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**29 February - 8 March 2020**

Saturday	29 Feb	11.00am	<b>Baptism: Santiago Romeo D'Amato</b>
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Ida Schubiger - Rita Usher
Sunday	1 March	9.00am	Andrew Creighton RIP - Creighton Family <b><u>FIRST SUNDAY of LENT (A)</u></b>
		11.00am	James Downey RIP - Downey Family
		3.30pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
		5.00pm	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
Monday	2 March	9.00am	Fr Peter McPolin RIP (Ann.)
		2.00pm	- 3.00pm (MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP)
Tuesday	3 March	9.00am	Private Int.- Anon.
Wednesday	4 March	9.00am	John Murphy - Jude Pimenta
		3.30pm	- 4.30pm CATECHISM CLASS
		6.30pm	- 7.30pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		<b>7.00pm</b>	- <b>8.30pm - LENT: PARISH TALK/WORKSHOP</b>
			HEADING: 'THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE' - An Introduction by Kevin Barry
Thursday	5 March	9.00am	John O'Connor RIP (Ann.) - Janet Crowley
		5.30pm	- 6.30pm <b>CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>
Friday	6 March	8.15am	Darent Valley Hospital: <b>MASS</b> - Holy Souls
		9.00am	James Gordon Bentley RIP (Ann.) - Tina Bentley & Family
		<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> (led by pupils of St Anselm's School)
		4.15pm	- 7.00pm <b>Junior Club</b> (Quasar Lazer)
Saturday	7 March	10.00am	Mavis Joan Taylor RIP - Bernard & Miriam <b>OUR LADY</b>
		10.30am	- 11.30am CATECHISM CLASS
		6.30pm	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP - Family
Sunday	8 March	9.00am	Christopher Rocke RIP - Una Rocke <b><u>SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (A)</u></b>
		11.00am	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
		5.00pm	In Thanksgiving - Sarah Oluyemi - Family

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

**DAILY EXPOSITION:** Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am, Sat 9.30-10am

**TEA ROTA:** check your new rota

**CLEANING TEAMS:** TBC

**LENT:** The children from St Anselm's School and many Parishioner's attended Mass and were signed by ashes. Here we set on a lent journey in discovering through various devotions practises and religious readings the mystery of Christ act of Redemption. By choosing a form of Penance we are entering the school of divine love which often requires a degree of self sacrifice. Christ's forty days in the desert is a reminder of the need we have to find that discipline which affords a unique path which leads to Christ forsaken. Forsaken for our benefit. I encourage everyone to search for a particular practise which enables us to find a true meaning a purpose in life.

**LENT TALKS:** This year's theme for the Lent Talks is, 'The Word of God'. The Bible is the most printed and published book in the history of the world but how many of us read it regularly. How many of us understand it's importance in our Christian lives? This year 2020, is the year of the Word, and to help us improve our understanding of the Word of God we are having six talks/workshops on aspects of the Scriptures during the period of Lent. You are encouraged to attend one or all of the talks on Wednesday in Lent and you will have a chance to learn a little more about your faith and the importance of the scriptures in your faith. The first one is on Wed 4th March at the Conference Centre.

**STATIONS of the CROSS:** The devotion of the Stations of the Cross for Lent takes place twice a week on Friday at 3.30pm and Sunday at 4.00pm. The Friday devotion is led by the parish school children. Meditating on the Stations of the Cross is one way of exploring Christ forsaken. Attached to last weeks newsletter is a sheet which gives you a history of the devotion.

**LENT LITERATURE:** Apart from the attached notes the following literature is available: (1) 'MY DAY BY DAY' (Adults) - £1, (2) MY DAY BY DAY (Junior) - 50p, (3) MY DAY BY DAY (Infants) - 50p, (4) LENT EXTRA (Repository) - £2 For other Lent Literature please consult the CTS rack in Church Porch.

**2ND Collection 'FOR POOR PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE':** This weekend there will be a 2nd collection. This collection is to help poorer parishes of the diocese.

**APPEAL: CAFOD** - Is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and is part of Caritas International Federation. An appeal will take place this weekend and the next. Cafod envelopes will be attached to the newsletter.

**PERU:** Fr Alex is planning to visit us during the month of May. We look forward to his visit. You may wish to make a Lent contribution towards the Peruvian Project. A box marked 'PERU' to receive your donations is in the crying chapel.

**Last Week's Offertory:** 23.02.2020 - £970.25