

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

I've heard the word "Respect" quite a lot recently and cannot help feeling that the context in which it was used was not always quite right. In other words, I felt its meaning, or at least one of its meanings, was being eroded. It prompted me to look it up in an Oxford Dictionary!

Two interpretations were given:

Firstly "A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities or achievements".

Synonyms included 'esteem', 'approval', 'homage', 'awe', 'honour' among other suchlike.

Secondly "Due regard for the feelings, wishes or rights of others".

Synonyms included consideration, politeness, thoughtfulness, attentiveness, etc.

In my view, no guessing which expresses the Christian interpretation.

People's views, their natures, their demeanours and their social persona are all different - these are all shaped by various cultures, life's experiences, age and gender.

To show respect is to be attentive, civil and above all to be understanding.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am Salvita Silveira (<i>B'Day Int</i>)
	10.00 am John & Ellen Coady <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Carmelo Cassar (<i>Int</i>)
	11.15 am Mary Grogan <i>RIP</i>	Friday	10.00 am Req Placidus (Tony) Gomes <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Sr Monica Higgins <i>RIP</i>		12.00 pm Req Imelda Obinna <i>RIP</i>
Monday	10.00 am Peter Fraser (<i>B'Day Int</i>)		6.15 pm William Tobin <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Foundation Mass	Saturday	10.00 am Salvita Silveira (<i>B'Day Int</i>)
Tuesday	10.00 am Vernon Gordon <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Patsy Tiernan <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Patrick Stewart Family (<i>Int</i>)	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
Wednesday	10.00 am Mary Mongey (<i>Int</i>)		10.00 am S Plummer - Darling (<i>Int</i>)
	6.15 pm Margaret Burns (<i>Int</i>)		11.15 am Private Intention
			6.15 pm Alex Grech <i>RIP</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Last week's collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £700.00, Loose £1,480.00, **Total £2,180.00** Thank you.

Second Collection this 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".

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

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of the Year

13th & 14th 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.

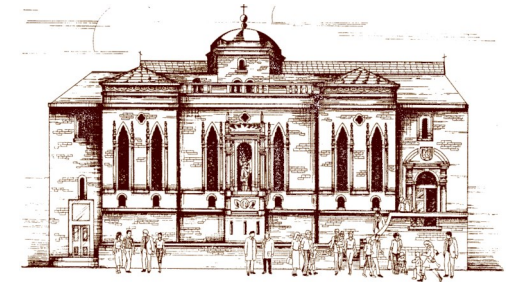
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 49:8-9,16-17,21,23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 88:20,21-22,27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 143:1-2,9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 55:2-3,9-14; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 56:2-4,6,11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27; Ps 79:2-3,5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5,10; Ps 24:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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 and Gladys Furlong.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

After being called four times by God, the boy Samuel understands who it is and responds: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

United with Jesus, we are one spirit with him and our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel John 1:35-42

John the Baptist points out Jesus as "the Lamb of God" and two of his followers become Jesus' first disciples.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Placidus (Tony) Gomes. Requiem Mass Friday 19th January at 10am and Imelda Obinna, Requiem Mass Friday 19th January at 12noon. We ask you to especially pray for both families at this time.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Watts who died recently and for her family. Pauline was a parishioner and a member of the Union of Catholic Mothers for many years.

CARING KITCHEN Today 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

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.

SAFEGUARDING DBS Screening Saturday 20th January 9.30-10.30am 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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next monthly meeting for those who have suffered loss will take place on **Saturday 20th January 2018 3.30-4.30pm** in the lower new hall. Come and join us for a short reflection and discussion followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

FAMILY FOLK MASS 21st January 2018 at 10am If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument come and join us. We meet on Saturday 20th January at 10.45am in the upper new hall and on Sunday morning at 9.30am in the church. Children of Year 3 and upwards are invited to come and join in with the singing. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2018

Enrolment Mass for all candidates on Sunday 21st January at 6.15pm. Parents' Meeting on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm in the upper new hall. Classes for candidates on Wednesday 31st January 7.30pm in new halls.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Parents' Benediction and Meeting on Tuesday 23rd January 7.30pm in the church (please enter via the upper new hall from Tooting Bec Road).

PARISH ADVENT & LENT 2018 RETREATS The **Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible.** 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. 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 available in the New Year.

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.com and your details will be forwarded to the coordinators of the groups. Thank you for your consideration. **Canon William.**

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Make a difference with CAFOD

Become a volunteer. Make 2018 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. We are especially looking for

- **Confident public speakers** who could visit schools or churches to speak about CAFOD's work.
- **Good organisers** to volunteer, **part-time over 10 weeks**, in our office in Waterloo or Bromley to help coordinate Lent Fast Day.
- **Good communicators** interested in updating our social media or making phone calls on our behalf.

Please get in touch with us on southwark@cafod.org.uk or 020 8466 9901 to find out more about how you can make a difference.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN

Balham Catenians is expanding! As a circle our aim is to provide a social network which helps Catholic lay men live out their various vocations as husband, father, friend, work colleague, committed Christian and active Catholic! If you are interested in joining please email our membership secretary Matthew matt_benedict76@hotmail.com or call on 07811 263 425.