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26 March – 3 April 2022

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Fr Michael Leach

PERMANENT DEACON:

Rev Michael Dale

PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's

Headteacher – Mrs Laura White

Tel: 01322 225173

Saturday 26 Mar **6.30pm**
Sunday 27 Mar **8.00am**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Rosi Moosberger – Rita Usher

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Jim & Eileen Mahon RIP – Anne, Patrick & Family

10.00am

12 Noon

Joseph Francis RIP - Mother

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT(C)

3.00pm

BAPTISM: Gabriella ToFunmi Ayobami

4.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5.00pm

Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans

Monday 28 Mar **8.30am**

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION – Deliverance from the Pandemic

9.00am

Fr Timothy Daly RIP (Ann.)

1.00pm

BAPTISM: Mark O'Brien

3.00pm

BAPTISM: Patrick John Ellis

8.00pm

MEETING FOR MINIMART/BAZAAR (AT THE PRESBYTERY)

Tuesday 29 Mar **8.30am**

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION – Deliverance from the Pandemic

9.00am

Peggy Harten - Della

Wednesday 30 Mar **8.30am**

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION – Deliverance from the Pandemic

9.00am

David Harrison RIP (Ann.)

6.00pm

- **7.00pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

5.40pm

- **6.40pm CATECHISM CLASS**

7.00pm

- **8.30pm (4th) LENTEN TALK: 'Praying the Psalms' by Liz Waldy**

Thursday 31 Mar **8.30am**

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION – Deliverance from the Pandemic

9.00am

Helen Preece RIP – Maria Reynolds

Friday 1 April **8.15am**

DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mass: FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

8.30am

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION – Deliverance from the Pandemic

9.00am

Cijo Joys Ansyantonys Fam. – Ansy Anthony & Family

3.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday 2 April **10.00am**

Annie Maughan RIP – Mary McDonagh

10.30am

- **11.30am CATECHISM CLASS**

6.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Good Estate of Anne McKinney - Greg

Sunday 3 April **8.00am**

Good Estate of Ann Shirley - Eileen

10.00am

Foundation Day for the Knights

12 Noon

Eileen Darby RIP– S & D Scowen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT(C)

4.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5.00pm

Tim South RIP – Dale Family

NEW CLEANING TEAMS: 03.04.22: Team 'C' (Afro-Caribbean Community), 12.04.22: Team 'D' (Lesley Hovell, Doris)

1,2 & 3 Banns of Marriage: 1) Charlotte Pierzchniak & Mark Kieran Hanson 2) Seanna Marie O'Neill & Jon James Hutchinson
3) Maureen Morgan McGinley & Michael Aiden O'Brien 4) Alphonsus Stokes & Mary Maughan

CHURCH CAR PARK: A couple of volunteers have started cleaning the Car Park. The Knights of St Columba wish to volunteer their services. Other parishioners wish to assist too. All volunteers are welcome. The date chosen for all volunteers to come together is Saturday 9th April 2022 at 10.30am. Many hands make work lighter.

MINIMART/BAZAAR: The date of the MINIMART/BAZAAR is SATURDAY 2nd APRIL FROM 12 NOON TILL 4.00PM.

This is a final appeal for volunteers. We need your assistance. Some of the stalls will be new to the Bazaar. If anyone wishes to donate goods for the different stalls, we recommend to hand in your goods by Friday night. There will be a meeting those who would like to help at the Presbytery at 8.00PM on MONDAY 28 MARCH 2022.

RECEPTION of HOLY COMMUNION: The reception of Holy Communion is a sacred act. As a parish we witness a great sense of reverence. It is highly desirable to place the host on one's tongue BEFORE walking away to return to our pews. In this way we show due respect to the sacred element.

DEVOTION of the STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This devotion helps us to focus our attention on the redeeming power of Jesus through the power of the crucifixion. This devotion will continue though. The school children have helped greatly. The school will break up on Friday 1st April. In spite of school closing for the Easter holidays, nevertheless the devotions will continue. I therefore invite the children and parents to continue with the devotion.

ALTAR SERVERS: The Altar servers are being invited to resume their services to assist with the Easter services. David Havard is responsible for the training of altar servers. Any young person who wishes to serve is requested to give us his or her name.

LENT TALKS: The 4th Parish Lent Talk will take place this Wed 30th March at 7.00pm. The first three talks have been very successful. We look forward to the forthcoming talk on "Praying the Psalms" - Liz Waldy. We have been fortunate to have such good speakers. Please come and join us.

VACANCY: St Anselm's Catholic Primary School are looking for a Midday Supervisor (please see noticeboard for details)

SUNDAY PLUS

Reasons to rejoice



Homecoming

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

People with Alzheimer's can find it hard to recognise people, names and places. This is difficult for both the individual and their family. Yet, sometimes, all that is needed is the creation of a tangible link with days gone by. The present might be a challenge, but the past is there forever – even if sometimes muddled – and it can often be easy to rekindle the spark.

A visitor described to a carer some of Ann's amazing work as a chaplain in a high security prison. Ann was listening.

As if someone had flicked a switch, for a while, she was her old self, speaking about the inmates to whom she had given so much love. For a few precious moments, Ann was not lost. She was found and had come home to those who loved her.

Neither was Ann lost whenever she attended Mass, especially when she received Holy Communion. Until her death, once in the chapel, she knew where she was and why she was there.

The Gospel of the Prodigal Son focuses on three individuals: two sons and their father. We can think of examples of a forgiving, welcoming

father who could uncomplainingly accept back a wayward son and tactfully deal with a jealous grumbler.

There are, however, various ways of being "lost" and "found". Loving someone with Alzheimer's can bring the joy of recognition and encounter with a precious individual, as they are and as they were. Regardless of the present, there is always a beautiful person who, for a moment, can still come home. It's a genuine moment of rejoicing.

Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.

"[The Prodigal Son]... finds himself still dirty, yet dressed for a banquet. For his father does not say: 'Go and have a shower and then come here'. No. He is dirty and dressed for a banquet. He fingers the ring he has been given, which is just like his father's. He has new sandals on his feet. He is in the middle of a party, in the midst of a crowd of people."

Pope Francis

Not lost but found

By Brian Fahy

Dennis Taylor, the snooker player, lost his mother to a sudden and unexpected death in 1985, just as he was about to take part in the World Snooker Championship. "Losing my mother changed me completely," he said. "After losing her I felt I would never fear anything else again. Whatever happened in my life, nothing would cause me to worry ever again."

He gave proof of his calmness and new-found spirit when, after going 8-0 down to Steve Davis, he came back to win a momentous final, 18-17, on the final black.

The Prodigal Son knows all about loss. He squandered so much. He made such a mess – but something told him to go home. He thought himself lost, but his father celebrated him as found. He woke up to how rich he really was.

His older brother had not lost anything, but he hadn't yet found what he was looking for.

Brian Fahy describes himself as an "apprentice poet". His website is to be found at www.errispoetry.com.



Feast of the week

Tuesday 29 March

Ss Gwladys
(d. 500/523) and
Gwynllyw (d. 529)

St Gwladys ferch Brychan, to give her full Welsh name, was an early fifth century Welsh saint. According to some traditions, her father, King Brychan, refused to allow the warrior, King Gwynllyw Milwr to marry his daughter and so Gwynllyw and three hundred soldiers abducted Gwladys. Brychan gave chase and a pitched battle between the two kings was only stopped by

the intervention of a third: King Arthur.

Notorious for his cattle raids and violence, Gwynllyw eventually became a Christian as a result of the example and influence of Gwladys and their son, Cadoc the Wise. He abdicated his throne, founded a monastery and became a hermit. Gwladys joined him for a while in a life of prayer and fasting until she moved away and herself founded a monastery.

Ss Gwynllyw and Gwladys happily left behind their active, political lives as husband and wife in favour of a life of prayer. God was more important than their crowns.

Lord of life and love, watch over, protect and bless everyone who, in whatever way, is lost. Be with their loved ones, their carers and all those who long for the lost one to come home.  Amen.

Today: Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54	Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-3, 5-16	Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30	Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14 Luke 5:31-47	Friday: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-52	Next Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11
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St Anselm's Catholic Primary School



MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor.

6.25 hours per week

KR3 (£18,425 pro-rata)

This is a Term Time Only position (38 weeks per year)

The lunchtime experience should be a positive one in which our children should feel safe, socialise and enjoy themselves.

The role of Midday Supervisor involves a range of tasks including: • playtime supervision • play leading • maintaining clean dining areas • being a good role model for the children.

St Anselm's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Therefore, all appointments are made subject to suitable references and receipt of an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Please contact Karen Woodhams in the school office on 01322 225173 for an application form