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19 December 2020 - 3 January 2021

PARISH PRIEST:	Fr Patrick Zammit	Tel: 01322 279955
PARISH PRIEST (EMERITUS):	Fr Michael Leach	
PERMANENT DEACON:	Rev Michael Dale	
PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm’s	Headteacher – Mrs Laura White	Tel: 01322 225173

Saturday	19 Dec	10.00am 6.30pm	Mary Birkbeck RIP - Family FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Joseph & Martina Jung – Rita Usher	
Sunday	20 Dec	8.00am 10.00am 12 Noon 5.00pm	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans Fr Eddie Merieca SJ RIP – Andrew Diedo FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Garret Nolan RIP – Mary McGlynn	
Monday	21 Dec	8.30am 9.00am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic Martina Lydon – Creighton Family	
Tuesday	22 Dec	8.30am 9.00am 8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic Good Estate of Dorothy Russell – M Russell EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic	
Wednesday	23 Dec	9.00am	Anthony Charlie Ward RIP - Bridget Ward	
Thursday Christmas Eve	24 Dec	4.00pm 5.30pm 12.00pm	Kathleen Covill RIP (Ann.) Private Intention – Frances Murphy MIDNIGHT MASS: Richard Diedo RIP (Ann.) - Diedo Family	
Christmas Day				CHRISTMAS EVE
Friday	25 Dec	8.00am 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am *	Arnaldo Omelad Cepeda RIP – Reggie Patricia Caw RIP – John Caw Mary Zammit RIP Fr Hans Wittmer RIP NO EVENING MASS	CHRISTMAS DAY
				
Saturday	26 Dec	12 Noon 6.30pm	Holy Souls Ida Schubiger – Rita Usher	ST STEPHEN (MARTYR)
Sunday	27 Dec	8.00am 10.00am 12 noon 5.00pm	Mary Birkbeck RIP - Moyles Family Ann Murphy, Doreen Nightingale – Bridget Mannion FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Fr Raphael Azzopardi RIP	THE HOLY FAMILY
Monday	28 Dec	9.00am	Paddy Conway RIP – Eileen	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
Tuesday	29 Dec	8.30am 9.00am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic Fr Emmanuel Agius RIP	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
Wednesday	30 Dec	8.30am 9.00am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic Bridet Ward’s Intention	
Thursday	31 Dec 2021	9.00am 12.00pm	HOLY SOULS WELCOME NEW YEAR 2021 MIDNIGHT MASS: Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP - Family	
Friday	1 Jan	12 Noon	Nora Prosser RIP (Ann.)	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Saturday	2 Jan	10.00am 6.30pm	Maureen Fitzpatrick – Rita Usher Antonia Zammit RIP (Ann.)	ST BASIL the GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN
Sunday	3 Jan	8.00am 10.00am 12 Noon 5.00pm	Patricia Caw RIP – John Caw FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Canon Albert Ryan RIP FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Elizabeth Dooley Atkins – Margaret Nightingale	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST

DAILY EXPOSITION: Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am

TEA ROTA: check your new rota

CLEANING TEAMS: TBC

WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR & THE PANDEMIC: Welcoming the new year does not mean leaving the immediate past year without a sense of continuous continuum. Often what changes is a sense of fresh resolution to improve on those things that have impinged and limited our life for further growth. As we reflect in a concrete fashion the Covid 19 Pandemic has changed a many a person's life. This change often presented one with many a challenge. The overall view is that there are too many expert opinions. Though healthy to have an opinion it is not always helpful to have a common goal. We need to look for a unifying source. In time past from Jesus to the present day many people sought divine intervention. If Jesus was in our midst today how many of us especially those who caught the virus will seek Christ's healing. This general question will exercise the mind of the people of faith. A tremendous effort is being made to find the magic vaccine to eradicate the virus in the light of human effort. Here we see the degree of human limitation in finding a timely solution. It becomes incumbent on us to seek divine intervention. It is the return to Christ the ultimate healer that we may find a speedy recovery from this pandemic. Christ who inspires and intervenes in the human affairs is asked to show his benevolence towards the human race for true liberation from the pandemic. Our forebears put their trust in God. We shall follow in their good example and petition the Lord of all mercy. Daily we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament seeking God's mercy on the human race and liberation from the pandemic. The Exposition takes place every day from 8.30am-9.00am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: I am sorry that due to the Corona Virus we have been unable to start the preparation for the First Holy Communion 2021. In the New Year I will communicate with parents who have already enrolled their children for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We hope to come with a new plan.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: For some time we had hoped that things will change. As things stand I have to have a fresh look and find a way to start the Confirmation programme. I will contact all applicants after the Christmas Festivities.

CHRISTMAS POSTER: The Knights of St Columba each year provide the Parish with the Christmas poster. The idea behind the poster is to remind the many and to bring home the meaning of Christ as we celebrate the Birth of Christ. Please do take a poster and display it for everyone to see.

MASS TIMES: In the light of the restrictions the number of people attending any mass during the Christian celebration is reduced to sixty people. THIS YEAR ATTENDANCE AT MASS IS BY TICKET ONLY. There will be seven masses said between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Masses on Christmas Eve including the Midnight Mass are fully booked. We have places left for Christmas Day at 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am. If you have any queries please phone the Presbytery (01322 279955).

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES: REMINDER: This year we are unable to hold a Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Each year the Christmas Eve Mass was followed by a raffle. For this year there will be a small raffle. Children attending any Christmas Mass will be given a ticket. The draw will take place on Boxing Day. Make sure to collect your ticket. There will be four prizes. Two for children under the age of seven and two for children over the age of seven. One prize for boys and one prize for girls.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: The Church will be open daily on Monday to Friday from 8.30am - 6.00pm.

A WORD OF THANKS: I would like to thank everyone who have been supporting the parish and myself during this year. Truly grateful.



On behalf of Deacon Michael Dale & myself
we wish you God's richest blessings for Christmas
and for the New Year 2021

I would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness
Throughout the year and for your generosity in the Christmas season

