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PERMANENT DEACON:

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Saturday	24 Sept	6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: For the People of the Parish
Sunday	25 Sept	9.00am	Mark Labouchardiere RIP
		11.00am	John Egan RIP (Ann.) - J Crowley
		<u>12 noon</u>	PARISH- in-COUNCIL MEETING
		5.00pm	In Thankgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Piotr Pierzchniak
Monday	26 Sept	9.00am	Good Estate of Mother & Daughter - Special Intention
		2.00pm	- 3.00pm MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP (in the Presbytery)
Tuesday	27 Sept	9.00am	Gerald Balzan RIP - Diedo Family
Wednesday	28 Sept	11.00am	REQUIEM MASS: Louise Balzan RIP
		<u>7.00pm</u>	- <u>8.00pm</u> PARENTS MEETING - 1ST HOLY COMMUNION (3rd Week)
Thursday	29 Sept	9.00am	Catherine O'Connor RIP (Ann.) - Janet Crowley
Friday	30 Sept	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Holy Souls
		9.00am	Anne McKinney: Special Intention - Greg McKinney
		4.15pm	- 7.00pm JUNIOR CLUB (TBA)
Saturday	1 Oct	10.00am	Good Estate of Dolla Patricio - Anne & Greg
		1.00pm	BAPTISM: Aleksander Michal Szymanski
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: For the People of the Parish
Sunday	2 Oct	9.00am	Jack Howard (Good Health & Safe Journey)
		11.00am	Ken Ingarfill RIP - Marie Ingarfill
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Arianna Elizabeth Hergest
		5.00pm	Nicolas Griffith - Creighton Family
		6.00pm	SENIOR CLUB (Youth Group)

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: 27.09.16 Team'D'(L Hovell, P Wall), 08.10.16 Team'E'(E Ranson, D Marshall, L Goode)

St Vincent de Paul: The feast of St Vincent de Paul falls on Tuesday 27th September. This is the title feast day of our parish.

Attached to the newsletter is a brief history of his life. Please take time to read it. St Vincent was an outstanding person in the field of charitable work. Let us imitate him in his good work.

PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING: This Sunday I look forward to see a good representation of a cross section of the Parishioners at the Parish in Council. The Parish is as good as its people. A considerable number of parishioners are very generous. I would like to see an increase to this number in order that we may continue to grow as the family of God's people.

PERU - This time last year we made a special appeal in support of Fr Alex's project in building a Community Centre. For this reason we dropped our appeal for toys. Fr Alex is very keen that we resurrect the practice. I am sure that this annual event has given a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to most of the benefactors. To meet with Fr Alex's wishes and a good number of parishioners I would like to restart the collection of toys as from this Sunday. We only send new toys. Please do not wrap them as each toy needs to be registered for customs purpose. May I thank you in advance for any toys offered.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER: October is the Month of the Rosary. Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful, may gain a plenary indulgence daily; in other circumstances a partial indulgence. A partial indulgence may be obtained daily by reciting the Litany of Loreto and the prayer to St Joseph. The practice of reciting the Rosary should be explained and commended.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: A priest will normally retire from full time ministry when he reaches 75 years of age. Many continue to work in some kind of ministry. When a priest resigns from his parish ministry or a full time ecclesiastical appointment the Diocesan Finance Office establishes his likely income and needs on an individual basis and ensures he has sufficient financial resources to afford the necessities of life, live in properly heated and adequately maintained accommodation and can pay for some recreation and travel. There are currently 70 priests in our Diocese and this number is expected to increase to about 93 by 2018. The costs, income and shortfall over five years is given in the table on the right. Archbishop Peter Smith has therefore identified the need to continue to support sick and retired priests as a major priority for our Diocese. *There will be more important news about the campaign in next week's newsletter.*

YOUTH GROUP: Last Sunday we saw the revival of our Parish Youth Group. This is for our youngsters from the age of 11 and over. We shall meet again this Sunday after the 5.00pm Mass (at 6.00pm).

BIBLE CLUB: Children making their first Holy Communion are required to attend the Bible Club. This is the first step in the preparation for the first Eucharist. I am calling a meeting for all parents who submitted the enrollment form. The meeting will take place this **Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm** at the Conference Centre. Parents who wish their child to be part of the programme but as yet have not enrolled are welcome to the meeting. They can register their child on the night.

Last month's Offertory: 18.09.16: £1403.30 **Home Mission Sunday (2nd Collection):** £151.47

Sick and retired diocesan priests - Summary of income & costs

Year	2014	2018
Estimated number of retired priests	70	93
Estimated Income	495,000	495,000
Estimated Expenditure	1,297,000	1,477,000
Shortfall	802,000	982,000
Cumulative shortfall over 5 years		4,505,000