

A parishioner writes:

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

As the school year draws to a close and the summer holidays begin we can find ourselves at a junction. Opportunities present themselves: for relaxing with families and friends, taking a break from routine, a time to try something new, to catch up with those overdue commitments, prepare for a forthcoming challenge... and for those young people who have taken exams and are moving onto the next stage, life seems particularly full of possibilities. Solomon's choice, as he stands on the brink of his future, to be a man of wisdom, seems as relevant today as ever. Wisdom is one of those qualities difficult to define but which people generally recognise and value greatly when they meet it. They see a wonderful capacity to integrate knowledge, experience, and a deep understanding with tolerance for the uncertainties of life and its ups and downs. There's an awareness of how things play out over time, and an optimism that life's problems can be faced with a certain amount of calm, and difficult decisions taken. As we enjoy the summer break we also can ask to be blessed with the gift of wisdom to enable us to always live lives of thoughtfulness, compassion and understanding towards everyone.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am Pro Pop	<b>Thursday</b>	10.00 am Jim Gilbride <i>RIP</i>
	10.00 am Karoly Ellenbacher <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Prof J Minson Falaiye <i>RIP</i>
	11.15 am Joe Prendergast <i>RIP</i>	<b>Friday</b>	10.00 am Felix Britto <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Netta Caldeira <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Holy Souls
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am Joseph Fok-Seang <i>RIP</i>	<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am Birbre Minihan-Crane ( <i>Int</i> )
	6.15 pm Holy Souls		6.15 pm Mr & Mrs Shead <i>RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00 am Peter D'Cruz <i>RIP</i>	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Gino Castelli ( <i>Int</i> )		10.00 am Jack Konsein <i>RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am John Fernandes <i>RIP</i>		11.15 am J, K, A, L Kacalia <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Canon Charles Walker <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Barbara Bohanna ( <i>W/Being</i> )

### SAVE THE DATE

Parish Curry Night on **Saturday 14th October**. Come along to enjoy a delicious homemade, authentic Goan curry. Tickets on sale early September. Numbers are strictly limited, so please buy tickets early. Full details early September.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £370.00, Loose £1,005.00, **Total £1,375.00**.

Thank you.

**Please do not donate old paper £5. notes as not now legal tender.**

# ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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17th Sunday of the Year

29th & 30th July 2017 (Year A)

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#### Parish Team:

Rev Canon William Hebborn (*Parish Priest*)  
Fr Philip Andrews and Fr Paul Connelly.  
Deacon Michael Carrucan, Deacon Simon English,  
Deacon Tom McCarthy & Thelma Lewis.  
Tom Gately (*Catechetical Co-ordinator*).  
Martine Mercer (*Parish Administrator*).

#### Parish Sisters:

The Little Company of Mary.

#### Mass Times:

Saturday 10.00am & 6.15pm.

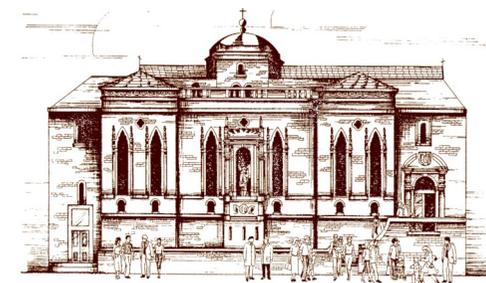
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

#### Mass times during the week:

10.00am & 6.15pm. (No 8.00am).

Holydays: 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.15pm & 8.00pm.

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm & 7.00pm.



### WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday: Ex 32:15-24.30-34; Ps 105:19-23; Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9,28; Ps 102:6-13; Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 98:5-7,9; Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21.34-38; Ps 83:3-6,8,11; Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lev 23:4-11.15-16.7.34-37; Ps 80:3-6.10-11; Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lev 25:1.8-17; Ps 66:2-3.5.7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
**Sunday: Dan 7:9-10.13-14; Ps 96:1-2.5-6,9; 2 Pt 1:16-18; Mt 17:1-9**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

We pray for all our housebound parishioners, including those in the six nursing homes and Springfield Hospital.

**Recently ill:** Eulalia Britto, Kath Higgins, Clifford Tetteh, Rebecca Hebborn, Dorothy Harkins, Patrick O'Sullivan, Jo Sahemri, Lynne Ranghel, Maureen Connors, Fr Tony Boateng Mensah, Tina Tona, Barbara Bohanna, Theresa D'Souza, Fr Paul Connelly, Maureen Burgess, Liz Reina, Bernard Cooney, Jon Chesterton, Carmen Carril, Temesa Ejaise, Kazimera de Cruz, Janet Henry, Albert Folivi, Bernadette Burdge, Joao Carvalho, Czeslaw Bacik, Gina Bandolfi, Frank Coffey, Kirstin Tyszkiewicz, Aires Fernandes and Dymphna Flanagan.

*(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list)*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

God offers Solomon a gift and is pleased when he chooses the gift of wisdom and discernment.

**Second Reading** Romans 8:28-30

God works in all things for good and intends us to be images of the Son.

**Gospel** Matthew 13:44-52

The kingdom of God is compared to a treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price and a plentiful haul of fish.

### **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holyday of Obligation)**

Vigil Mass 6.15pm Monday 14th August, Tuesday 15th 8am, 10am, 6.15pm and 8pm

**CHURCH LIGHTING PROJECT** We plan to start the church lighting project on Monday 11th September for a period of 8-10weeks. During this time the weekday Masses 10am and 6.15pm will be held in the upper new hall and the church will reopen on Saturday morning for the weekend Masses. I thank you all in advance for your understanding and patience during this period (*Fr Will*)

### **PARISH PREPARATION FOR CATECHISTS**

As part of the parish annual preparation for catechesis, two evenings in September, Tuesday 12th and 19th, have been allocated for a general meeting and training for those involved in catechesis. It will be important for those involved in the various sacramental programmes of the parish: Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Children's Liturgy, RCIA, Marriage and Bereavement, to attend. The first session Tuesday 12th September will be led by Mark Nash, Director of the Catholic Formation Centre here in our parish. We also add a particular note to those who are currently parents of children in Year 2 and whose children will be making their First Holy Communion in June 2018 who wish to be considered as catechists to make their intentions known to Martine at the parish office before the end of July. That way their training process and DBS clearance can be arranged.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** Our next monthly meeting for those who have suffered loss will take place on **Saturday 17th September, 3.30-4.30pm** in the lower new hall. Come and join us for a short reflection and discussion followed by light refreshments.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) 2018** The Church welcomes new enquirers who would like to have a conversation about the journey in faith that inspires all our lives. A new programme will begin again on **Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm** in the upper new hall (from 7pm tea and coffee), so we invite any member of our parish community who is interested in finding out more about our faith, particularly those who are engaged in family life with Catholic partners to make themselves known to the parish by contacting Fr. Will, Fr Phil, Deacon Tom McCarthy via the parish office or Tom in the shop on Sunday mornings. This is a joyous journey of exploration that we invite you to share in. Faith is our greatest gift, so why not explore the question "Why me?"

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Enrolment for the 2018 programme**

**Saturday 23rd September** 9.30 -10.30am in the lower new hall. For Year 3 children in September 2017 who will be 8 years old by August 31st 2018. Following the registration morning you will receive a formal letter from Fr Will inviting you to join the forthcoming programme.

**READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** If you are planning to be away during July/August, please ensure you have arranged cover for these ministries. Any difficulties, please contact the parish office. Many thanks.

**SHOP IN THE COURTYARD** Our little shop is having a summer stock check and tidy up. It will be closed after this Sunday.

### **DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL DAY - Saturday 23rd September**

A further reminder to all catechists of the Diocesan Day for Catechists at St George's Cathedral, led by His Grace the Archbishop, is to be held on **Saturday 23rd September**. **Again further information will follow**, but it is an important part of the calendar of our Church groups and it is usually well attended by those engaged in this important Ministry. Please put these dates in your diary. You will be expected to attend as we are obliged to provide input and training for those who wish to support others on their faith journey.

### **CONFIRMATION 2018 (Years 8 & 9 from September 2017)**

Application forms at the rear of the church by the newspapers in the pocket on the wall. These must be completed and returned by **6th October 2017** to the Parish Office. Registration Evening for all parents and candidates: Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm in the upper new hall.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Coffee morning:** No gathering on Friday 1st September

**Soup & Sandwich Club:** Friday 8th September 10.30am-12noon in lower new hall.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Tuesday 10th October at 8pm upper new hall.

### **MARIE CURIE TEA PARTY**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Tea Party this year and made it such an enjoyable and worthwhile event. To everyone who baked cakes, bought cakes, served tea or made a donation - THANK YOU. As a result of your wonderful generosity we raised just over £500. Our donation will be sent to the Charity and will help Marie Curie Nurses care for people living with terminal illness.

### **ADVENT IN JULY?**

We would like to give everyone the opportunity to know that the parish team, under the direction of Fr Will, is planning a retreat to take place during **Advent 2017 and Lent 2018** which will focus on the theme of "Eucharist - Discovering the Mass in the Bible" and will lead us, as a parish, into the celebration that we will be joining as part of the National Eucharist Conference that will take place in September 7-9 in Liverpool in 2018 when the Bishops of England and Wales will be hosting this important event. The purpose of the Congress and therefore the work that will lead into this important celebration is to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. **This is a 10 week course and retreat commencing in Advent for four weeks and Lent for six weeks.** It will be led in DVD format by Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame University New Orleans. The course will consist of personal reflection and opportunities for Adoration and carries with it a useful workbook/study guide that can be followed on a daily basis. We recommend that this should be purchased (at present on offer for \$21) for participants to really get the most out of this important retreat course. We will be using a selection of the material during the course. The website is: [www.lighthousecatholicmeeting.org](http://www.lighthousecatholicmeeting.org) Further information and signing up sheets will be given out in September.

### **LAST BULLETIN BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK**

Next edition **weekend of 3/4th September**. Fr Will and the parish team wish you all a happy and peaceful summer.