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17 December 2022 - 8 January 2023

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Patrick Zammit **Tel: 01322 279955**
PARISH PRIEST (EMERITUS): Fr Michael Leach
PERMANENT DEACON: Rev Michael Dale
PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's Headteacher – Mrs Laura White **Tel: 01322 225173**

Saturday	17 Dec	<u>10.00am</u>	Babies Noah & Eli – Nguyen-Pang	
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Lise Veerasamy – Joanna Tapping	
Sunday	18 Dec	<u>9.00am</u>	Maureen Liston RIP – Maureen Budaly	
		<u>10.30am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	<u>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</u>
		<u>10.30am</u>	Baptism: Vincent Maximilian Mager	
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Maureen Edwards RIP – Pearson Family	
Monday	19 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	HOLY SOULS	
Tuesday	20 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Will & NiLL (Babies) - Family	
Wednesday	21 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Carason Costello RIP – FE Pearson	
Thursday	22 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Peter (Piotr) Tuszynski RIP – M & J Tuszynski	
Friday	23 Dec	<u>8.15am</u>	Darent Valley Hospital: Mass – HOLY SOULS	
		<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Good Estate of Tom Garvey - James	

Saturday **24 Dec** **10.00am** **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH** **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Christmas Eve **5.00pm** **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS**
10.00pm **Darent Valley Hospital: Mass – Marcella Mary Morgan F.M.**
12.00pm **MIDNIGHT MASS: Richard Diedo RIP (Ann.)-Diedo Family**

Sunday
ChristmasDay **25 Dec** **9.00am** **Jennie Maffei RIP**
10.30am **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
NO EVENING MASS



Monday	26 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	HOLY SOULS	ST STEPHEN (DEACON)
Tuesday	27 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Edmund Elalo & Nestor Velarde	ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
		<u>4.00pm</u>	Baptism: Ivy Iliza Woodham	
Wednesday	28 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u>	Susan & Tom Hoey RIP – Christine Tedman	HOLY INNOCENTS
Thursday	29 Dec	<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of Parish	ST THOMAS of CANTERBURY
		<u>9.00am</u>	Fr Emmanuel Agius RIP	(BISHOP & MARTYR)
Friday	30 Dec	<u>8.15am</u>	Darent Valley Hospital: Mass – HOLY SOULS	
		<u>8.30am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	THE HOLY FAMILY OF
		<u>9.00am</u>	HOLY SOULS	JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>31 Dec</u>	<u>10.00am</u>	Peter (Piotr) Tuszynski RIP - M & T Tuszynski RIP (Ann.)	
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
			<u>WELCOME NEW YEAR 2023</u>	
			<u>NEW YEARS EVE - Service of Thanksgiving</u>	
		<u>MIDNIGHT</u>	Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP – Helena Ounsworth	
		<u>12.00pm</u>		

Sunday	<u>2023</u> <u>1 Jan</u>	<u>9.00am</u> Nora Prosser RIP (Ann.)	<u>MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</u>
		<u>10.30am</u> Joe Francis RIP – Renee Francis	
		<u>5.00pm</u> Mrs Una Burton RIP – Pearson Family	
Monday	2 Jan	<u>8.30am</u> EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u> Antonia Zammit RIP (Ann.)	
Tuesday	3 Jan	<u>8.30am</u> EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u> HOLY SOULS	
Wednesday	4 Jan	<u>8.30am</u> EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u> HOLY SOULS	
Thursday	5 Jan	<u>8.30am</u> EXPOSITION & ADORATION – For the Good of the Parish	
		<u>9.00am</u> Good Estate of Dorothy Russell – Michael Russell	
		<u>7.00pm</u> VIGIL MASS: John Dickman RIP	
Friday	<u>6 Jan</u>	<u>8.15am</u> Darent Valley Hospital: Mass – HOLY SOULS	<u>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</u>
		<u>10.00am</u> Good Estate of Carmel Ramsing - Maureen Budaly	(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
		<u>7.00pm</u> MASS: Good Estate of Dorothy Russell – Michael Russell	
Saturday	7 Jan	<u>10.00am</u> Noel Labouchardiere RIP - Labouchardiere	
		<u>2.00pm</u> Baptism: Isabella Natalie O'Brien	
		<u>6.30pm</u> FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Lise Veerasamy RIP – Joanna Tapping	
Sunday	8 Jan	<u>9.00am</u> Mary Birkbeck RIP – Lionel & Family	<u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</u>
		<u>10.30am</u> Susan Coffey (80 th Birthday) – Maureen Budaly	
		<u>5.00pm</u> FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ON REQUEST

DAILY EXPOSITION: Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: All Christmas Services are set out in the newsletter above. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to phone the Presbytery for any information you require. This week's newsletter covers a three week period.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DRAW: The Advent draw tickets which we issued for the period of Advent will be collected this weekend. It is important that the name and date of birth of the child appears on the ticket together with a contact phone number. This is a special draw for children who attend Mass regularly during the Advent period.

CONFESSIONS: At present we have a fixed period for confessions in the Parish. Anyone who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity, please feel free to ask for the Sacrament.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: All collections (including electronic giving where donations are specifically identified as Christmas Offerings) which are taken on Christmas Day (including the Friday vigil masses) as well as those on Sunday 26 December will constitute the annual personal Christmas offerings of the faithful for their priests. The offerings should be recorded through the parish bank account in the normal way.

ENGAGEMENT SERVICE: A Church Engagement Service will take place on Sunday 1st January 2023 at the 10.30am Mass. I would like to invite any young couple who are planning to marry during the course of this year to be part of the Church Engagement Service.

NOTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE: The Diocesan Policy on Marriage requires the couple to give at least six months notice of a marriage as is normally required.

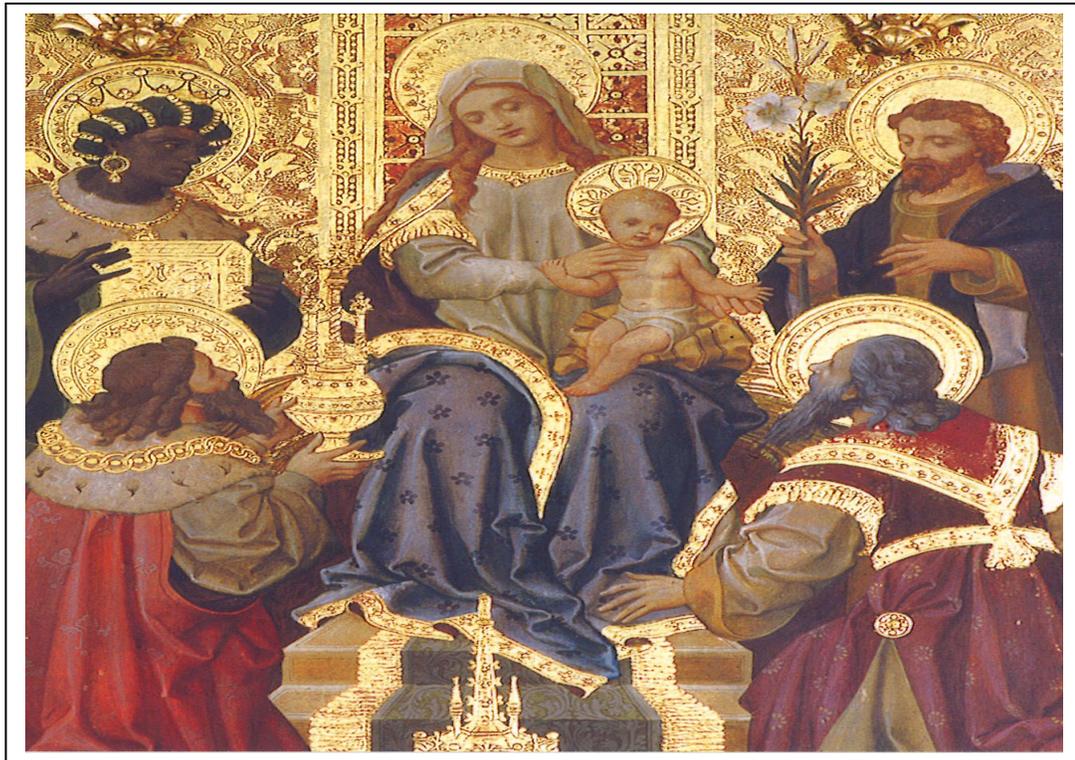
Confirmation Classes: A fresh timetable is being prepared for the New Year for both team A & B. This will be emailed at the beginning of the New Year. We hope to hold a Social meeting during the Christmas holidays. Again an email will go out as soon as possible.

ALTAR SERVERS: We have a number of applications. An invitation will go out soon to start the training for this ministry.

A WORD OF THANKS: In spite of the difficulties, one encounters this year we have witnessed how the spirit of generosity in the Parish has increased. In spite of some radical changes we have noticed a new spirit of engagement in various aspects of parish life both in the spiritual and the practical fields. A recent example is the Christmas Bazaar where we have lost some of the key people, others have come forward in a spirit of good will. Hence why the Bazaar was such a success. In the pastoral field we see all Parish choirs being re-established and invigorated. In the field of catechesis we now have a full team of catechists. As I run the Parish Confirmation Programme, I also see the progress here. With the support of the parents these youngsters continue to follow the path Jesus has laid down for them. Equally the parish receives a great deal of support from St Anselm's our parish school. These are just a few examples. I would like to thank everyone for the love shown to the Church and Parish.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: We hope to re-organise the Special Ministers of the Eucharist. Training will be provided.

CHURCH CLEANERS: We have made several appeals regarding the Church cleaning. So far we have not reached our goal. We require four teams at least to maintain the Church after each service. The house of God demands great respect. It has become necessary to Hoover the Church after each service. It is in everyone's interest to keep God's house tidy and respectable. The maxim is that whenever we visit a place we must leave it better than we found it. In spite of this we still need to have five teams. If you think you can help you may do so by contacting me directly. Very many thanks in advance for your co-operation.



On behalf of Deacon Michael Dale & myself
we wish you God's richest blessings for Christmas and for the New Year 2023
I would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness
throughout the year and for your generosity in this Christmas season.