St. Anselm's Pembury

Serving Catholics in the village of Pembury and home to the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Tunbridge Wells area of Kent

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First Sunday in Lent
5th March 2017
Sunday lessons year A; weekday lessons year I

8am– Low Mass
9:15am – Solemn Mass & Asperges
11am – Sung Mass & Asperges *Norris Burke*
6:30pm – Stations of the Cross

THE WEEK AHEAD… *No. 315*

Mon 6	*Feria* No Mass today	*1st communion candidates*
Tue 7	*Feria* No Mass today	*confirmation candidates*
Wed 8	*St. John of God* Low Mass 7pm	*Bill Tomlinson RIP*
Thu 9	*St. Frances of Rome* Low Mass 10am	*discipleship course*
Fri 10	*Feria* Low Mass 10am	*the family*
Sat 11	*Feria* Low Mass 9am	*those in distress*

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A warm welcome: to S. Anselm's Pembury. We hope to see you again.
The Children's liturgy: takes place during the 9.15 Mass. Visitors welcome. Teachers are police checked and follow basic child safety procedure. We believe children are the church of today.
Pray for the sick: Susan Adcock, Lillian Kitley, Connor Lee, Amelia Woodgate, Julie Izzard, Joseph Miller, Carol Williams, Monique Nation, Joan Sharpe, Mick Colville, Pam Bruce, Muriel, Maureen Patterson, Doreen Boughton, June Ball, Diane Beeston, Patricia Ravenhill
Pray for the departed: Sally Jones, Bill Tomlinson
Stations of the Cross: Sunday evenings at 6:30pm. All welcome.
Confessions: Wednesday evenings 6-7pm or by appointment.
Lent Charity: We are supporting Aid to the Church in Need who have an urgent appeal for Christians in Aleppo during this time of crisis. A representative will address the parish this morning. Please give generously.
Hope Charity Quiz: A special quiz night, jointly hosted by the churches in Pembury, to be held in the Village Hall on 22 April. We need to organise several teams. Money to Pepenbury and the Hospice
Adult Confirmation Class: Wednesdays at 8pm. People are welcome to join as a refresher course on the faith.
First communion: Saturday mornings at 11am.
Organist: We still have a vacancy for a new parish organist/director of music. If you hear of anybody who might be interested speak to Fr. Ed.
Day out to Ramsgate: June 10th –at the Shrine of St. Augustine with shared lunch and a walk by the sea. A coach can be organised if there is sufficient interest. A sign up sheet will appear nearer the time.
Logo competition: we have several entries for the new logo. The winner will be announced in the coming weeks….an impartial judge will decide.
Join the Ordinariate: any former Anglican- or those married to former Anglicans- may join the Ordinariate. Speak to Father Ed if interested.
Dates for the diary: We will hold a Spring Fayre on 20th May. A summer BBQ on 16th July. The pre-Christmas dinner will take place on 9th Dec. Please commit to these important parish dates.
The Evangelism team: are studying Sherry Weddel's book 'forming intentional disciples'- and will consider the first two chapters at the next meeting. Speak to Geoffrey Ravenhill for further information.
Mgr. Newton: will administer the first communions and confirmations for 2017 on Sunday July 16th.

The Lent disciplines

All Christians should make use of the season of Lent, not out of some embittered sense of tedious religious duty but because, if undertaken in the right spirit, it is an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. Our spiritual journey in Lent should lead us into a deeper relationship with Christ, else it is not working as intended. Why then are we encouraged to do the traditional Lent disciplines?

Giving something up for Lent *is useful because it teaches us how to deny the self in service of God. It teaches us self control, without which any attempt at virtuous living becomes impossible.*

Fasting *is helpful for similar reasons and also because it helps us to avoid the temptations of greed and gluttony. Fasting often means we spend less money on ourselves and this can be set aside for our almsgiving.*

Almsgiving *helps ensure that love of our neighbour is more than a theoretical idea and becomes a lived reality. It reminds us that the self is not intended to be the first priority in life but that all other people matter equally to God.*

Extra spiritual reading, *of scripture or of theology, is recommended because we cannot love what we do not know. If we want to love God we should reflect on his divine word and seek to understand the teaching of the church.*

Confession *is vital for it wipes away our sins and brings us into a right relationship with God. When we are in a state of grace the Holy Spirit can guide us and form us into the intentional disciples God calls us to be.*

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