently sense a deeper, more profound, spiritual connection. While some couples think of it as being "soul-mates," there is an aspect to it that is qualitatively different—one that both grounds a relationship and gives hope for the future. While each couple will experience this differently, there is little doubt that there is a more to marriage than meets the eye—the very design and purpose that points to marriage as being a gift of great, even eternal significance.

The Gift of Companionship

In the Bible, the greatest book ever written, we read of God's glory and his passionate love for his creation. The first couple enjoyed his fellowship, walking and talking with him in what was no doubt the most incredible garden ever. They knew him, and they knew each other. They were confidants and companions, blessed with affection and pleasure in each other's company. The opening sentence of their marriage vows — "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" — illustrates the supreme joy of being connected together as one. Analogies throughout both the Old and the New Testament tell of God's love for us as a husband's love for his wife, comparing heaven to a wedding banquet, and where the ultimate bridegroom, God's only Son, was sent to die on the cross for his bride, the church.

The Gift of Passion

One of the greatest song ever—the Bible's Song of Songs—was composed by Solomon, the wisest man who had ever existed. In it he extolls the supreme bliss of an intimate marriage, describing a love and attraction that is both intense and deep. Solomon portrays the profound preciousness of love—its beauty, delights and overwhelming power, and says all that one possesses cannot purchase such love— it is God's gift to us, manifested in its fullest form in our marital unions, and is both passionate and companionate.

The Gift of Purpose

The Apostle Paul declares this profound and marvelous gift to be the "great mystery" finally revealed. It is the union between Christ and his people, as one flesh. Such companionship and intimacy is a profound gift to be marvelled at and enjoyed, bringing contentment and happiness. And in so enjoying, we bring glory to him—the creator of perhaps the greatest gift ever. It is thus no surprise that when we ask people what makes their life meaningful or what is necessary for their happiness, among the most frequent answers given is a satisfying, close relationship with God and with others. Being closely connected to and affectionate with another brings contentment and joy, and at times profound happiness and bliss. These pleasurable states of well-being and connectedness are characterized by sense of meaning and belonging to something bigger in life. And this then is the ultimate purpose and meaning of marriage—*it is God's gift to us, designed to bring us joy and Him glory*. With this gift He covered our aloneness, providing us with the hope of companionship, and the joy of connected intimacy—with Him and with one another. "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh!" Genesis 2:23 (NLT)

DIOCESAN POLICY ON MARRIAGE

General Points

The Preparation for Life and Marriage which is ongoing in the home should be taken up in the primary school, developed in the secondary school, and continued for young people in the years immediately after leaving school and before they become engaged. Parents have the fundamental role while the involvement of the whole community is necessary.

The Single State – young people need to be given a clear idea of what marriage entails, not simply to prepare them for marriage but to help them when the time comes to decide responsibly whether to marry or to remain single. Those involved with preparing others should be careful not to pressurise them unwittingly into getting married by leading them to believe it is the only means of fulfilment and worthwhile aim in life for everyone. Marriage is not for everyone; some may wish to marry but for various reasons may never do so; others may have a positive calling to the single state which will be the best way of life for them. Preparation for marriage, therefore, requires something to be said about the single life, apart from the priesthood or religious life, so that its value can be appreciated and the right choice, if offered, more easily made.

An Educational and Advisory Service for Marriage must be established at deanery or parish level. This means that suitable laity, especially with personal experience of marriage, must be recruited and trained to help priests and religious in their pastoral care of the married and in the preparation of those entering marriage. Deanery Pastoral Councils are to be concerned with this apostolate. Where appropriate, other Christian churches should be invited to share in this work and ways of co-operating with them should be explored.

Schools

The Diocesan Catechetical Director and his assistants, using the services offered by organisations like the Marriage Care, will give priority to the development in our schools of a catechesis for life and marriage. Local clergy, school chaplains and governors are to co-operate in this work and to give teachers help and encouragement. School leavers require special attention.

Young People

The Director of the Diocesan Youth Service with the co-operation of local clergy is charged with developing youth work in the diocese and ensuring that within the context of his work young people will be helped to form mature attitudes towards sex and marriage. Particular attention should be given to the development needed to choose a suitable lifelong partner. The clergy should assist the Director to find suitable religious and laity to help in this work.

Those Entering Marriage

Engagement – as soon as a couple become engaged they should inform their parish priest(s) whose encouragement and co-operation are of vital importance.

Notification of Marriage – at least six months notice of a marriage is normally required and this requirement should be adequately advertised (e.g., church porches, notices, newsletters, the Diocesan Directory).

Preparation Talks – in addition to the talks and spiritual preparation given by the priests to both partners, whether Catholic or not, meetings with suitable laity who have been properly trained will be required as part of the usual preparation for marriage in the diocese. These meetings will be by special appointment for individuals or couples. A full explanation of the Church's teaching on natural family planning should always be given.

A course of talks for groups with or without discussion is useful as part of the programme of preparation. Such courses are usually best arranged at deanery rather than at parish level. Some have found "Engaged Encounter" days and weekends helpful. For those unable to follow the normal programme, a postal course should be available.

Marriage Rite – engaged couples should be encouraged to help with the preparation of their wedding by choosing the music, the readings, and the variable parts of the wedding ceremony and of the Mass.

CONFESSION: The use of the Confessional was suspended during the pandemic. As from September there will be confessions at the usual time. The time for Confession will be as before. From 10.30am-11.00am and from 5.45pm-6.30pm

FUTURE PLAN: In September we hope to restart the following parish activities.

Here is a list of activities: 1 Children's Choir, 2 Church Choir, 3 Filipino Choir, 4 Afro Caribbean Choir, 5 Senior Parishioner's Tea Party, 6 Readers (Reading Rota), 7 Church Cleaning Rota 8 Flower Arrangers

CHURCH STEWARDS: The Parish is highly indebted to the Church Stewards. Due to them we have managed to keep the Church open. One often hears of Parishes that were unable to provide Mass due to the lack of Church Stewards.

Our Stewards were of all ages. They did, and they still do an OUTSTANDING Service to the Church.

EUCCHARIST: The Eucharist is central to our life. Pope Pius the tenth made it possible for children to receive the Eucharist at an early age. The Church continues to honour this practice.

Our Parents are very much aware of the efficaciousness of this Sacrament. Their continued effort to bring up their children in the practice of the faith and participate actively in the Sacramental life of the Church is still very much recognized and appreciated. Due to the pandemic the program was interrupted and delayed. Over fifty children have received the First Eucharist. This week three more children will receive the First Eucharist. This means all the fifty seven children have now made their First Holy Communion.

At present a new cohort are being prepared for the sacrament in the hope that they too will be able to receive the First sacrament by November this year. They had to work on a different program, somewhat truncated.

Our Parish program for the First Eucharist is a two year programme. The first year children in year 2 join the Bible Club. In the second year they are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Any queries with regards to your child's First Holy Communion please contact me.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: The Catholic Church from earlier times saw education as an integral part of its mission. In particular in the days of monasticism the Church was in the forefront in the field of education. This long and rich tradition became universally acknowledged and sought for. The holistic approach and its universal principles made Catholic Education highly desirable by poor and rich alike. The Church sees education as an efficacious tool in our present times in continuing to hold on to those moral and educational principles build on values.

The Catholic Community today is less aware of the intrinsic value of such education beyond primary school.

Some parents are very keen to send their children to a Catholic primary school. In a number of cases this is the end of a Catholic education, in spite of the efforts made by the local church in providing education to a higher level. While we acknowledge the right of parents choice, we are reminded of the value of further Catholic Education. Perhaps parents at this point want to pause and look at the wider picture as regards to continued temporal and spiritual welfare of their children.

The Church makes every effort to support Catholic education in spite of it's limited resources. Such generosity requires a degree of reciprocity.

I very much encourage our parents to look closely at the quality of education with a greater sense of commitment.

Our Parish is very privileged to have a Catholic primary school. May you continue to give our school your support.

HOSPITAL ADMISSION: For many years the practice of registering one's religious denomination was a regular practice. It has been noted that in a number of cases this no longer happens. The would be patient is expected to make known what his or her religious denomination is. For us it is not sufficient to say that one is a Christian but to specify the denomination. In our case we have to state that we are ROMAN CATHOLIC. This will be recorded electronically and it will stay. If you are assisting someone on admission to hospital please make sure that such registration will take place for the spiritual welfare of the person concerned.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: (Holy Day of Obligation)

The fifteenth of August is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This is a day when we honour Mary the Mother of the Lord. This year it falls on a Sunday.

CONFIRMATION: The Confirmation classes this year is made of over forty candidates. This Confirmation has been delayed due to Covid 19. The lessons will resume on Friday 3rd September 2021.

COVID 19: At present some legal restrictions have been removed. It is felt necessary that as a parish we retain the practice of mask wearing in Church as far as is practical until further notice. Hand sanitisation is retained on coming in and leaving the Church.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS: I would like to thank Sarah Page for organising the Parish Census. A fair amount of progress has been made. The success of this undertaking depends on all of us, especially all parishioners who cooperate in filling in the CENSUS FORM and returning it to the Presbytery or else filling the form online. I would like to thank everyone who managed to fill in the Census Form.