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21 - 29 November 2020

Saturday	21 Nov	6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: Gerald McGlynn – Mary McGlynn
Sunday	22 Nov	10.00am	Mrs Elizabeth Kouassi RIP OUR LORD CHRIST THE KING (YEAR A)
Monday	23 Nov	9.00am 9.30am	Fr Timothy Daly RIP - 10.00am EXPOSITION & ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
Tuesday	24 Nov	9.00am 9.30am	Good Estate of Ogbuadike & Family ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC - 10.00am EXPOSITION & ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
Wednesday	25 Nov	9.00am 9.30am	Fr Patrick Best RIP - 10.00am EXPOSITION & ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
Thursday	26 Nov	9.00am 9.30am 4.00pm	Canon John O'Friel RIP - 10.00am EXPOSITION & ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic Reception of Body: PATRICK CORNELIUS MURPHY
Friday	27 Nov	9.00am 9.30am 1.00pm	Maria Crisci – Alberto Crisci EXPOSITION & ADORATION - Deliverance from the Pandemic Requiem Mass: PATRICK CORNELIUS MURPHY RIP
Saturday	28 Nov	10.00am 6.30pm	Mrs Elizabeth Kouassi RIP OUR LADY FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Sunday	29 Nov	10.00am	Tom Hoey RIP (Ann.) - Family FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST **DAILY EXPOSITION:** ON HOLD **TEA ROTA:** ON HOLD **CLEANING TEAMS:** ON HOLD

RIP: ANNIVERSARY ANNE ENRIGHT, KLEMENS DEMPC, SHEILA ROOT, KEVIN THORNE, STANLEY HOOD, GERALD McGLYNN, WILLIAM BAKER, VERONICA WELSTEAD, MARGARET NASH, TIMOTHY HIGGINS, M. HEYWOOD, PHILIP DORE, FRANCIS HARTLEY, AUBREY HUGH WITTENBAKER, RONALD COOK, PATRICK STACK, EDITH MARY WINGROVE, FRANCIS TIBBY, MALDWIN JIM FEARN, IDA BARBER, DOROTHY LEONARD, GLADYS GAUSDEN, LAURIE MAYELL, SARAH MAHON, SIDNEY COUCHMAN, FLORENCE CONNETT, JAMES BOLTON, PATRICK MURPHY, ELMO ROWLANDS, ROBERT BONNICK, MARGARET STEVENS, BRIDGET McMANAMON, TOM HOEY. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Notwithstanding uncertainties for Christmas preparations I am making the following provisions for the traditional Christmas Services for the parish. For this Christmas I am making the following suggestions: On Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th December two masses will be said at **4.00pm and 5.30pm** with children in mind. The number of people present must not exceed the figure of 60.

These Masses will be followed by **MIDNIGHT MASS**.

You can stream the mass at www.stvincentsrcchurch.org/live-mass as well as on our Facebook page.

On Christmas Day the time of Mass will be as follows: 8.00am 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am

Only 60 people will be allowed at each Mass to comply with the present regulations. One is able to obtain a ticket for the Mass from next Sunday 8th November. For each Mass there will be Sixty tickets requesting the time chosen. Once the tickets for a particular Mass is given out, another Mass time has to be chosen.

All the above arrangements are conditional subject to change should we receive fresh instructions

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS: All Masses published in the newsletter will be streamed. All Masses said during the Lock Down will be said behind closed doors and NO congregation.

Church Opening Times: Since the Second Lockdown our Churches are not free to hold Communal Services apart from Funerals. Church buildings are to remain open for private prayer. At our parish the Church is open for prayer from 9.30am in the morning till 6.00pm in the evening. From 9.30am-10.00am there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a time of adoration and prayer. The Eucharistic presence remains the focal point of our prayer life. Anyone present at the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is reminded to pray to the Lord to free humanity from the Covid Pandemic and for the same humanity to return to God in acknowledging Him as the Father who sustains humanity and on whom we all subsist. Let us pray for God's mercy.

STREAMING: All regular Masses are being streamed including the Monday to Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Website: www.stvincentschurch.org/live – Mass as well as our Facebook page.

ADVENT: The likelihood is that this Advent due to the Corona Virus we are going to have more time on our hands. It is true that some of us are growing weary as to the present state of affairs and the way of life. Reading for many years was a common feature in society. People read at home, on trains, during their spare time, waiting in a queue for an appointment and on many other occasions. There is plenty of good reading. In regards to our faith and church orientation, good reading could be found. I suggest the last Encyclical letter of Pope Francis entitled "Fratelli Tutti", on fraternity and social friendship. This Encyclical throws light on the present state of affairs and provides a great understanding of the many changes they have changed and are changing the world today. One can obtain a copy from the Catholic Truth Society (www.ctsbooks.org). You can also read it from the Vatican Website.

SUNDAY FEAST: This Sunday is the feast of Christ the King of the Universe.

ADVENT: Should we miss coming together this Advent, we can still direct our thoughts on God's plan of Salvation for the whole of humanity. Traditions so highly desired remain means to an end even religious traditions. In some ways the religious aspect has lost its meaning in some quarters, but when that meaning persists faced with drastic changes, a new door opens. Now we have been provided with a gift of time which we can turn to our good. It makes us healthy thinkers in the art of Christian faith. Here we discover untold riches which the world has forgotten. Our daily thoughts could become much more Christ centred. Looking through the prism of faith we can see outstanding individual colours of the rainbow. This process should fill our hearts with joy, but above all with contentment. Here we reach a point of not wanting for anything else apart from God's pure love in freedom. Let us change the commercial and sentimental Christmas into a new and happy life in Christ. True happiness that fills every compartment of our being.

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Admission to Reception Class for September 2021

If you have a child born between 1/9/16 and 31/8/17 you can apply for a place in the Reception Class at St Anselm's Catholic Primary School.

You will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF). The SIF is available from the school office or you can download a copy from the school website www.st-anselms.kent.sch.uk. All completed SIFs must be submitted to St Anselm's Catholic Primary school by the 15th January 2021. This year you may also submit your SIF via email to secretary@st-anselms.kent.sch.uk

You will also need to complete a local authority online application form via www.kent.gov.uk/ola The online application process opens on 5th November 2020 and closes on 15th January 2021.

Please note both forms must be completed.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no open mornings and tours of the school this year. Instead, the school has produced a video which will be available to view on the school website

In addition to this the school will be holding a virtual coffee morning on Tuesday 24th November at 9.30am for prospective parents to meet Mrs White, the Headteacher and Mrs Beckley, the Deputy Headteacher and Early Years Leader. This will be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions about the school or the admissions process. If this is something that you would like to take part in, please register via the online form which can be found on the school website under Key Information and Admissions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.