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1 March – 9 March 2025

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Saturday	1 Mar	10.00am 6.30pm 2.00pm	Fr Peter McPolin RIP (Ann.) ST DAVID, BISHOP (PATRON of WALES) FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Comfort Opoko-Boateng RIP – Theresa Opoko-Boateng & Fam Baptism: Francis George Henry William Beaney
Sunday	2 Mar	9.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	Good Estate of Malgorzata Tuscynski - Alicia 8th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C) Chief William-Kingly Roka RIP FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – Knights of St Columba: Induction of Officers
Monday	3 Mar	8.30am 9.00am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Mrs. Mmeoma Maria Okonkwo
Tuesday	4 Mar	8.30am 9.00am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Osborne Labouchardiere RIP – Labouchardiere Family
Wednesday	5 Mar	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Joe O'connor RIP (Ann) – J.Crowley ASH WEDNESDAY (Distribution of Ashes) - 7.00pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR Mass – Distribution of Ashes
Thursday	6 Mar	8.30am 9.00am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Lynett Doomer RIP – James
Friday	7 Mar	8.15am 8.30am 9.00am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: MASS: James William Chambers RIP (Ann.) EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Christopher Rocke RIP (Ann.)
Saturday	8 Mar	10.00am 6.30pm	Thomas Anthony Maddison RIP (Ann.) FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: John and Teresa Lynch RIP; Kenneth and Margaret Jackson RIP; Bob Williams RIP – Maureen Jackson
Sunday	9 Mar	9.00am 10.30am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Luigi Morosini RIP – Teresa Morosini 1st SUNDAY OF LENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Stations of the Cross Anthony and Mary Joseph RIP – Berlyn and Infanta

CLEANING TEAMS: 28.02.25: Bijo Joseph 8.3.25: Polish Team

LENT: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent! Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting and alms giving. It ends on sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent we seek the Lord in prayer by reading sacred scriptures, we serve by giving alms and we practise self-control through fasting! We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism's image in which we were also baptised into Christ's death, died to sin and evil and begin new life in Christ. Many know the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practise self-discipline and fasting in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts. Not only through the distribution of money but through sharing of our time and talents.

LEPRA APPEAL: (1st & 2nd March) Two weeks ago, a letter from LEPRA was attached to the newsletter.

The letter explained the work being done in this field. There is also a display of poster which shows some of the work being done by those engaged in the project. There will be a retiring collection for LEPRA.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday and Sunday of Lent, the devotion of the stations of the cross is held in the parish on Fridays. This devotion is led by the pupils of our school of St. Anselm's. Everyone is invited. Teachers, parents and children participate in this devotion. If one chooses to do the stations privately, I recommend "Mary's Way of the Cross" by Richard Furey. You can Google it.

LENT TALKS: This year the Lent talks are made of six talks on consecutive weeks with six different speakers. The conference centre will be the venue. Each meeting will start at 7:00 PM and finishes at 8:30 PM. There is chance to ask questions. Mr Kevin Barry and Mrs Laura White will speak of each mass on Saturday/Sunday to promote the talks.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS SESSION: Father Pat, Maria and Jennie are hosting a safeguarding awareness session on Saturday 15th March. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about St. Vincent's Safeguarding policy and approach are welcome. So that we can cater and have enough materials available please let us know if you're attending by e-mailing: dartfordstvincentsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk.