

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Jesus was dead and defeated, his words silenced and his presence terminated. The rolling haer of despond, a cloud of disillusion rolled remorselessly from Calvary hill. It rolled over the hope of those influenced and inspired by his spirituality, his wisdom, his transparent divinity, his miraculous works. His followers were mired in a human understanding which equated the finality of death with an ending of existence, the ending of any legacy attached to his life's span. No legacy of hope, of higher purpose, of any kind of mortal redemption or even of a social justice which articulated the need for the poor, the oppressed, to be respected, to be free. Just the dull, lingering sense of grief, of disappointment and of doubt remained.

In the days and weeks after his death, the hearts and minds of the Apostles, of the disciples, of his followers, were lifted beyond the cloud of despond. The lingering haer evaporated as the revelation of the eternal aspect to the life of Jesus was revealed to all of them. His divinity became real to those who were to encounter his presence, variously with the travellers at Emmaeus, and his appearances in the presence of the Apostles and the Disciples. The legacy of hope was itself resurrected into something more substantial, human understanding and belief coalesced into something more profound, a faith. A faith in the truth of what Jesus had said would happen, a faith in the truth about his mission to bring to the world the message that God's love transcended mortal death and a faith in the truth that God's love lives within each and every one of us.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop 10.00 am Bill Brennan <i>RIP</i> 11.15 am In Thanksgiving 6.15 pm Edith Dempster (<i>Welfare</i>)	Thursday	10.00 am Felix Britto <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Brendan Healy <i>RIP</i>
Monday	10.00 am Elizabeth McKenna <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Foundation Mass	Friday	10.00 am Soup & Sandwich Club (<i>T/Giv</i>) 6.15 pm Canon T Harrington <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	10.00 am William Morrissey <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Souls in Purgatory	Saturday	10.00 am Colin Heathfield <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Anne Griffin (<i>W/Bein</i>)
Wednesday	10.00 am Req Olga Player <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Thomas Mannion <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop 10.00 am Aires Fernandes <i>RIP</i> 11.15 am S Kowalczyk (<i>B'Day</i>) 6.15 pm Albert Fernandes <i>RIP</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £391.00, Loose £1,022.00, **Total £1,413.00.** Thank you.

ONE-OFF GIFT AID DONATIONS There are envelopes at the rear of the church for visitors (and parishioners who are not in our Gift Aid scheme) to make donations which can be Gift Aided, ie for every £1 in the envelope, the church can claim an extra 25p. Please remember Gift Aid donors must be taxpayers.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

14th & 15th April 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.

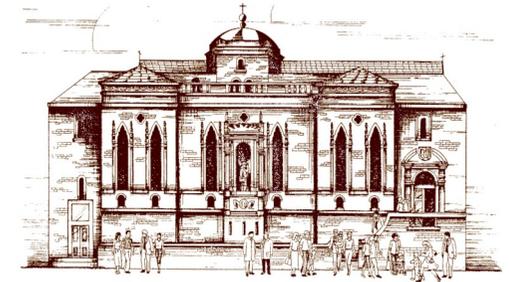
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 118:23-24.26-27.29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1; Ps 30:3-4.6-8.17.21; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1-8; Ps 65:1-7; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 65:8-9.16-17.20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 116:1-2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 115:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 117:1.8-9.21-23.26.28-29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

God said through all the prophets that the Christ would suffer.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

If anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

Monday: St Vincent de Paul at 7.00pm (2nd & 4th Monday of month).
Legion of Mary at 7.00pm.
Tuesday: Exposition and Benediction after 10.00am Mass.
Wednesday: Friendship Club 2.00pm – 4.00pm.
Thursday: Friends of the Holy Family (4th Thursday of the month).
St Philomena Prayer Group held after 6.15pm Mass in our Lady's
chapel 7.00pm – 8.00pm.
RCIA programme 7.00pm – 9.00pm in upper new hall.

CARING KITCHEN Sunday 22nd April, 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

A COURSE FOR PENTECOST “THE GIFT” Do you sometimes wonder if there isn't more to your faith? Do you desire a deeper relationship with God but don't know where to start? We may have been baptised and Confirmed but still not be aware of the need to personally and deliberately invite the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives. This Pentecost, the Parish invites you to do just that! Following the success of last year's course, we are again running 'The Gift', a lively DVD-led course with engaging speakers such as David Payne, Jenny Baker and Michelle Moran who will inspire and provoke you with a fresh and down to earth witness to the challenges of living a Spirit-filled life in a modern world. Commencing on Tuesday 17th April for 6 weeks, we will explore who the Holy Spirit is and how he can lead us to a deeper encounter with God our loving Father. Tuesday 7.45-9.15pm in the upper new hall. “We need to implore the daily grace of the Holy Spirit, asking him to open our cold heart and shake up our lukewarm and superficial existence.” (Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel 264).

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for more helpers for our 1st Friday Coffee morning which runs from 9am-12noon. This would involve setting up (8.30am), help with teas/coffees and perhaps making a cake/buns/biscuits to bring along. Serving teas and coffees during the morning and clearing up. This is a lovely way to come and meet our wonderful community and share in hospitality. If you would like to get involved please contact Sarah: bigltexas@yahoo.com or the parish office 020 8672 2179/stanselmstbec@gmail.com Thank you! *Canon William*

NEW DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. Please could you let the parish office (020 8672 2179) know if this applies to you so that I can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your cooperation. *Canon William*

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*.

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.**

GIFT AID RE: EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Finance Committee would like to point out to the parishioners the importance of the Easter Offering. Our priests' income is only from three sources, Mass stipends, the Christmas and Easter offering, so please be generous. For those of you in the Gift Aid scheme, please write your details on the Easter Offering envelope. Thank you.

RE-ENERGISE BY EASTER, change the world with CAFOD

Re-energise after Easter, do you want to put your faith into action? CAFOD campaigning tackles the causes of poverty and injustice, not just the symptoms. Could you help your fellow parishioners to campaign with us? All our campaigns are based on in-depth research: we listen to people living in poverty, study the political context and work out possible solutions. We then raise our voice to draw attention to the issues.

We are especially looking for ...

Tenacious writers who could contact their MP three times a year to seek their support for CAFOD campaigns.

Good organisers to run a Share the Justice refugee campaign walk in your parish.

Great communicators to speak and write about our campaigns in parishes, schools and on line.

Please get in touch with us on southwark@cafod.org.uk or 020 8466 9901 to find out more and to **book on our next information day Sat 28th April in Waterloo.**

GIFT AID TAX STATUS

Given the changes to the Income Tax Personal Allowance this month, parishioners who are in the Gift Aid Scheme are reminded that they need to pay enough income tax to cover the tax refund on their Gift Aid donations. If your tax status has changed such that you are no longer paying enough tax to cover, please inform our Gift Aid organiser, Paul, tel: 020 8675 2069.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN - ATLAR SERVERS MEDAL CEREMONY

Sunday 29th April the 11.15am Mass will move to 11.30am to enable us to prepare for some of our young servers to be presented with their Guild of St Stephen medal during the Mass. Please keep the young people in your prayers to enable them to continue in this important ministry.
