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13 March – 22 March 2021

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Saturday	13 Mar	6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday: Vincent Jude Ounsworth – Helena Ounsworth
Sunday		8.00am	Fatima Mesquita RIP .) 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)
	14 Mar	10.00am	Holy Souls
		12 Noon	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		5.00pm	Mary O'Riordan RIP – Helen, Noel and Bernard O'Sullivan
Monday	15 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		9.00am	Joy Mannummal RIP Joy Ansy Jonathan
Tuesday	16 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		9.00am	Michael Minton RIP – Mike and Cecilia Jacobs
Wednesday	17 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		9.00am	Miriam – Labouchardiere ST PATRICK (Patron of Ireland)
Thursday	18 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic
		9.00am	Good Estate of Michael McDonagh - Stevens
Friday	19 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – Deliverance from the Pandemic ST JOSEPH (Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary)
		9.00am	Abildine D'Souza RIP - Dacunna Family
Saturday	20 Mar	10.00am	Good Estate of Ann McKinney - Greg
		6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday: Elvina Parsons RIP (Ann.) Foundation Mass
Sunday	21 Mar	8.00am	Rita Nancy Foster RIP (Ann.) 5th SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)
		10.00am	Eileen Darby RIP (Ann.) S & D Scowen
		12 Noon	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		5.00pm	Good Estate of Raffaella DiMario

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST

DAILY EXPOSITION: Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am

TEA ROTA: ON HOLD

CLEANING TEAMS: TBC

RIP ANNIVERSARY : James Lappin, Lena Mills, Terence Lynch, Maureen Squires, Hugh Crane, Edith Minogue, Kenneth Coomber, Elizabeth O'Reilly, May Bentley, Mary Thomson, Patrick Henry, Maggie Havard, James Carr, Monsie Hubden, Maureen Painter, Kathleen Callinan, Margaret Manning, Lilian Corley, Michael O'Neill, Maureen Bentley, James Varley, Wladyslaw Cierpol, Eileen Darby, Rita Foster, Helen Hills, Teresa Broome – May they rest in peace.

MEDITATION ON GOOD FRIDAY: Good Friday is the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. From the early days of Christianity, Good Friday was observed as a day of sorrow, penance and fasting. This year, Good Friday is celebrated on April 2nd, 2021.

There are a number of ways to meditate on Christ's Passion. St Ignatius of Loyola – founder of The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) – in his spiritual exercises, in the third week of the month retreat, he dedicated to the Contemplation of the Passion of Our Lord. In other words, instead of viewing the Passion from afar, St Ignatius brings it to us right now. The following are some suggestions:

- 1) Read the Biblical Passion Account: Gospels Mt 26-27; Mk 14 – 15; Lk 22-23; Jn 18-19
- 2) Contemplate the Crucifix.
- 3) Way of the Cross (Parish Website – meditation by school children)
- 4) Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
- 5) Meditate the seven last words of Christ:
 - Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing.
 - I thirst.
 - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 - Woman behold thy son, son behold thy mother.
 - Amen I say to you: today you will be with me in Paradise.
 - Into your hands I commend my spirit.
 - It is finished.

Which of these words (or short sentences) which were the last words that Jesus uttered from the pulpit of the cross, seem to touch you the most? Enter into a deep conversation with Jesus over the words; He is longing to talk to you.

- 6) Let us seek Mary's assistance. The sorrowful mother (Our Lady of Sorrows). Aside from Jesus Himself, nobody ever suffered or loved as much as Our Lady. The mother who stood valiantly at the foot of the cross.

FEAST OF ST PATRICK: Wednesday 17th March is the feast of St Patrick. The mass which normally takes place at the Irish Club, this year will take place at St Anselm's Parish at 12.30pm. Blessing of Shamrock.

EASTER SERVICES: This year, we are able to hold the Easter services with certain restrictions. One of these restrictions is the number of persons able to attend each service. In our parish, we are limited to sixty persons. For this reason, I would like those parishioners who wish to attend to ask for a card. You are required to give your name and phone number. Should the service be oversubscribed, we will inform of a possible extra service at a later hour.

This possibility applies to a) The Mass of the Lord's Supper, b) Good Friday and c) the Easter Vigil.

As from this Sunday, you may ask for your ticket for any service or services you wish to attend. Our policy is first come, first served. Should the number of requests exceed the establishment quota by a reasonable number, a second service will be held. There will be half an hour between one service and the next for church sanitisation.

CHURCH STEWARDS: Once again I would like to thank all church stewards who helped to keep the church open during this pandemic.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent, children from our parish school of St Anselm's lead the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. Due to Coronavirus restrictions, they are unable to do so this year. Instead, the children have recorded the meditations and have created a video to support families to journey with Jesus each week from the comfort of their homes. This can be accessed via the parish website <https://www.stvincentsrcchurch.org/sotc2021> or via the school's website <https://stanselms.primarysite.media/>

PERU: On behalf of Fr Alex, I would like to thank those who have already contributed towards the Peruvian Project. I continue to encourage you in supporting this project during the season of Lent. Your generosity improves the life of so many needy people, especially in protection their health during the pandemic. In the church we have a box marked 'Peru' to receive your contribution.