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11 - 19 March 2023



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Saturday 11 Mar 12noon

BAPTISM: Michael Patrick O'Brien

6.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Martha Collins RIP – Dan McCarthy

Sunday 12 Mar 9.00am

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10.30am

Kazimier John Kulczycki RIP

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

4.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5.00pm

Fr Richard Quinlan RIP (Ann.)

Monday 13 Mar 8.30am

EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

9.00am

Good Estate of Rosa & Terry Love - Labouchardiere

Tuesday 14 Mar 8.30am

EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

9.00am

Joseph Mannummal RIP

Wednesday 15 Mar 9.00am

Kay Sharp RIP (Ann.)

6.00pm

- 7.00pm - **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

7.00pm

- 8.30pm **LENT TALK: No 3 – 'Gospel of St Mark' – by John Scott**

Thursday 16 Mar 8.30am

EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

9.00am

Tom Hoey RIP – Christine Tedman

Friday 17 Mar 8.15am

DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mass: HOLY SOULS

ST PATRICK

8.30am

EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

9.00am

Getta Manning RIP - Eileen

3.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Led by the Children of St Anselm's School

4.00pm

JUNIOR CLUB (Hall – ball games)

Saturday 18 Mar 10.00am

Marie Ingarfill RIP (Ann.)

OUR LADY

2.00pm

BAPTISM: Piper Madeleine Wonnacott

6.30pm

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Tom Usher RIP - Tim Gibbs

9.00am

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – Knights Presentation

10.30am

Joe Francis RIP

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

4.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5.00pm

Rose & Terry Foreman RIP (Ann.) F.M.

CLEANING TEAMS: 11.03.23: Team 'B' (Gemma Kagho, Karen & S. Coleman), 19.03.23 Team 'C' (African Community), 21.03.23 Team 'D' (L. Hovell, Doris)

PERU PROJECT: We all had a chance to look at the display of photographs on our church notice board. It is amazing what a parish can achieve. Showing the remarkable work done in the name of Christ for his people by Fr Alex and his team. Serving a parish is at the grew from fifteen hundred to thirteen thousand parishioners. The parish is at the foot of the mountain called Misty. The people leave the heights of the mountain to look for work near the city. Poverty is the driving force. The Parish caters for both the spiritual and temporal welfare of it's people. Fr Alex and his team with the assistance of benefactors like you has worked wonders. This weekend a retiring collection will take place as previously announced. You have been provided with an envelope marked 'PERU PROJECT'. This you may hand in or place it in the bag at the Retiring Collection.

SCHOOL MASS: We are a privileged Parish to have a Parish School. Even more privileged to have such excellent support between the Parish and the school. This Sunday is an example of that. With us at our 10.30am Mass we shall have members of the teaching staff, parents, pupils and parishioners. We gather together as one community of faith. The school children take an active part at the Mass by providing the singing, readings and taking part in the Offertory Procession. One has to acknowledge the generosity of our teachers who volunteer after a busy week at school. The active participation of children at Mass is an inspiration. We very much hope that a greater participation is engendered, to other pupils by such an example. As I thank the parents here present, I invite the other parents to join us at our next Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – The devotion of the 'Stations of the Cross' during Lent is central to the practice of meditation. We accompany Jesus on his journey to the cross. Each of the 12 Stations opens up the character of Jesus in the light of his mission as our Redeemer. If we die with Him we shall rise with Him. When we attend the devotion of the Stations of the Cross we are making a conscious decision to walk by side with Him. As a community this devotion is practiced twice a week. On Friday some of the teaching staff, parents and parishioners led by the children participate in the stations. I would like to encourage all parents of our school children of St Anselm's to participate in this devotion. The whole school is invited. The second communal devotion is on Sunday at 4.00pm. Again, this is open to all parishioners. Deacon Michael leads this devotion. For private devotion the Church is open every day. A second set of the devotion is found in the Crying Chapel.

LENT TALKS: This week's theme for LENT TALK is, 'THE GOSPEL of MARK'. I continue to encourage everyone to join us for this Lent exercise. Time to reflect and pray over the Gospels the source of our faith.

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 part of the Mass. It is prudent and highly desirable for one to be present at least 5 minutes before the service. This provides us with time to 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 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.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: 17 March 2023 - There is Mass at 12.30pm at the IRISH CLUB, Dartford. The Mass intention is Joe Staunton RIP.