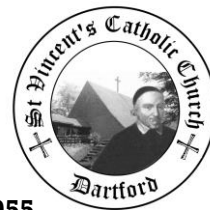


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16 - 24 March 2024

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Saturday	16 Mar	<u>6.30pm</u>	Margaret George RIP – Jenny & Fam	
Sunday	17 Mar	<u>9.00am</u>	Mary D Simmonds – Rocke Fam	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
		<u>10.30am</u>	Good Estate of Robert Markowski – Dale Fam	ST PATRICK
		<u>4.00pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
		<u>5.00pm</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Monday	18 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Good Estate of Rose, Terry and Sonlove - Labouchardiere	
Tuesday	19 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH	ST JOSEPH
		<u>9.00am</u>	Special Intention – Eileen	(SPOUSE OF THE BVM)
Wednesday	20 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH	
		<u>9.00am</u>	HOLY SOULS	
		6.00pm	- 7.00pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR (in the Presbytery)	
		7.00pm	- 8.30pm LENT TALKS: 'Lead us not into Temptation, Deliver us from Evil' –	
Thursday	21 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH	'John Scott'
		<u>9.00am</u>	Eileen Darby RIP (Ann.) – S & D Scowen	
		5.00pm	- 6.00pm – CONFIRMATION CLASS	
		<u>8.15am</u>	Darent Valley Hosp.: Mass: Private Intention	
		<u>4.00pm</u>	RECEPTION OF BODY: MARIE DENISE WARD RIP	
Friday	22 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Mary Downing RIP (Ann.)	
		<u>10.15am</u>	REQUIEM MASS: Denise (Marie) Ward RIP	
		<u>3.30pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Led by St Anselm's Pupils)	
Saturday	23 Mar	<u>10.00am</u>	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans	
		2.00pm	BAPTISM: Brogan Michael Fahey	
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Vincenzo Modesto Ariyo Metcalfe	
		<u>6.30pm</u>	Mr & Mrs Matthew Dolan – K Dolan	
Sunday	24 Mar	<u>9.00am</u>	William Mahon RIP (FM)	PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION
		<u>10.00am</u>	'ASSEMBLE IN PARISH HALL'	of THE LORD (B)
		<u>10.30am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		<u>4.00pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
		<u>5.00pm</u>	HOLY SOULS	

CLEANING TEAMS: 16.03.24: Team 'B' (Karen & Steve Coleman, Gemme Kagho), 24.03.24: Team 'C' (African Community), 29.03.24: Team 'D' (Lesley & Paul Hovell, Doris), 07.04.24: Team 'E' (Edith Ranson, John Murphy), 14/15.04.24: Team 'F' (Filipinos), 20.04.24: Team 'G' (Polish Community)

LENT TALKS: We are fast approaching the end of the Lent season. For our parish the Lent Talks are central to our Lenten observance. This year the presentation has been truly rich and inspiring. So far we had four talks. These were very diverse although all built on the theme of the Our Father. The number of people present was very encouraging.

The participation from those present has been very good. I would like to thank each speaker who kindly took the trouble to prepare their talk. They offered their services for free. Last but not least I would like to thank Kevin Barry and Mrs Laura White for organizing these talks. As a Parish we are very privileged to have their support.

EASTER SEASON: The pinnacle of the Churches liturgy is the Easter Season which brings into perspective God's love for humanity. "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son to live and die for us. Contemplating the suffering Christ during Lent, one begins to understand the meaning of true and divine love. Unconditional love without blemish. Attached to this letter you have the Holy Week Programme. This gives you chance to plan in advance the services you wish to attend.

EASTER POSTER: It is our duty to promote the mystery of Easter. The Easter Poster is a reminder of God's love for humanity. By displaying a poster in our window we remind others of this sacred time, a time of peace as God alone is capable of giving, as He said, Peace I give you not as the world gives it. Christ speaks of His life and death which brought unconditional peace between heaven and earth.

FUNERALS:

- 1) DENISE (MARIE) WARD RIP: Thursday 21.03.2024 - 4.00pm 'RECEPTION OF BODY': Denise Marie Ward
Friday 22.03.2024 at 10.15am Requiem Mass St Vincent's Dartford**
- 2) TOM MADDISON RIP: Monday 25.03.2024 at 2.30pm Requiem Mass St Vincent's Dartford
Followed by Committal at St Michaels & the Angels**
- 3) JAMES CHAMBERS RIP: Tuesday 09.04.2024 at 12 Noon Requiem Mass St Vincent's Dartford**

ST ANSELM'S PARISH SCHOOL: Last week I reported the outcome of the Catholic School inspectorate. Our Parish School of St Anselm's has been found **OUTSTANDING** in all areas.

These are extracts from the report.

What the School does well:

- Catholic life and mission of the school are outstanding in every regard, offering exemplary pastoral support to all staff, pupils, their families, and the wider community.
- Religious education provided by the school engages all pupils, who enjoy their lessons and have good subject knowledge.
- The prayer garden, spaces and communal displays have been thoughtfully and beautifully presented, creating a respectful, purposeful Catholic ambience.
- Staff and pupils are encouraged to develop their skills in planning and delivering effective prayer and liturgy.
- School leaders and governors effectively use their monitoring and evaluation in all areas to promote school improvement.

St Anselm's is a community of faith, serving local families and providing a strong Catholic education. There is an excellent understanding of the mission statement, which pupils reflect on daily, using the mission statement crosses they designed that are displayed in every classroom. There is clear evidence of the centrality of it within the school's affirming, nurturing environment. As a small school, its energetic and inspirational leadership team is deeply committed to the Church's mission and is focused on the ongoing development of the Catholic life of the school. Pupils demonstrate that they understand that they are 'Called to serve'; they recognise the importance of fundraising and: 'Helping people who really need it' by supporting a range of charities. Termly charities nominated by pupils are selected following 'pitches' to the school by pupil groups presenting why their preferred charity should be supported. Pupils enthusiastically take on positions of responsibility, such as being Marians, Franciscan, Faith Friends, Worship Leaders and Buddies. They are committed to these roles and are outstanding ambassadors for the school. Pupils show deep respect for themselves and others, the behaviour of almost all pupils is exemplary; they fully appreciate the importance of reconciliation and they make a mistake, then there will always be: '...a new day and a fresh start'. Pupils feel they are listened to and cared for and that their voice is valued. They also appreciate: 'that the school gives us time reflect on our mistakes'.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH was in the forefront of education for centuries. Over the years it has invested very heavily in terms of personnel and financially. With our schools being state aided we still invest in our buildings.

The Church makes a great efforts to support Catholic education with regards to a holistic approach for the future and the wellbeing of the students entrusted to her.

Catholic parents are encouraged to support Catholic education for their children. Such a wonderful and noble legacy we have received from the past.

Catholic education for all can only exist and survive through a common effort. The challenge that Catholic education is facing is from the philosophy of relativism, which means everything is of equal importance. It is a hidden trap which might undermine Catholic education as we know it. Please continue to support our Catholic Schools at all levels.

PALM SUNDAY: On Palm Sunday in preparation for the Procession of Palms, we all meet at the Parish Centre. The blessing of Palms takes place, then we all process to the Church through the car park. We meet at the PARISH CENTRE at 10.15am and then at 10.30 we process to the car park.

EASTER TRIDIUM: Tridium is a Latin term (meaning three days) used by the Catholic Church to denote the three days from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. The Easter Tridium begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ends after evening prayers at sunset on Easter Day. During the service on Maundy Thursday the Lord's Supper is celebrated with the liturgy of the Washing of the feet. The would be candidates for Confirmation will have their feet washed during the Mass.

POOR PARISHES: (2ndCollection) This week the 16/17 March 2024 a second collection will be held. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese. Please be generous.