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20 February – 28 February 2021

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Saturday	20 Feb	6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Mr WJ Best	
Sunday		8.00am	Joy Mannummal RIP – Joy Ansy	1st SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)
	21 Feb	10.00am	Michael Minton RIP	
		12 Noon	HOLY SOULS	
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Monday	22 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic	
		9.00am	Good Estate of Bogumil (Jack) Sabramowicz	THE CHAIR OF PETER
Tuesday	23 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic	
		9.00am	Fr Richard Quinlan RIP (Ann.)	
Wednesday	24 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic	
		9.00am	Deceased members of the Jackson and Lynch Family	
Thursday	25 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic	
		9.00am	Monstra Labouchardiere	
Friday	26 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic	
		9.00am	Maureen Kelleher RIP (Ann.)	
Saturday	27 Feb	10.00am	Graham Doyle RIP (Ann.)	
		6.30pm	Michael McDonagh – Stevens	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)
Sunday	28 Feb	8.00am	Fr Hans Wittmer RIP	
		10.00am	Bill O'Keefe RIP (Ann.)	
		12 Noon	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		5.00pm	William Mahon RIP (Ann.) Foundation Mass	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST

DAILY EXPOSITION: Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am

TEA ROTA: ON HOLD

CLEANING TEAMS: TBC

RIP ANNIVERSARY: William Lawrence, Rose Foreman, Lucia Sabatino, Margaret Carwardine, Anne Werret, Genevieve Fajamisin, Marcella Mahon, Maria Nagy, Zygmunt Nedwidek, Philomena Williams, Baby Jake Brass, Betty Green, John Beetham, Paul Mitchell, Margaret Philippou, Kenneth Pope, Gladys Xerri, Herbert Hackney, Victoria Kirby, Annie Hurley, Frederick Atkins, James Hannaford, Jim Brady, Maureen Kelleher, James Freeman, Graham Doyle, Peter Tierney, Douglas Whiffin, Eileen Ryall – May they rest in peace.

LENT: The next five weeks of Lent we hope to look at five items each of which will deal with a different reading relating to the season.

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>
The Stations of the Cross	Fasting	Lent Literature	Meditation on Good Friday	Easter Triduum

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The devotion of the Stations of the Cross is a long-lasting practice in the life of the Catholic Church. There is a history, for many a devotion. The history of their particular devotion has roots in hundreds of years. The formation of the fourteen stations is gradual. The following is sketched history by various authors who looked at the history of this devotion and practice. Christ is the subject of the Way of the Cross or 'Via Crucis' when he carried His heavy cross from Pilate's praetorium to Calvary. Tradition speaks of Mary the Mother of Jesus walking the dolorous way as well as the disciples and holy women in recollection and prayer. The early Christians did the same; they came to Jerusalem in such great number that Emperor Hadrian (117 – 138) built a pagan temple on Mount Calvary to keep the pious pilgrims away. But when St Helena (325) found the true cross of Christ on Calvary and built a Christian church on the spot where the pagan temple had stood, there was such a mighty concourse of people to the holy places that Jerusalem became the greatest place for pilgrimage in the world. Later, the Holy Land fell into foreign hands. Hence, the original 'Way of the Cross' could be made only with great difficulty and danger. When the invaders blocked access to the Holy Land, reproduction of the stations were erected at popular spiritual centres in Europe. In 1342, the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. They gradually introduced the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in Europe; it spread all over the world. It is now universal and one of the most popular Catholic devotions. The devotion mirrors Christ's love for the human race to which we belong. Christ died for every single person. That single person is me. To be loved at all times and in the fullness of time is my greatest gift from the God incarnate. Let each of us make this a reality by finding time for meditation, prayer and contemplation, if not daily but as often as possible during the season of Lent. You can read the following articles on Google: 1) Way of the Cross History: University of Dayton, Ohio; 2) Stations of the Cross: Roots of a Devotion – Weird Catholic; 3) Library: the Way of the Cross/ Catholic Culture by Winifrid Herbst SDS

PERU: During the period of fasting and abstinence we often save money from such practice in the hope that others will gain. Money saved often goes towards a good cause. In this instance, I would like to suggest to any parishioner to put such money towards the Parish Peru Project. This year we have been unable to offer the usual support due to the pandemic. The Peru Box will be reinstated in the church to receive donations. Speaking to Fr Alex by phone, he mentioned the difficulties they are having in Peru including his parish. Peru, as a nation, received only 700,000 jobs for a country with 32 million people. The parish clinics depend on people like you. Every penny counts. If you wish to contribute you may use the box in the church or leave your donation at the presbytery. Any donation, no matter how small, will be very much appreciated.

THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL (Retiring collection) This retiring collection helps the Society of the Protection of Unborn children in their work.