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16 July - 4 September 2022

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JULY

Saturday	16 July	10.00am	Carmelo Zammit RIP	OUR LADY OF CARMEL
		12 noon	BAPTISM: Murphy Kathleen Vera Reynolds	
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Eliza Justyna Barczynska	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUN.: Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP- Family	
Sunday	17 July	9.00am	Joseph John Francis RIP – Mrs Renee Francis	<u>16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u>
		10.30am	AFRO CARIBBEAN MASS – Paul Orwa RIP	
		5.00pm	Ronald Nightingale RIP – Mrs Nightingale	
Monday	18 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Mrs Cissie Whelan RIP – (F.M.)	
		2.00pm	WEDDING: Candice Tiffany O'Brien & Shindens William Mitchell	
Tuesday	19 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Thomas Edwin Parsons RIP - (F.M.)	
Wednesday	20 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION -	
		9.00am	Thank You – Mahon Family	
		11.00am	Thames View Crematorium: David John Bell Brennan RIP	
Thursday	21 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Matty Kenneally RIP – Janet Crowley	
Friday	22 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP.: Fr Ernest Bonvini	ST MARY MAGDALENE
		9.00am	Deacon Vincent Bowgett RIP	
Saturday	23 July	10.00am	Moirra Wrenn RIP (Ann.)	ST BRIDGET PATRON OF EUROPE
		11.00am	Baptism: Anashe Annette Rose St John	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUN.: Louise Ruh RIP – Rita Usher	
Sunday	24 July	9.00am	James Vincent Corry RIP (Ann.) - Family	<u>17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u>
		10.30am	Joseph John Francis RIP – Mrs Renee Francis	
		2.00pm	Baptisms: Darius Emmanuel, Daniel Christopher & Joshua Joseph	
		3.00pm	Baptism: Tommy James Foudy	
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Monday	25 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Mary Birkbeck RIP – Lionel & Family	ST JAMES (APOSTLE)
Tuesday	26 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Fr John Lavery RIP	JOACHIM & ANNE (Parents of
		10.00am	Requiem Mass: Jennifer Elizabeth Maffei RIP	Blessed Virgin Mary)
Wednesday	27 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Private Intention – Imee & Ford Family	
Thursday	28 July	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Ann Vigar RIP (Ann.)	
Friday	29 July	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: Joan Bowen RIP	
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Simon Evans RIP - Christine Evans	SS MARTHA, MARTHA & LAZARUS
Saturday	30 July	10.00am	HOLY SOULS	OUR LADY
		3.00pm	Baptism: Isabella Michelle Oliver	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Eileen Mahon RIP – Rita Usher	
Sunday	31 July	9.00am	Helen Preece RIP – Anthony Callinan	<u>18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u>
		10.30am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		1.30pm	WEDDING: Joel Varghese Joseph & Betina Sajimon	
		5.00pm	Joseph John Francis RIP – Renee Francis	

AUGUST

Monday	1 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	William Ward RIP – Pat Kyne & Family	
Tuesday	2 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Michael Egan (Ann.) – Janet Crowley	
Wednesday	3 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Deacon Michael Baldry RIP – Dale Family	
Thursday	4 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Piotr (Peter)Tuszynski RIP (Birthday)	
Friday	5 Aug	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: HOLY SOULS	
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Bridget Lally RIP - Eileen	
Saturday	6 Aug	10.00am	Gwen Mitchell RIP (Ann.)	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP - Family	
Sunday	7 Aug	9.00am	John Joseph Francis RIP – Renee Francis	<u>19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u>
		10.30am	Damien De Silva RIP- De Mello Family	
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Monday	8 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Mary Birkbeck RIP – Lionel & Family	ST DOMINIC
Tuesday	9 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Good Estate of Marie Costello – Eileen	ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS
Wednesday	10 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	(Edith Stein)
		9.00am	William Ward RIP – Chris Colton	
Thursday	11 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans	ST CLARE
Friday	12 Aug	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: HOLY SOULS	
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Nora Whiffin RIP (Ann.)	
Saturday	13 Aug	10.00am	Fr Patrick Geary O.Carm RIP	OUR LADY
		4.30pm	MARRIAGE: <i>Natasha Louise Doyle & Samuel Jeffrey Marriot</i>	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Alice & Joe Collins - Maureen Budaly	
Sunday	14 Aug	9.00am	Barbara Egan RIP -Janet Crowley	<u>THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED</u>
		10.30am	Joseph John Francis RIP – Mrs Renee Francis	<u>VIRGIN MARY</u>
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Monday	15 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Thanksgiving for Birthday – Chinwe Okafor	
Tuesday	16 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Mary Kelly RIP – Sue & Ann	
Wednesday	17 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	HOLY SOULS (Nov List)	
Thursday	18 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Anthony Paul Store RIP (Ann.) - Mother	
Friday	19 Aug	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: HOLY SOULS	
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Kay O'Meara – O'Meara	
Saturday	20 Aug	10.00am	HOLY SOULS	ST BERNARD (ABBOT)
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Sunday	21 Aug	9.00am	Melvin Arroyo	
		10.30am	Joseph John Francis RIP – Renee Francis	<u>21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u>
		5.00pm	Walter (Wally) Henry Nicholas Williams RIP -	
Monday	22 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Lawrence James (Jim) Ellis RIP (Ann.)	THE QUEENSHIP of the B.V.M.
Tuesday	23 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Joe Staunton RIP – Chris Colton	ST ROSE of LIMA
Wednesday	24 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Marcella Mary Morgan RIP - F.M.	ST BARTHOLOMEW (APOSTLE)
Thursday	25 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Deceased Members of the Monaghan Family – (F.M.).	
Friday	26 Aug	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: HOLY SOULS	
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		9.00am	Pat McDonagh RIP – Budaly Family	

Saturday	27 Aug	<u>10.00am</u>	Kay O'Meara – O'Meara Family	ST MONICA
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Thanksgiving Prayer - Carlos Ward & Family	
Sunday	28 Aug	<u>9.00am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	<u>22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</u>
		<u>10.30am</u>	Susan Hoey RIP – Christine Tedman	
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Jim & Eileen Mahon RIP (Ann.) – Patrick & Family	
Monday	29 Aug	<u>10.00am</u>	Alice Collins – O'Boyle	<u>BANK HOLIDAY</u>
				<u>THE PASSION OF ST JOHN the BAPTIST</u>
Tuesday	30 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	ST MARGARET CLITHEROW
		<u>9.00am</u>	For the Souls in Purgatory – Imee Ward	& MARGARET WARD
Wednesday	31 Aug	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Eileen & Jim Mahon	
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>				
Thursday	1 Sept	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Eileen Mahon RIP	
Friday	2 Sept	<u>8.15am</u>	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: Mgr James McGettrick RIP	
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Mgr James McGettrick RIP (Ann.)	
		2.00pm	<u>WEDDING:</u> <i>Leanne Philomena McGinley & Luke John Holland</i>	
Saturday	3 Sept	<u>10.00am</u>	Catherine Alexander RIP (Ann.)	ST GREGORY the GREAT
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Holy Souls	
Sunday	4 Sept	<u>9.00am</u>	Paul Owa RIP	
		<u>10.30am</u>	Janet Seal RIP (Ann.)	<u>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u>
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Sr Agnes & Sr Columba – Elizabeth Nightingale	

CLEANING TEAMS: See New Rota

SUMMER HOLIDAYS:

The Summer offers us time to pause and reflect on the life of the Parish. As we continue to emerge from the Pandemic and its effect we try to discover the immediate and future shape the Parish has to strive for. It is without a doubt the Pandemic affected our parish in terms of membership and practice. Before the Pandemic the congregation had risen to well over six hundred on weekly Mass attendance. The lockdown brought the closure of Churches. During this time a good number of the faithful followed the Mass through streaming. This meant the liturgy reached the home in time of difficulty. It has been an efficacious way of maintaining our religious spirit. A system which is still being in use by a number of people who are such as housebound or lack confidence to meet in a confined space.

Since all restrictions have been removed the congregation has been gathering in much smaller numbers. Now the register of attendance shows the number to be in the region of 300 plus. Of course during the Summer holidays the congregation tends to shrink due to obvious reasons. On Sunday 17th July the ACCA (The African Community) will have a guest priest to celebrate Mass in line with the Community Tradition. It is a day of celebration. The whole parish is invited to join in the celebrations.

After the Summer break we start planning for next September. On 11 September 2022, we shall hold a 'Parish-in-Council' Meeting. This is a time for planning. Everyone will be invited to participate. We hope to have a cross section of the Parish represented.

CONFIRMATION

In January fifty six children were confirmed by our Archbishop John Wilson. It was truly a happy and wonderful occasion. The pandemic meant that the date of Confirmation had to be postponed twice. In spite of the difficulties the pandemic created our candidates remained steadfast in their resolve and attended every meeting.

Now we look forward to a fresh start. The recruitment has already started. Twenty candidates have applied. We hope that by September most of the recruitment will more or less be done.

If there are any possible candidates for Confirmation out there I ask them to fill in the application form and return to the Presbytery.

JUNIOR CLUB: The Junior Club has served our young children for just over thirty years. This gives our children time to come together as a section of the Parish community. Experience has shown that these youngsters proceed to the Senior Club. Many of them continue to live under the umbrella of the church. Again I have already received a number of applications. The programme will start in September. You can join at any time. I advise you to apply early.

SENIOR CLUB: The Senior Club caters for our young parishioners from the age twelve upwards. Over the years it has proved to be a great success. Many diverse activities, that included travelling abroad. In recent years the pandemic and the electronic world has proved a challenge. In spite of these challenges, I still hope to be able to revive the club. As a matter of fact, the recruiting has already started.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

The Eucharist is central to our belief in Christ as Catholics. Pope Pius X made it possible for children to receive the Eucharist in the belief that children have the capacity to distinguish between right and wrong, therefore they can make distinction between ordinary bread and wine and consecrated element which constitute the Eucharist. This of course needs a degree of Catechesis.

In our Parish we have a team of catechists who most generously give their time for such a noble ministry. Our Parish School too plays an integral part in the Church mission. The Parish Programme is a two year programme. The first year they attend the Bible Club. Here they explore some of the main stories of the people of God found in the Old Testament. They study figures such as Abraham, Moses and Joseph. The children start attending the Bible Club when they reach year two. Once they move to year three they start the second year of preparation. During this year the children are instructed on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist (Christ' real presence).

On 4 July we held a meeting for parents whose child, children will receive the Eucharist in the year 2023. Some parents might have missed the notice. There is still time to apply. If a parent wishes to do so, you are requested to pick up a form from the back of the Church, and once filled return to the Presbytery.

Prior to starting the children's course, we hold a series of talks for parents. Those parents who attended the meeting on 4 July have already received a programme for those meetings. For the benefit of new applicants here is the programme:

PARENTS TIMETABLE

<u>DATE & TIME</u>	<u>TALK</u>
1) <u>Thurs</u> 8 September 2022 – 7.00pm-8.00pm	"Faith & Christian Values"
2) <u>Thurs</u> 15 September 2022 – 7.00pm-8.00pm	"The Faith of my Child Matters"
3) <u>Thurs</u> 22 September 2022 – 7.00pm-8.00pm	"Sharing the Faith with my Child"
4) <u>Thurs</u> 29 September 2022 – 7.00pm-8.00pm	"Reconciliation"
5) <u>Thurs</u> 6 October 2022 – 7.00pm-8.00pm	"Eucharist"

An invitation will go out in September to all those who applied to discuss and form the programme. The programme will be in line with their taste and preferences. If you wish to apply forms have been made available. These forms are available at the back of the church.

WHY A RELIGIOUS FUNERAL: With the passage of time the real making of a religious funeral has been lost it's importance. There are various reasons for this. The lack of catechesis is a contributory factor. The Requiem mass is the most efficacious way of ensuring that beatific vision which we all aspire to. When evening falls we await God's mercy during the time of purgation. It is only the prayers of others that can bring us to our beatific vision. There we shall enter into God's glory.

HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE: The nature of hospital care has seen great change. What was once taken for granted is no longer the case. To make sure you receive Spiritual Pastoral care, one must make sure to specify Your religious denomination. For us the term Roman Catholic is used. By doing this one is reassured of the pastoral care required including the sacraments. On arriving at the hospital together with your other details make sure your religious denomination is registered.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

This year's feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Catholic Church has been in the for front in the field of education for a number of centuries. In Europe in general and in particular Bologna, Italy we have the founding of the first university (1088). European Universities concentrated upon science and research, their studies and philosophies having shaped the contemporary university. The original Medieval universities arose from the Roman Catholic Church Schools. Since that time Catholic Education has seen many changes. The Church has provided us with various documents relating to Catholic Education. In her latest document, 'The Identity of the Catholic School', the Church reminds us of the importance of the Identity of Catholic Education. Pope Francis in his observation in relaunching the 'Global Compact of Education', states, 'To educate us is to take a risk and to hold out to the present hope that can shatter the determination and fatalism that the selflessness of the strong the conformism of the weak and the ideology, of the utopians would convince us (that it) is the only way forward. Only a strong and united action by the Church in the field of education in an increasingly fragmented and conflict riddled World can contribute to both to the evangelising mission entrusted to her by Jesus and to the construction of a world in which human persons feel they are brothers and sisters, become, 'Only with this awareness of being children that we are not orphans can we live in peace among ourselves'.

HISTORY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN ENGLAND & WALES

600AD

The Catholic church was the first provider of schools and universities in England. The earliest school were Cathedral and Monastic schools established from the late sixth century onwards.

1100AD - Foundation of Universities at Oxford and Cambridge

1534AD - THE ENGLISH REFORMATION - At the Reformation in the 11th century, the monasteries were suppressed and the existing schools re-founded. The Catholic Church's role as a provider of public education serving England and Wales was forced to go underground or abroad.

1800AD - By the 1800's most of the English Catholic schools which had been based in France to avoid persecution have returned to England.

1847AD - The Bishops of England and Wales (at the time still vicars-apostolic) from the Catholic Poor School Committee, the forerunner to the modern Catholic Education Service.

1850AD - The Restoration of the Hierarchy to the Catholic hierarchy was restored in England and Wales in 1850. Because the Church evolved education of the poor was to be their priority, often building schools before churches.

1944AD - 1944 marked the passing of the Education Act 1944 where most Catholic schools became '?? Schools. This meant they remained part of the state system whilst retaining their distinctly Catholic ethos through various legal protections which continue to apply to Catholic School to this day.

2005AD - The first Catholic School was granted academy status.

2012AD - By 2012 all former Catholic Teachers Training Colleges had been granted university status. Considering the above the Catholic Church has laid the foundation for universal education in these lands. In spite of the difficulties that the Church encountered it has remained faithful to educate God's people in every way possible. This historical graph should make us want to retain the pride of place in the field of education in the struggles and to show a greater appreciation of such a rich and unique heritage. From its history the Church continues to provide that universal mission of educating all people of good will. As a Parish we are privileged to have a Catholic School. It is highly desirable for the Catholic in particular to choose Catholic education. Our Parish Catholic School of St Anselm's deserves your support.

APOSTOLIC LETTER: DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI

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The Liturgy: the "today" of salvation history

2. *"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."* (Lk 22:15) These words of Jesus, with which the account of the Last Supper opens, are the crevice through which we are given the surprising possibility of intuiting the depth of the love of the persons of the Most Holy Trinity for us.

3. Peter and John were sent to make preparations to eat that Passover, but in actual fact, all of creation, all of history — which at last was on the verge of revealing itself as the history of salvation — was a huge preparation for that Supper. Peter and the others are present at that table, unaware and yet necessary. Necessary because every gift, to be gift, must have someone disposed to receive it. In this case, the disproportion between the immensity of the gift and the smallness of the one who receives it is infinite, and it cannot fail to surprise us. Nonetheless, through the mercy of the Lord, the gift is entrusted to the Apostles so that it might be carried to every man and woman.

4. No one had earned a place at that Supper. All had been invited. Or better said: all had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat that Passover with them. He knows that he is the Lamb of that Passover meal; he knows that he *is* the Passover. This is the absolute newness, the absolute originality, of that Supper, the only truly new thing in history, which renders that Supper unique and for this reason "the Last Supper," unrepeatable. Nonetheless, his infinite desire to re-establish that communion with us that was and remains his original design, will not be satisfied until every man and woman, *from every tribe, tongue, people and nation* (Re 5:9), shall have eaten his Body and drunk his Blood. And for this reason that same Supper will be made present in the celebration of the Eucharist until he returns again.

5. The world still does not know it, but everyone is *invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb* (Re 19:9). To be admitted to the feast all that is required is the wedding garment of faith which comes from the hearing of his Word (cf. Ro 10:17). The Church tailors such a garment to fit each one with the whiteness of a garment *bathed in the blood of the Lamb*. (Re 7:14). We must not allow ourselves even a moment of rest, knowing that still not everyone has received an invitation to this Supper or knowing that others have forgotten it or have got lost along the way in the twists and turns of human living. This is what I spoke of when I said, "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." (Evangelii gaudium, n. 27). I want this so that all can be seated at the Supper of the sacrifice of the Lamb and live from Him.

Summertime 2022



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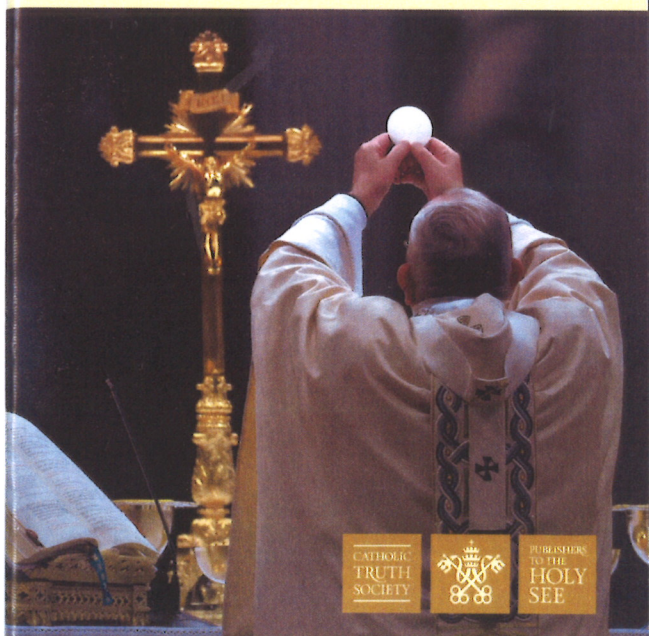
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Apostolic Letter



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