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30 November – 8 December 2024

PARISH PRIEST:

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PARISH PRIEST EMERITUS (Retired):

Fr Michael Leach

PERMANENT DEACON:

Rev Michael Dale

PARISH SCHOOL – St Anselm's

Headteacher – Mrs Laura White

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Saturday	30 Nov	6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Piotr Tuszynski RIP – Family
Sunday	1 Dec	9.00am	James Corry RIP – Wife & Family
		10.30am	Jugo Ponte RIP – William Ward FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)
		2.00pm	Baptism: Chloe Hechimamanda EZE
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Monday	2 Dec	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Good Estate of Ludivina Ulidan – Thanksgiving – Franzy Rodriguez
Tuesday	3 Dec	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Shirley Minton RIP (Ann.) ST FRANCIS XAVIER
Wednesday	4 Dec	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Good Estate of Ludivina Ulidan – Thanksgiving – Franzy Rodriguez
		6.00pm	- 7.00pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR (in the Presbytery)
Thursday	5 Dec	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	Angelin Sumathra Bahu RIP – Berlyn Joseph
		4.30am	RECEPTION OF THE BODY: Valerie Ann Georgena Hammond
Friday	6 Dec	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP - Mass: Mary Downing RIP
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH ST AMBROSE
		9.00am	HOLY SOULS
		10.30am	REQUIEM MASS: Valerie Ann Georgena Hammond RIP
Saturday	7 Dec	10.00am	Happy Birthday (18th) Mary Theresa Ward – Ward Family
		11.30am	Baptism: Aidan Dariel Baldeon Aguirre
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Martin Ward RIP (Ann.)
Sunday	8 Dec	9.00am	Russell Whillington RIP – Ann & Hugh McEwan
		10.30am	Derek Smith RIP – Diedo Family SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)
		5.00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

CLEANING TEAMS: Rotas: dates due to be changed shortly

RED MISSION BOXES: The Parish support towards the Missions has been constant. The Peru Project was our Millenium Project in the year 2000. We had a number of visits from Fr Alex showing the progress made. The Parish support has been excellent. Every penny donated goes direct into the project. We also contribute towards the RED MISSION BOXES. Valerie Hammond was the Parish Promoter. She was generous and assiduous in promoting this particular Mission Appeal. Sadly, Valerie passed away. This week she will have her funeral from the church heading to the burial at Watling Street Cemetery. I know she will be rewarded for her good work. May she rest in peace.

ADVENT(The Season): The Catholic Church defines Advent as the four week period leading up to Christmas beginning on Sunday closest to November 30 and ending on the fourth Sunday before December 25. The word Advent means “coming”. Advent is a preparation for the birth of Jesus, and also a time to reflect on his second coming. During Advent, Catholics and other Christians:

- Anticipate the birth of Jesus
- Commemorate the birth of Jesus in prayer
- Become more aware of God's presence in their lives
- Reflect on the second coming of Jesus

What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath? The Advent Wreath, shows as a Spiritual compass on our journey in preparation for the nativity of the Lord. It symbolizes hope, peace, joy and love through it's four candles, each representing a week leading up to the birth of Christ. What do the colours represent? Three candles are purple, and lit on the first, second, and fourth Sunday of Advent. They represent times of prayer, penance and sacrifice and spiritual reflection. The fourth candle is pink and lit on the third Sunday of Advent.

1ST BANNES OF MARRIAGE: Deta Alisa Miccou of Greenhithe & Marco Rando Dellaballe of Greenhithe.