

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

On this special day of Remembrance, the second reading today offers direct comfort for us as we remember our relations and friends who died in the Lord.

As we sit in Church today let us reflect on the many times this building, so bright and magnificent on great feasts, has also been a place of intense grief. The prayers of intercession that inhabit the walls of the bricks that make up this building have witnessed prayers for those who mourn, whether at times of separation, loss of loved ones or times when we remember monumental world shattering events of sadness. They stand witness to the grief and loss experienced by us all.

But we stand witness to our own loss, we grieve for those we have lost and yet St. Paul is telling us that we must not be excessive in our sorrows; this is too much like those who have no hope of a better life. He is reminding us that we believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again and it will be the same for us who die in the Lord, God will bring us with him. We will be happy to be there with God in Heaven remaining together with the Saints forever.

As people all over the country remember those who have given up their lives for us in conflict we remember that this past week has seen great anniversaries - two days stand out – November 10th 1917 saw the end of the great battle of Passchendaele as well as the unveiling of the monument celebrating American veterans (designed around the raising of the American flag at Iwo Jima -1945) at the Arlington cemetery, whilst November 11th is known for the Armistice ending the First World War – “the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”

For all those who mourn, those who gave up their lives for us, there is no better memory than the line of Robert Laurence Binyon when he writes “Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”. *Requiescant in pace.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Remembrance Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am Cedric Leslie (<i>In T/Givin</i>)
	10.00 am Veronica Cullen <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Holy Souls
	11.15 am War Dead	Friday	10.00 am Pauline Roche <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Alan James <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Anthony Evans (<i>W/Being</i>)
Monday	10.00 am Special Petitions (AB)	Saturday	10.00 am Holy Souls
	6.15 pm Foundation Mass		6.15 pm K Whyte & Family (<i>W/B</i>)
Tuesday	10.00 am Druston Moraes <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Holy Souls		10.00 am Holy Souls
Wednesday	10.00 am Rev Francis Keavney <i>RIP</i>		11.15 am J & M Zerafa <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Holy Souls		6.15 pm Rev Michael Doody (<i>Int</i>)

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Last week's collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £654.00, Loose £1,060.00, **Total £1,714.00.** Thank you.

Please remember the old £5 note and old £1 coin are no longer legal tender.

Second Collection today: Archbishops' Administration Fund

This collection helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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32nd Sunday of the Year

11th & 12th November 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.

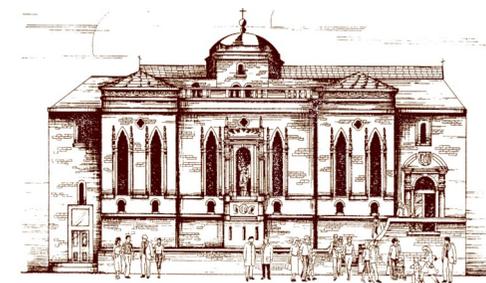
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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:	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 138:1-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 33:2-3.16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 81:3-4.6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22-8:1; Ps 118:89-91.130.135.175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 18:2-5; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Acts 28:11-16.30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday:	Prov 31:10-13.19-20.30.31; Ps 127:1-5; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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 Rangel, 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, Czeslaw Bacik, Gina Bandolfi, Frank Coffey, Kirstin Tyszkiewicz, Dymphna Flanagan.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

God's wisdom is not distant, but reveals herself to those who are alert to her presence.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul offers a word of consolation and hope: the Lord will come from heaven to take us with him.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The wise are those who prepare for the day of the Lord's coming.

HOLY SOULS November is the month of the Holy Souls when we remember the dearly departed members of our families, friends and All Souls and especially those who have no-one to pray for them. Please take one of the forms (lilac) found on the table in front of the lectern in the church and return to the clergy or parish office.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th November at 11.15am



We come together on Remembrance Sunday 12th November for a Requiem Mass at 11.15am to remember the War Dead and pray for the bereaved, especially for peace in our world. The 'Parish in Wartime' publication (£5.00) by our parish authors Nick Dunne and John Pontifex will be on sale after all Masses at the rear of the church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting 14th November at 8pm.

READERS' FORMATION AFTERNOON – Saturday 18th November 2017

We look forward to seeing readers to our Readers' Formation Afternoon on Saturday 18th November 2.00 - 4.30pm in the upper new hall.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING Sunday 26th November at 11.30am

Archbishop Peter Smith will be visiting the parish to celebrate the 11.30am Mass (note new time of Mass on this day) on the Solemnity of The Feast of Christ the King and I encourage all parishioners to come along and celebrate with our Archbishop on this great feast day. Hospitality will be provided following Mass of tea and coffee in the lower new hall and wine/cordials in the upper new hall. All Welcome! (Canon William)

CARING KITCHEN Today Sunday 12th & 26th Nov 12.15 - 2.00pm in the old hall

For further information please contact: caringkitchensw@gmail.com

PARISH ADVENT 2017 & LENT 2018 RETREATS

The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible If you have ever wondered how it is that the first Christians came to believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, then you need to come along to our Advent retreat beginning on Tuesday 28th Nov and continuing on Tuesday 5th, 12th & 19th Dec at 7.30 for 7.45 in the upper new hall. The Retreat will continue in Lent 2018 through to Easter, making 10 sessions in all. ***Please sign the sheet at the rear of the church for the Advent Course to help with numbers.*** Our Retreat will be directed and led by Canon William Hebborn and Tom Gately, assisted by DVD and course material produced through the Augustine Institute. During the 10 sessions there will be opportunities for prayer, reflection, video input and discussion followed by Commit (*We will inform you of the study guide which can be purchased in advance to make the course even more memorable and meaningful*). This course on the Eucharist (discovering the Mass in the Bible) is highly relevant as the Bishops of England and Wales are holding a gathering of clergy and laity which promote awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last such Congress in this country was in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused. The Congress will take place in Liverpool from the 7th - 9th September 2018 and be titled "Adoremus." Further information regarding "Adoremus" will be available in the New Year.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children of Year 6, staff and parents host their annual Christmas party for our senior members of the parish on **Friday 1st December, 2-4pm at St Anselm's School Hall (Louisville Rd entrance) PINK BOOKING FORMS** available from the rear of the church or parish office - please complete and return tear off slip to clergy or parish office **no later than Friday 24th November. Thank you!**

VINTAGE CHRISTMAS TEA on Saturday 9th December 2-5pm lower new hall

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas carols and home-made teatime treats and mince pies. Our parish shop in the courtyard will be open from 2.00 - 7.30pm full of Christmas gifts, including cards, cribs and pre-loved treasures. If you would like to help in any way: baking a cake, cookies, mince pies, making the teas and joining in with the general setting and clearing up of the afternoon please contact Tom Gately: tomg87@hotmail.com or Martine in the parish office stanselmstbec@gmail.com as soon as possible.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the church. We encourage you to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the great feast of Christmas. This is a most important Sacrament as we renew our relationship with God and one another. "A pure heart create in me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help."

"RORATE CAELI MASS" Saturday 16th December at 7.15am.

The *Rorate Caeli Mass* is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world.

PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2018

If you are applying to a Catholic Primary School and would like a reference please arrange an appointment to see Canon Will. The best time to contact the parish office to arrange an appointment is on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 020 8672 2179.**

You will need to bring to this appointment:

- The original completed SIF (Supplementary Information Form)
- A photocopy of baptismal certificate (If your child was baptised at St Anselm's Church, please request a copy from the parish office when booking your appointment).
- A family photograph

The closing date for the SIF (Supplementary Information Form, copy of Baptism Certificate and proof of address) to be returned to the School Office by Monday, 15th January 2018.

REVERENCE & RESPECT

It is proper to remain in the church until after the priest and altar servers have returned to the sacristy. There may be an occasional urgent reason for you to leave a little earlier, but as a general rule this is the practice of the Catholic faith.