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1-9 April 2017

PARISH PRIEST:			Fr Patrick Zammit	Tel: 01322 279955
PERMANENT DEACON:			Rev Michael Dale	
PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's			Headteacher – Mrs Laura White	Tel: 01322 225173
Saturday	1 April	6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUN: Moritz & Ida Schubiger - Rita Usher	
Sunday	2 April	9.00am	Birthday of Dorothy Russell - Michael Russell	
		11.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	<u>5th SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)</u>
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Euan Stevenson	
		4.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
		5.00pm	Frank Hynes RIP - Jimmy & Valerie Martin	
		*	NO SENIOR CLUB (resumes after holiday)	
Monday	3 April	9.00am	Donney Coleman RIP - Family	
		2.00pm	- 3.00pm - MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP	
Tuesday	4 April	9.00am	Dr Frank Vella	
Wednesday	5 April	9.00am	Karen Capocci RIP - David Capocci	
		2.30pm	SENIOR PARISHIONER'S TEA PARTY	
		7.00pm	LENT TALK (5th session: 'Explanation of the historical events of Passion Week')	
Thursday	6 April	9.00am	Anne & Norman Smith - Moira Oldham	
		7.00pm	CONFIRMATION: PARENT'S MEETING	
Friday	7 April	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: For the Deceased Clergy of Southwark	
		9.00am	Mrs Rita Kelly RIP - Pat McIntyre	
		3.30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
		*	NO - JUNIOR CLUB (Resumes after holiday)	
Saturday	8 April	10.00am	Mary Hanks & Family - Michael & Shirley Minton	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUN: Mrs Josie Latter RIP - Mary Kelly	
Sunday	9 April	9.00am	Tom McCarthy - Carmel & Chris White	
		11.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	<u>PALM SUNDAY (YEAR A)</u>
		12.30pm	SYRO MALABAR MASS	
		2.30pm	BAPTISM: George Christopher Few	
		4.00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
		5.00pm	Keith Blacker RIP - Enda Blacker	
		6.00pm	SENIOR CLUB (Youth group)	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Sat from 10.30am - 11.00am and 5.45pm - 6.15pm

DAILY EXPOSITION: Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am **TEA ROTA: check your new rota**

CLEANING TEAMS: 02.04.17 Team 'C' (African Community), 11.04.17 Team 'D' (L Hovell, P Wall)

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN:

"The number of priests retired from active ministry will increase to an estimated peak of 93 by 2018. Thanks to advances in health care and increasing life expectancy they can look forward to a longer retirement than their predecessors. In the past retired priests were often cared for by nuns in return for chaplaincy services. Today the number of religious orders has declined and such arrangements are no longer possible.

The funds the Diocese has available to support sick and retired priests come from an annual levy on each parish, income from investments and donations. As the number of priests has risen, costs have increased to the extent that the diocese is now drawing on central reserves each year to make up the shortfall. Whilst this does not create an immediate crisis, the situation must be addressed now, as the shortfall will gradually reach a level that the Diocese will have great difficulty in sustaining. The amount we set to achieve by 2018 is £4,505,000. However, since the launch of the Pilot Campaign, almost £3 million has already been raised, so our target is just over £1.5 million. As the financial need up to 2018 is clear, the Campaign invites your support over four years. Towards the end of that period the scale of future need will become more apparent, allowing for an informed decision to be made about the future. The Diocese is meeting all the costs of the Campaign through the Archbishop's Special Purpose Fund and all monies raised are paid in to a specially established and ring-fenced account."

The information above gives us a perfect picture of this appeal. One cannot help notice the generosity shown so far by a good number of people. We are more or less at the end of the line with this appeal.

This weekend three members of the team will visit our parish. They are Tom Mullaly, John Rea and Carmelo Zammit. They will give a presentation on Saturday at 11am at the Conference Centre. On Sunday a brief introduction to the appeal at the 9am Mass followed by a meeting. This will be repeated at the 5pm Mass. For those who have already shown interest they should have received a formal invitation. Your support will be highly appreciated. It is a mark of recognition of the good services rendered by many a priest.

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S TEA PARTY: The next Senior Parishioner's Tea Party will take place on Wednesday 5th April at 2.30pm at the Presbytery.

Last Week's Offertory: 26.03.17- £1141.90