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## **11 - -19 February 2023**

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

Saturday	11 Feb	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP – Helena Ounsworth
Sunday	12 Feb	<b>9.00am</b>	Anthony Dannu Kirwan RIP (Ann.) – Kate Kirwan
		<b>10.30am</b>	Phyllis Barber & Family – Anne McGloin <b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
Monday	13 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		<b>9.00am</b>	Phyllis Alford RIP - Rocke Family
		<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>MARRIAGE:</b> Chardonnay Laurel Rose Stevens & Michael Joseph Cash
Tuesday	14 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		<b>9.00am</b>	Ann Allen RIP ST CYRIL & METHODIUS
Wednesday	15 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		<b>9.00am</b>	Kay Sharp RIP
		<b>6.00pm</b>	- 7.00pm - <b>CHILDREN'S CHOIR</b>
Thursday	16 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		<b>9.00am</b>	Matthew Labouchardiere - Labouchardiere
Friday	17 Feb	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL:</b> Mass: <b>HOLY SOULS</b>
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		<b>9.00am</b>	Susan Hoey RIP – Christine Tedman
Saturday	18 Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
		<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Adithya Mendis
		<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Teresa Charmain Smith
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Maria Larossi RIP (Ann.)
Sunday	19 Feb	<b>9.00am</b>	Rose & Terry Foreman RIP (F.M.)
		<b>10.30am</b>	Joe Francis RIP (Birthday) <b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Joan Amos Thomas
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>

**CLEANING TEAMS:** 14.02.23: Team 'D' (L Hovell, Doris), 19.02.23: Team 'E' (Edith Ranson, J Murphy, Alicia Fisher), 25.02.23 Team 'F' (Filipinos)

**PUNCTUALITY:** A person's formation is characteristic of a Christian way of life. In other words Christian life has as it's building blocks the many virtues espoused and inspired by the Gospels. From the moment Jesus said 'do this in commemoration of me', he was inviting us to the weekly worship to honour His very presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Such worship presupposes those virtues such as punctuality.

In recent times it has become somewhat evident that the virtue of punctuality is found wanting. Hence, we find ourselves late for the liturgical service of the Mass. It is prudent and highly desirable for one to be present at least five minutes before the service. This provides us with time to be recollected for that momentous moment when Christ makes Himself present on the altar. It is good to remind ourselves that this used to be a characteristic quality of the nation at large. Hence punctuality is both a secular and a religious virtue to aspire to. One can understand that occasionally there is a valid reason for being late. This is more the exception than the rule. Let us strive to be punctual as a mark of respect for His presence among us.

**DATE CORRECTION: THE SEASON OF LENT:** We are now in the month of February. On the **WED 22 FEBRUARY 2023** it is **Ash Wednesday** the beginning of Lent. For our parish Lent is a very special time. An important feature is the 'Lent Talks'. I know that Mr Barry and Mrs White have made a plan for this Lent. From the information I have, this is going to be an interesting season with a very apt topic. A programme will be provided shortly.

**PERU:** Peru (Fr Alex Mission) has become our chosen mission for the millennium 2000. The Parish developed great affinity for this project. Fr Alex payed a number of visits to our Parish. As a result of covid things went a bit quiet. May I remind you that during these twenty years the parish raised one hundred and fifty thousand pounds towards this project. For a number of years we used to send about two thousand toys for Christmas. Sadly this procedure had to stop because of Custom practices. I very much would like to re-energise this project. My suggestion is to set up a display of the mission on the church noticeboard, and dedicate the season of Lent for the Peru Mission. Any contribution would be gratefully received. Over the years we had some special benefactors. Sadly we have lost some of these subscribers. I am sure the good Lord will continue to look after the mission through His providence.

St Anselm's Primary School – Mrs White

The 10.30 masses that is led by St Anselm's school children are always such joyful and uplifting celebrations. We'd love to know what parishioners think and would be grateful if you would take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts with us on this Google form. <https://forms.gle/VGdd4xDjc96xi6YK6>