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**17-25 September 2016**

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

Saturday	17 Sept	6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: Vincent Jude Ounsworth RIP - Family
Sunday	18 Sept	9.00am	Mary Hanifan RIP - Carmel & Chris White
		11.00am	<b>For the People of the Parish</b> <b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>
			<b>BAPTISM:</b> Freddie, Olivia & Harriot Winchester
		3.00pm	<b>WEDDING:</b> Owolabi Sylvester Akinnuoye & Adeola Oke Sanni
		3.30pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Alossia Shah
		5.00pm	Piotr Tuszynski RIP - Family
Monday	19 Sept	9.00am	Mary Margaret & Joseph Antonipillai RIP - Rita Jeganathan
		2.00pm	- 3.00pm <b>MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP</b> (in the Presbytery)
Tuesday	20 Sept	9.00am	Bridget Dowd RIP - Anne McGloin <b>ST ANDREW KIM &amp; PAUL CHONG</b>
Wednesday	21 Sept	9.00am	Costa Balzan RIP - Dale Family <b>ST MATTHEW (EVANGELIST)</b>
		12.30pm	REQUIEM MASS: Benito Brillante RIP
		7.30pm	- 8.30pm <b>PARENTS MEETING - 1ST HOLY COMMUNION</b>
Thursday	22 Sept	9.00am	Molly Duncan - Anne & Gregory
Friday	23 Sept	8.15am	<b>DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL:</b> Holy Souls <b>ST PIUS (PADRE PIO)</b>
		9.00am	Anne Wheaton RIP - Brian Wheaton
		4.15pm	- 7.00pm <b>JUNIOR CLUB (TBA)</b>
Saturday	24 Sept	10.00am	Kanebi RIP- Chinwe Okafor <b>OUR LADY of WALSINGHAM</b>
		11.00am	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Henry Jack Ernie Morgan
		3.00pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Jasmine Chisom Anyaegbuna
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS of SUNDAY: <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Sunday	25 Sept	9.00am	Mark Labouchardiere RIP
		11.00am	John Egan RIP (Ann.) - J Crowley <b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>
		12 noon	<b>PARISH- in- COUNCIL MEETING</b> <b>SCHOOL MASS</b>
		5.00pm	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Piotr Pierzchniak

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

**DAILY EXPOSITION:** Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am **TEA ROTA: check your new rota**

**CLEANING TEAMS:** 18.09.16 Team'C'(African Community), 27.09.16 Team'D'(L Hovell, P Wall)

**PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish in Council gives every member of the Parish the opportunity to have one's voice heard by the Parish Community and to collectively plan and undertake responsibility for the present and the future of the Parish in its many undertakings. The next Parish in Council meeting will take place on Sunday 25th September 2016 at 1.00pm. The meeting is preceded by lunch at 12noon. The venue is the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to submit in writing any points of interest to be looked at in advance of the meeting.

**1st HOLY COMMUNION 2017 - Parents meeting:** For the next five weeks parents of first communicants will be attending a series of talks. These talks are meant to assist parents in helping their child (children) during the time of the preparation when children begin to attend the Catechism Classes. We expect every child to be represented by a parent for the duration of the series.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND:** A priest will normally retire from full time ministry when he reaches 75 years of age. Many continue to work in some kind of ministry. When a priest resigns from his parish ministry or a full time ecclesiastical appointment the Diocesan Finance Office establishes his likely income and needs on an individual basis and ensures he has sufficient financial resources to afford the necessities of life, live in properly heated and adequately maintained accommodation and can pay for some recreation and travel. There are currently 70 priests in our Diocese and this number is expected to increase to about 93 by 2018. The costs, income and shortfall over five years is given in the table on the right. Archbishop Peter Smith has therefore identified the need to continue to support sick and retired priests as a major priority for our Diocese. *There will be more important news about the campaign in next week's newsletter.*

**Home Mission Sunday: (18th September 2016)** Is celebrated today and is themed: Proclaim the joy of love. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the bishop's national work of evangelisation. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>. Commemorative prayer cards are available to take away. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. God bless and thank you.

**SENIOR PARISHIONER'S TEA PARTY:** For over twenty years the twice monthly tea party was held at the Parish for our Senior Parishioners. We had some outstanding helpers who gave many years of service. Here I would like to acknowledge Mrs Rita Usher and Margaret Dale with the assistance of other parishioners who kept the tea party going for such a long time. Now we are looking for a fresh team of volunteers to restart this practise to give our Senior Parishioners the much appreciated spirit of togetherness especially during the winter time. Anyone who wishes to volunteer please contact me.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** Clare James for years has managed the Choir and the singing for Christmas. She informs me that she has family commitments this coming Christmas. I would like to make an early appeal to form a planning team who will help to organise the Christmas Midnight Mass Choir. This subject will be looked at during the Parish in Council meeting.

**Last month's Offertory:** 11.09.16: £799.17 **Catholic Education (2nd Collection):** £194.25

Year	2014	2018
Estimated number of retired priests	70	93
Estimated Income	495,000	495,000
Estimated Expenditure	1,297,000	1,477,000
Shortfall	802,000	982,000
Cumulative shortfall over 5 years		4,505,000

**Confirmation:** Any person over the age of twelve is eligible for Confirmation. Anyone who wishes to be confirmed is asked to fill the appropriate form and return to the Presbytery.

**Junior Club:** The Junior Club meets every Friday. This is for children from the age of eight to eleven. On joining they will receive an annual programme starting from September till the end of July. Children are expected to inform us of their attendance a week in advance to ensure there is enough transport.

**Education Commission: (VACANCY: Buildings Officer) See Notice board for details**