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<u> 17 - 25 February 2024</u>

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Saturday	17 Feb	6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: HOLY SOULS
Sunday	18 Feb	9.00am	Maria Iarossi RIP – Annibale Falzon 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
,		10.30am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		4.00pm	
		5.00pm	Marie Ingarfill RIP (Ann.)
Monday	19 Feb	8.30am	
•		<u>9.00am</u>	Rose & Terry Foreman RIP (F.M.)
Tuesday	20 Feb	8.30am	
-		<u>9.00am</u>	Good Estate of Vera Petit – Labouchardiere
Wednesday	21 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		<u>9.00am</u>	Donor's Int Anon
		6.00pm	- 7.00pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR (in the Presbytery)
		7.00pm	- 8.30pm LENTEN TALKS: The Our Father – Introduction – Kevin Barry
Thursday	22 Feb	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH THE CHAIR OF
·		<u>9.00am</u>	Rita Costello RIP – Eileen ST PETER THE APOSTLE
Friday	23 Feb	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: MASS: Fr Richard Quinlan RIP (Ann.)
-		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		<u>9.00am</u>	
		<u>3.30pm</u>	
Saturday	24 Feb	<u>10.00am</u>	
		3.00pm	
		<u>6.30pm</u>	
Sunday	25 Feb	<u>9.00am</u>	Jamesie Moger RIP – Carmel White 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
		<u>10.30am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		2.00pm	
		3.00pm	
		<u>4.00pm</u>	
		<u>5.00pm</u>	HOLY SOULS

CLEANING TEAMS: 24/25.02.24: Team 'F' (Filipino Community), Team 'G': 02.03.24 (Polish Community),09.03.24: Team 'A' (S & D), 16.03.24: Team'B' (Karen & Steve Coleman, Gemme Kagho)

LENT TALKS: Attending the Parish Lent Talks is something special one could do for this Lent. One might say I have never been to any of these talks before. One can forget that and resolve to do something special for THIS LENT. Christ dipped his toes in the desert and stayed for forty days and forty nights. During this time He was able to overcome temptation, school himself in the art of self-discipline through fasting and constant prayer. He fortified his human side in preparation for His mission to save mankind through the prayer of the passion and the crucifixion. In these talks one is trying to broaden our horizon on this great mystery as to why, He who was innocence itself had to humble himself and endure so much suffering at the hands of his own creatures. I truly hope that many of us see it fit to attend all the talks or some according to our disposition. A bit of effort pays dividends.

<u>STATIONS of THE CROSS</u>: The Stations of the Cross are a Lenten devotion throughout the Catholic Church. A person is free to practice this devotion by oneself.

The Parish conducts this devotion on each Sunday afternoon during Lent. The time is 4.00pm. On Friday our school children of St Anselm's lead the devotions of the Stations of the Cross. Present will be members of the Staff, school children, parents and other Parishioners. By this devotion we accompany Jesus from the moment He was condemned to death to the Crucifixion. This is important for the children of the Parish if they attend a Catholic School or not to have the opportunity to reflect on Christ love for humanity and the high price for our salvation.

I encourage parents of St Anselm's School and others to afford their children the opportunity to grow in the knowledge of the suffering Christ, Our Redeemer. We owe everything to Him. Let us hope for a greater participation and support the children who guide through this devotion.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - 17/18 February 2024: "DO NOT REJECT ME IN MY OLD AGE"

The 2nd Collection this week is in support of the Clergy Support Fund for the Archdiocese of Southwark. This important fund provides care and support for priests in their retirement and old age, and in their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. Your donations to this worthy fund ensure a dignified retirement for all our priests. You can donate today using one of the envelopes provided. If you do not have an envelope, please take one as you leave Mass today. You can also donate via the Diocesan website, the URL and QR code you can find on the poster at the back of the Church. I kindly ask you to pray for our sick and elderly priests and consider donating to this worthy fund. Thank you for your generosity of heart.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL: Attached please find a card in support of life.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024: The White Flower Appeal - Card attached.

POSTERS ON DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY: Notes displayed on the Parish Noticeboard