

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

I listened calmly as the slow, rueful recitation of lost opportunities, self-recrimination, tearful regrets drifted into the evening air. I was strolling in the beautiful grounds of a rehabilitation centre with my close relative who was attending to address an alcohol dependency problem. The past years had blurred into a repeating cycle of eroding integrity and a social corrosion, a life lived as a detached character, tenanted within his own person. The monologue was part contrition for past failures but also a hymn to the future because for once, at last, the horizon had changed. The lost keystone of integrity was being recovered, as the surface blemishes were being chiseled off. So much appeared to have been lost but so much was also beginning to be found.

In the readings today we hear the parable of the vineyard, and it tells of a denial of potential, of the gifts, the fruits of the vine that are presented to each of us by God. We can reject them unconsciously by the pressures placed upon us to succeed, to earn, to be competitive, to indulge in the materiality of self-expression. The pressure, the tensions need not overwhelm. The keystone for personal redemption, for fairness in economics and in society lies in the eloquent words of St Paul '... fill our minds with everything that is noble, everything that is good, everything that we love and honour and everything that can be thought virtuous...', in so doing the stone of integrity, rejected by the builders will become the keystone and it will be wonderful to see.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am Ann Marie Bray <i>RIP</i>
	10.00 am In Thanksgiving Holy Fam		6.15 pm Anthony Evans (<i>W/Being</i>)
	11.15 am Colette Monaghan <i>RIP</i>		
	6.15 pm Sue Lawrie & Fam (<i>W/Bg</i>)	Friday	10.00 am Antonio E Moraes <i>RIP</i>
			6.15 pm Holy Souls
Monday	10.00 am R/Mass Jules Le Bon <i>RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am Ellen Coady <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Martin Abbott (<i>Well Being</i>)		6.15 pm Barbara Bohanna (<i>Int</i>)
Tuesday	10.00 am Fr Arthur Moraes <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm D'Souza & Britto Fam <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am Anne Watkinson <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am Madeleine Jones (<i>Birthday</i>)		11.15 am M Ryan, Kay, Linney & P Craig <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm D Roe & Family (<i>W/Being</i>)		6.15 pm Fr T Boateng Mensah <i>RIP</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Last week's collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £529.00, Loose £1,227.00. **Total £1,756.00.** Thank you.

From 15th October the old £1 coin will not be legal tender. Please remember also the old £5 note is no longer legal tender.

SATURDAY CATECHISM Saturday morning Classes (term time) from 10.45-11.30am for children attending a non-Catholic Primary School. Please contact the parish office for further details 020 8672 2179.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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27th Sunday of the Year

7th & 8th October 2017 (Year A)

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Parish Team:

Rev Canon William Hebborn (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Philip Andrews, Fr Paul Connelly

& Fr Emmanuel Ojeifo (*also resident*).

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.

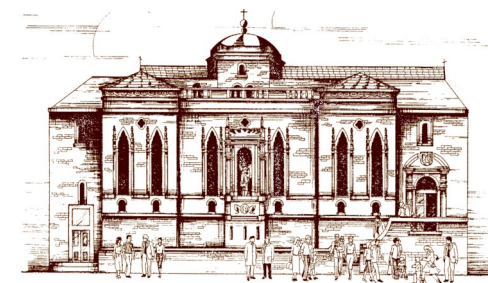
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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:	Jon 1:1-2:1.11; Ps: Jon 2:3-5-8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 129:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 85:3-6.9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20; Ps 1:1-4.6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3.6.16.8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Joel 4:12-21; Ps 96:1-2.5-6.11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10; Ps:22:1-6; Phil 4:12-14.19-20; Mt 22:1-14

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 Rangelh, Maureen Connors, Tina Tona, Barbara Bohanna, Theresa D'Souza, Fr Paul Connelly, Maureen Burgess, Liz Reina, Bernard Cooney, Jon Chesterton, Carmen Carril, Kazimera de Cruz, Janet Henry, Albert Folivi, Bernadette Burdge, Joao Carvalho, Czeslaw Bacik, Gina Bandolfi, Frank Coffey, Kirstin Tyszkiewicz, Aires Fernandes, Dymphna Flanagan and George Stocker.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

God's people, the Lord's own vineyard, prove unfaithful.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

Paul urges us to persevere in goodness all our days.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus confronts his enemies with their murderous intentions.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Jules Le Bon. Requiem Mass on Monday 9th October at 10am. We especially remember the family and friends at this time.

CARING KITCHEN Today Sunday 8th & 22nd October, 12.15-2pm

For further information please contact: caringkitchensw@gmail.com

HOPE FOR OUR CHILDREN

The Government wants to know what our priorities are in the moral and religious education of our children. Get some ideas on Monday 9th October at 8pm when Mrs Antonia Tully of SPUC will tackle this subject in a talk called 'Family and State: speak out to Protect our Children' in the upper new hall. Refreshments available.

PARISH CHOIR MONTHLY GATHERING, Wednesday 11th October

We meet next on 11th October at 7.45pm in the lower new hall (Tooting Bec Rd entrance) and will be looking at some new pieces for various celebrations. No experience needed, just enthusiasm! For more details contact the parish office 020 8672 2179 or stanselmstbec@gmail.com

SOUP AND SANDWICH Friday 13th October from 10.30am to 12 noon.

FAMILY FOLK MASS NEXT SUNDAY 15th October at 10am

If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument do come and join us. We meet on Saturday 14th October at 10.45am in the lower new hall and Sunday morning at 9.30am in the church. Children of Year 3 and upwards are invited to come and lead the singing. All welcome.

YOUNG ADULT MASS:

Sunday 15th Oct at 6.15pm (3rd Sunday of the month)

If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument please contact Hannah Furey: hannahmills88@hotmail.com Refreshments in the lower new hall following Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES will be held on Monday 16th October at 6.15pm Mass.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

If you are applying to a Catholic Secondary School or Sixth Form and would like a reference, please arrange an appointment to see Canon William. Please contact Martine to arrange an appointment on 020 8672 2179 (**Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday**). **You will need to bring to this appointment the following documents:**

- Photocopy of the original completed school supplementary application form(s).
- Photocopy of baptismal certificate. (If baptism took place at St Anselm's Church, please request a copy from the parish office when making your appointment with Canon William). **There will be an administration fee of £5 if copies of the correct documents are not provided at this meeting.**
- A family photograph and any additional information you would like to provide.

The closing date for all appointments with Canon William for Secondary School references is Friday 20th October 2017.

ST ANSELM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2018

St. Anselm's Primary School Open for prospective parents applying for Reception 2018 intake for children born between September 1st 2013 and August 31st 2014 are invited to visit the school on **Thursday 9th November at 1.45pm**. Entrance Louisville Road when arrangements for reception entry will be explained. **All appointments with Canon William for primary school references will be arranged after this date.** Full details will be printed in the newsletter.

READERS' FORMATION AFTERNOON – Saturday 18th November 2017

We invite all current readers and those interested in this important ministry of proclaiming the word, particularly our post-Confirmation young parishioners, to join us for our Readers' Formation Afternoon on Saturday 18th November 2-4.30pm in the upper new hall. We will be contacting the current readers with more details. Please make a note of Bible Sunday 10th December for all readers to attend the 11.15am Mass for renewal of commitment and commissioning of new readers. Full details will be explained at the Formation Afternoon.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ALTAR SERVERS

Ever thought of being an altar server? If you are aged 9 (Year 5 and above) and would like to serve on the altar at St Anselm's, please contact the parish office (Tues/Wed/Fri) for an application form. We especially need more servers for the Sunday 8.30am & 6.15pm Masses. Satisfactory completion of a short training programme is necessary before you can start serving, taking place on Sunday afternoons **Nov 26th, Dec 3rd & 10th 2017 3.30-4.30pm in the church. Application forms available from the parish office and must be completed before the training commences.** Please contact the parish office for further details: 020 8672 2179.

ALEPPO APPEAL UPDATE Sister Annie Dermerjian RJM will be coming back to the parish to update us all about her vital work bringing emergency aid for thousands of families in Aleppo, northern Syria. Much of her aid comes from money raised from St Anselm's parish collected during our year-long 'Life-line to Syria appeal' organised last year in association with Aid to the Church in Need, the Catholic charity for persecuted and other suffering Christians. **She will be speaking at the 10am and 11.15am Masses on Sunday 15th October.** See www.acnuk.org

GENTLEMEN OF THE PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING EVENING

Friday 17th November, 7.30pm in the old hall, an evening of cooking, music and prayers to create your very own Christmas Pud!! £30 per person to include all ingredients/bowls and fish and chip supper. Places are limited to **sixty places this year** and will only be confirmed with a completed booking form, so please return this to the parish office as soon as possible. The forms are available from the parish shop on Sunday or parish office during the week. All profits in aid of Parish Syrian Appeal.

ST PHILOMENA PRAYER GROUP will continue to meet on a Thursday after the

6.15pm Mass in the upper new hall until further notice.

MASS COUNT Over the four weekends in October.