

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

When I read through the Readings for this Sunday, two memories came to mind. During the 1940's the Government ran a poster campaign featuring a cartoon figure looking over a brick wall. It said 'Be Alert'. Some wag scrawled ' Britain needs more lerts' but the message was clear. The other featured a radio show (the Billy Cotton Band Show) with a catchphrase 'Wakey - Wakey...' cue an Ahh Bisto moment as the Sunday roast dinner was served.....My late father used Billy's words to great effect to get me out of bed for school.

I am sure you can all relate to experiences where you may have been less than aware of your surroundings and missing out on something as a result.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus encourages us to be on our guard and act as gatekeepers. But for what? We are persuaded to look forward to His 'second coming'. Metaphorically we should be looking way beyond the Festive Season to the greater glory of Christ welcoming us to His Kingdom.

He is asking us to be open minded and prepared for the future coming. From a Christian perspective we know that the Christ figure shares His suffering through others and this is a continuing reference to be on guard and be alert to the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves and especially help when we are least expecting such actions. This is all part of the Advent 'pathway' in the coming weeks where we prepare to show our love for others and look beyond the tree and tinsel.

I urge you look up Paul to the Thessalonians 1 5: 5 in preparation for Advent. We are children of the light and of the day.....let me know what you think

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am Felix Britto <i>RIP</i>
	10.00 am Anne Watkinson <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Rachel Persad (<i>G/Health</i>)
	11.15 am Fr T Boateng-Mensah <i>RIP</i>	Friday	10.00 am A & R Czaplewski <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Arnold Fernandes <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm David Crookes (<i>G/Health</i>)
Monday	10.00 am Paulina Fernandes <i>RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am Druston Moraes <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Ellen McCarthy <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Ojeifo Family (<i>Int</i>)
Tuesday	10.00 am Patrick Cafferty <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Holy Souls		10.00 am Holy Souls
Wednesday	10.00 am Pauline Roche <i>RIP</i>		11.15 am A & S Fernandes (<i>Int</i>)
	6.15 pm Jean Christinakis (<i>B'Day</i>)		6.15 pm Aires Fernandes <i>RIP</i>

SOUP AND SANDWICH CLUB

Friday 8th December 10.30am - 12 noon in the lower new hall.

CONSULTATION

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School are currently consulting on their admissions criteria for admission to the school from September 2019. The consultation documents can be found under 'Admissions' on the school website at www.stanselms.wandsworth.sch.uk

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

2nd & 3rd December 2017 (Year B)

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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.

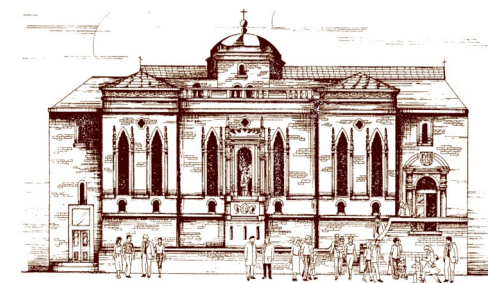
Mass Times:

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: Is 2:1-5; Ps 121.2.4-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 22:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 117:1.8-9.19-21.25-27; Mt 7:21.24-27
 Friday: Gen 3:9-15.20; Ps 97:1-4; Eph 1:3-6.11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21.23-26; Ps 146:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1.6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5.9-11; Ps 84:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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, 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, Frank Coffey, Kirstin Tyszkiewicz, Dymphna Flanagan, Rachel Hing and Rose Cusack

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

A wayward people cry out in despair for God's presence, knowing that God is their God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul gives thanks for all the graces bestowed upon us in Christ, who is faithful for ever.

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus reminds us of the need to be vigilant for we do not know when he will return.



ST ANSELM'S PARISH CARE & NURSING HOMES CHRISTMAS MASSES

Fr Phil has arranged to celebrate Mass at each of the nursing and care homes within the parish. We invite parishioners to come and join the residents for these special Masses. For further details contact the parish office 020 672 2179

Heritage Nursing Home: Henry Doulton Drive, Monday, 11th December at 2pm

Trinity Court Nursing Home: 165 Trinity Road, Wednesday, 13th December at 2pm

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 continuing on Tuesday 5th, 12th & 19th December 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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - CAROL SERVICE AND MIDNIGHT MASS If you enjoy singing do come and join us as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas. **Rehearsals:** Wednesday 6th & Thursday 14th December 7.45pm in the upper new hall. Wednesday 20th December 7.45pm in the church. We meet on Christmas Eve at 10pm in the church. All welcome!

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Masses 10am & 6.15pm.

Friday 8th December 12.00noon - 1.00pm. Hour of Grace.

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.

SAFE GUARDING DBS Screening Saturday 9th Dec 9.30 - 11am & Tuesday 12th December at 5.30pm.

If you have received your paperwork to help as a parish volunteer please attend this session with your application form and necessary documents for signing by the Parish Child Protection representatives. **Please come to the presbytery front door for access.** Should you have any queries in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Screening for parish volunteers please contact: Rebecca Bell c/o: stanselmstbec@gmail.com

'THE CHRISTMAS STORY'

On **Sunday 10th December**, the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the children of the parish will lead the Holy Hour 5.00 - 6.00pm. 'The Christmas Story' a short play by mime, readings and carols. If you would like your child/children to be involved please come to the **upper new hall on Sunday 10th December at 4.00pm** for a rehearsal in the church prior to the service at 5.00pm. **We would very much appreciate parental help. This is a lovely service for all the family as we prepare for the great celebration of Christmas.**

CARING KITCHEN - Sunday 10th & 17th December 12.15-2.00pm

For further information please contact: caringkitchensw@gmail.com

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FILM Saturday 16th December *The Bells of St Mary's.*

Starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. The film is about a priest and a nun who, despite their good-natured rivalry, try to save their school from being shut down. Please sign the sheet at the rear of the church to help us with catering for the evening. Join us at 7.30pm in the upper new hall. Christmas refreshments will be available.

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.

HCPT FUNDING RAISING FOR LOURDES, EASTER 2018

One of our young parishioners, Roisin Hever will be accompanying disabled children and their families to Lourdes next year with HCPT charity and will be selling raffle tickets in aid of the charity after the 10am Mass next Sunday 10th December.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING —WORD OF THANKS!

We were delighted to welcome Archbishop Peter to our 11.30am celebration last Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King at which he acknowledged Canon William's recent appointment as an Honorary Canon of St George's Cathedral and presented Martine Mercer with his personal medal for 'faithful service'. The Archbishop was thrilled to meet so many of the parishioners after Mass in the courtyard, halls and shop and also visited our Caring Kitchen too. A special word of thanks to everyone who provided hospitality for the event, to our concelebrating clergy, deacons, altar servers, parish choir, ushers, parishioners and those who helped to prepare our beautiful church with candles and floral arrangements. Thank you! (*Canon William*)