

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But as we celebrate this great feast of "epiphania" (the manifestation of God on earth) this weekend, we can remind ourselves anew of the significance of this special day. But what is the importance of the feast?

This feast fulfils for us the staggering fact that God has become man and at the same embraces His Godhead. The great gift of the Incarnation.

But what application can this feast have for us as we approach 2018? Pope Francis last year in his Epiphany homily stressed two words associated with the visit of the Wise Men, The words were "longing" and "worship". Longing is expressed in the words from Matthew 2:2 when they ask of Herod "Where is the child who has been born of the Jews. We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship Him?" The Kings had already been searching for the new King when they saw the star. Are we "searching" and "longing" for our King, seeking out his great presence in our Life. The second important part of the story is "worship" It was to be a new type of worship, not one that Herod could understand but one that the Wise Men would come to know. The worship not of tyranny but freedom of simplicity not wealth. They would return home full of light and go a different way. At Christmas the light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: "The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising." In 2018 let us apply those words to our lives.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am Eileen Hogan (<i>B'Day Int</i>)
	10.00 am Paddy Cleary Snr <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Tom Harvey <i>RIP</i>
	11.15 am Adam Nott <i>RIP</i>	Friday	10.00 am In Thanksgiving (AB)
	6.15 pm Seamus Lynch <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Alex Grech <i>RIP</i>
Monday	10.00 am Aires Fernandes <i>RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am Olivia Nazareth <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Tony Diver <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Bobby Stickner <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	10.00 am Helen & Andy Tsui (<i>Int</i>)	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Patrick Brady <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am John & Ellen Coady <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am Holy Souls		11.15 am Mary Grogan <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Foundation Mass		6.15 pm Sr Monica Higgins <i>RIP</i>

Second Collection next weekend: Pax Christi (Peace Sunday)

"The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice".

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The Epiphany of the Lord

6th & 7th January 2018 (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.

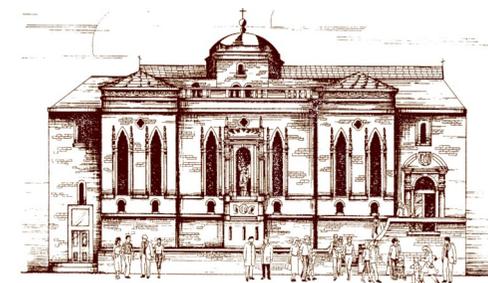
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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 55:1-11; Ps Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; Ps: 1 Sm 2:14-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10.19-20; Ps 39:2.5.7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 43:10-11.14-15.24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7.10-22; Ps 88:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4.17-19, 10:1; Ps 20:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sam 3:3-10.19; Ps 39:2.4.7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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, Jon Chesterton, Carmen Carril, Kazimera de Cruz, Janet Henry, Albert Folivi, Bernadette Burdge, Czeslaw Bacik, Frank Coffey, Kirstin Tyszkiewicz, Rachel Hing, Rose Cusack, Kathleen Marsh, Ena & Bill Barnett, Cathy Pereira, Pauline Watts and Gladys Furlong.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah exults over the light and glory through which the nations will come to the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Pagan and Gentile nations are now being given their place in the Church.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by God's grace through the light of a star to worship the Lord and give him their gifts.

FAMILY FOLK MASS Today, Sunday 7th January 10.00am

We meet Sunday morning at 9.30am in the church. Children of Year 3 and upwards are invited to come and join the singing. All welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2018 continues on Thursday 11th January at 7.00pm in the lower new hall. We look forward to seeing you all again.

SOUP & SANDWICH CLUB Friday 12th Jan 10.30am -12.00 noon - lower new hall.

CARING KITCHEN Sunday 14th & 28th January 2018, 12.15-2.00pm in the Old Hall (Balham High Rd entrance) in a friendly place and caring environment to enjoy a homemade lunch. We offer sandwiches, soup, cakes and fruit to members of the community, including anyone in the parish who would like to come along. For further information please contact: caringkitchensw@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Our monthly meeting for those who have suffered loss will take place on **Saturday 20th Jan 3.30-4.30pm** in the lower new hall. Come and join us for a short reflection and discussion followed by light refreshments.

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 William. 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.

RETREAT “EUCHARIST - DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE BIBLE”

A series of talks on DVD led by Dr. Brant Pitre and facilitated by Canon William. When Lent arrives on 14th February 2018 it will already be too late to sign up for Our Lenten Retreat. The first session is on **Shrove Tuesday 13th February at 7.45pm in the upper new hall**. This is a gifted series designed to really strike home at the heart of Evangelisation and in particular our personal formation of understanding of the role of the Bible from a Jewish perspective in developing our faith knowledge of the Eucharist. If you missed the Advent (the first four sections of this important course) do not worry. We will be putting on a *“Catch Up”* Evening on Tuesday 30th January at 7.45pm in the upper new hall for all those of you who wish to find out what it was all about. We have also uploaded the first four sessions of paper work and recap sheets on our web site (Under Spirituality – Retreats and Spiritual Formation – Eucharist Discovering the Mass in the Bible). This is a course that will change our lives as we journey in this important year of the Eucharist as directed by the Bishops of England and Wales. If you have never attended one of our retreats and wish to have a conversation as to whether it is for you, please contact Tom Gately. Email: tomg87@hotmail.co.uk

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.**

CAN YOU HELP? CHILDREN’S LITURGY (Little Fishes (Under 5) & The Followers (Over 5))

We are looking for liturgists to help with both the Under 5 and Over 5 Liturgy groups on a Sunday morning. If you are interested in supporting our lovely children’s liturgy, which is an extension of the Mass for our younger members of the parish community, please contact the parish office: stanselmstbec@gmail and your details will be forwarded to the coordinators of the groups. Thank you for your consideration. *Canon William.*

WELCOME GROUP AFTER 10AM MASS - LOWER NEW HALL

Following the Family Mass today some of our French families are brining along ‘galette des rois’ to share with parishioners. This is a tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany when the French celebrate the arrival of the three wise men by serving a frangipane filled tart known as ‘galette des rois’. The people gather to tiner les rois’ (to find the kings), a tradition since the 14th Century. As the families were away over the New Year period, Canon William has invited them to come and share this tradition with us today. All welcome!

WORD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION from Canon William, Fr Philip, Fr Emmanuel & the Parish Team to all our parishioners for the many cards and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. May the year ahead be full of many blessings for you all.

HEALTH & SAFETY/SAFEGUARDING

Should your child need to leave during Mass to use the toilet we ask parents to note the importance of ensuring that they accompany their child(ren) as entrances to the church, old and new halls and road are unsupervised. Inside St Anselm’s Church we reiterate the importance of keeping the back narthex (corridor of the church) and all aisles free of pushchairs and bags, allowing access to receive Communion/blessing, also in the event of an emergency. Upon arrival for Mass the garage next to the shop will be open for prams/scooters to be parked. **We also stress the importance** of bringing a holy book and **NOT** toys, puzzles, colouring books and pens, as we have noted a number of children regularly sitting on the floor at the back of the church and the corridor, which is a major concern for health and safety according to the Diocesan’s policy in all parishes. If your child(ren) become restless we encourage families to use the prayer corner in the foyer area of the lower new hall and return to the church once your child has settled. We thank all our parishioners for their cooperation, help and support for maintaining a safe and welcoming environment here at St Anselm’s! *Canon William.*

ROMAN CATHOLICS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

If you are admitted to hospital please take a card which is available at the back of the Church exercising your right to practise your religion and receive a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain

