

**COMMUNITY AWARD
BY
THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR
COUNCILLOR MARGARET THOMPSON
TO**

DANIEL ALMEIDA & RAPHAEL MAURIN

Madam Mayor, it gives me great pleasure to support the nomination of Daniel Almeida & Raphael Maurin for a Mayor's Community Award.

Daniel & Raphael are kind, enthusiastic, very capable and talented young men who are an example to, not just their peers, but everyone in the community and beyond. They are true role models!

What Daniel & Raphael have achieved and learnt over the past year is totally amazing. Their commendable work ethic and positive energy was always apparent but became much more obvious during the past year.

One of the major roles they took on when we were hit by the first lockdown in March last year, and the church had to close, was setting up live-streaming for the church, enabling those most vulnerable & lonely to follow services from home and keep in touch with their community. They had to learn this from scratch and have continued to improve on it since. The feedback from the community has been very positive and the gratitude shown towards Raphael & Daniel has been tremendous.

They were instrumental in the safe re-opening of our church after the first lockdown and continue to be very present and effective - setting up a booking system for attending church, ensuring attendance is monitored and controlled as per the limitations of the current pandemic.

Both are members of the Parish Pastoral Council, representing the youth, and are involved in the Sacramental programmes of the Parish.

Raphael is also very active in our choir, and apart from being a fantastic Bass or Tenor, he is also an organ student and a very good conductor.

Daniel is always available to ensure the church is kept safe and secure for all those attending our services, aware of anyone who needs help crossing the road etc.

What these young men are doing has been a lifeline for our community, and they do it all from the heart and selflessly.

Our PP, Fr Uche, myself, and all parish couldn't be more grateful. Their families should be very proud of them.

MADAM MAYOR, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU

DANIEL ALMEIDA & RAPHAEL MAURIN