

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

In my generation Mothers always wanted their children to play an instrument. Harmonica, tin whistle, melodeon all soon passed me by. The Piano got to Grade 4 (You can only go so far playing by ear). My Uncles in particular would break in to song at any excuse when the family got together.....and as children we all had to have a party piece. As a child of the 60's music was everywhere I soon learnt the importance of harmony in all its forms. Not just musically.

Adam showed poor form in blaming Eve over the forbidden fruit issue but they did leave the Garden together hand in hand in a state of 'original sin', bound together in this one act. Equally responsible and 'in harmony'.

Jesus spoke of the dangers of 'disharmony' to the crowds and He was so forceful in His delivery that Jesus was accused of 'losing his mind'. He was just plain angry and wanted to get His message across.

Contrarily, Jesus could be judged at odds with His own family in this episode. He warned of disharmony yet refused their help in leaving the house and continued preaching. Whilst He became flesh He was not under the control of His family and would continue to follow His own destiny. This is clear.

To reinforce his message, He responded to the Pharisee's by using the phrase 'A house divided cannot stand'..... words later used by Abraham Lincoln in a famous Senate speech in 1858. Jesus actively encourages a harmonious approach to our Faith and role in the community. He goes on to tell the crowds that they are his 'brother, sister and Mother'. I have never thought of myself in this context, always of the view that Jesus' teachings placed me as a follower, a disciple, looking up to Our Lord's example and ultimate sacrifice. Jesus knew that in rural communities filial and maternal relationships were very precious.

Jesus was illustrating His closeness to His people and of course to each other, through Him.

A couple of questions..... Are we open and brave enough to treat each other as brother, sister and Mother and follow Christ's example?

How often do we seek to cause disharmony in the hope to achieve some advantage personally within our family or in our business lives? Can we approach matters differently?

Beach Boys or Beatles?

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am R: Theophilus Bedu Foli <i>RIP</i>
	10.00 am Hugette How <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Anthony De Souza <i>RIP</i>
	11.30 am Joe Liddy <i>RIP</i>	Friday	10.00 am Special Petition (AB)
	6.15 pm Alex Debiniski <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Leo Foy <i>RIP</i>
Monday	10.00 am Eula Britto <i>RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am Antonio E Moraes <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Stephen Moylan Jnr (<i>Int</i>)		6.15 pm Ita O'Brien <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	10.00 am Doreen Harris (<i>Int</i>)	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Christy Lobo <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am Fr Patrick Cope <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am Bianca Haimbondi (<i>Int</i>)		11.30 am William O'Connor <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Mary Fernandes <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm James Donnellan <i>RIP</i>

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10th Sunday of the Year

9th & 10th June 2018 (Year B)

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Parish Team:

Rev Canon Dr 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.

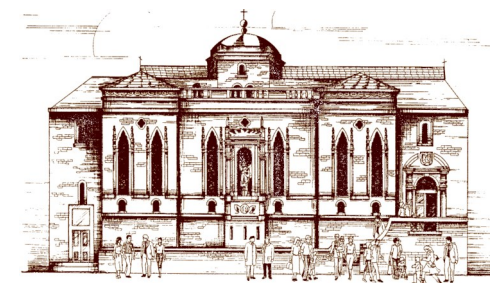
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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 11:21-26, 13:1-3; Ps 97:1-6; Mt 10:7-13
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5.7-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 15:1-2.4-5.8.11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 64:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9.11-16; Ps 26:7-9.13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 15:1-2.5.7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday:	Ezek 17:22-24; Ps 91:2-3.13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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 Genesis 3:9-15

People have always blamed others for their own shortcoming. It is why human relationships so often fail.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

The Spirit prepares us for life with God by the daily renewing of our inner selves.

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

Those who feel powerless in the grip of evil come to Jesus for forgiveness and healing, though not everyone recognises in him the Spirit of God.

MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

Monday: St Vincent de Paul at 7.00pm (**2nd 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 (**3rd 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.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Theophilus Bedu Foli. Requiem Mass on Thursday 14th June at 10.00am. We especially pray for all the family at this time.

PLEASE PRAY for Amrita Nunkoo, former parishioner of St Anselm's who recently died. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption, 282 Links Road, SW17 9ER on Thursday 14th June at 12.30pm. We especially pray for all the family at this time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS Today, Sunday 10th and 17th June 45 children of the parish will receive their First Holy Communion during the 11.30am Mass (please note the amended time of Mass over these two weekends to help prepare the church). Please remember the children, families and catechists in your prayers at this time. **On both Sundays there will be a photographer and the Masses will be filmed.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUNG PARISHIONERS!

Final class for all the newly confirmed: Wednesday 13th June 7.30pm in the lower new hall. Our renewed thanks to Fr Phil (Chaplain) and dedicated team of catechists who volunteer their time to prepare our young people of the parish. Thank you! *Canon William*

PATRONAL FEAST AND INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

To celebrate our Parish Feast there will be a special Mass on Saturday 14th July at 6.15pm. If you are interested in helping with the organisation of this event please come to our meeting on **Thursday 14th June at 7.45pm** in the lower new hall. Any queries/confirmation of attendance contact Claver at caldmello@googlemail.com

At St Anselm's we are fortunate in belonging to a community which is culturally diverse, yet united in our Catholic Faith. On Saturday 14th July we celebrate our Patronal Feast, a multicultural celebration, at 6.15pm where the music and prayers will reflect our diverse and ethnic community. We invite the children of the parish and anyone else who enjoys singing to come and join the choir for this uplifting and joyful celebration and lead the congregation with songs of praise and actions. There will be one rehearsal for all the musicians and singers (including the children) on Saturday 7th July at 10am-11.30am in the lower new hall. Children must attend this rehearsal to join the celebration the following weekend. We will ask the children to also join the opening procession carrying national flags of our parish community. The Mass will be followed by a celebration in the old hall which will include entertainment with music, singing and dancing and lots of international culinary delights to enjoy too! If you can make a contribution in the way of a national dish or dessert, it would be much appreciated. Any donation of food can be delivered to the old hall on Sat 14th July after 5pm. **Canon William**, the parish team and organising committee extend a warm invitation to you and your families to join us for this joyful celebration, so dress up in your national costume or colourful clothes and join us and embrace our parish community for an evening of songs of praise, dining and dancing in friendship and fellowship. All welcome!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS' GATHERING

All Extraordinary Ministers are invited to join us on Thursday 21st June at 7.45pm in the upper new hall for our annual gathering and an opportunity to meet and greet fellow ministers. Please contact Martine in the parish office to confirm your attendance: stanselmstbec@gmail.com or 020 8672 2179.

CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION 50th ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Centre for Catholic Formation, previously known as the Christian Education Centre is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Opened on 19th June 1968, the CCF has been assisting parishes and schools in their mission to evangelise and catechise as well as providing talks and events on a wide range of subjects. We are delighted to be able to offer four wonderful lectures as part of our celebrations, details on www.ccfootingbec.org.uk The celebrations conclude with a Mass on Saturday 23rd June at 3.30pm at St Anselm's Church celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith.

ST ANSELM'S & ST SAVIOUR'S PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND October 2018

Please could all pilgrims ensure final payment to Pax Travel Ltd is returned to Martine in the parish office by Friday 22nd June 2018. Many thanks! Final meeting on Saturday 22nd September 2018 at 3.00pm in the lower new hall.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION, Sunday 24th June at 3pm

We invite the whole parish to join in this celebration which commences in the church at 3pm when there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Weather permitting there will be a procession to the garden at the CCF and the service will conclude in the church. Extraordinary Ministers will renew their Commitment during the service. We especially invite all the newly Confirmed young people of the parish. All First Holy Communicants should attend and will be presented with their certificates after the service in the old hall. **All Altar Servers to arrive by 2.45pm in the sacristy and First Holy Communicants by 2.30pm** in the upper new hall. Tea will be served after the service in the old hall, Balham High Road entrance. All welcome!

PARISH SHOP IN THE COURTYARD

Our little shop in the courtyard is open every Sunday 8.30am-12.30pm. Do drop in and be pleasantly surprised. Lots of Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Baptism cards and gifts. If you would like to volunteer in the shop please speak to Tom Gately or email: tomg87@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH SUMMER OUTING Tuesday 31st July

Polesden Lacey (National Trust House & Gardens). We hope to be able to celebrate Mass at St John's Seminary, Womersley at 11.30am followed by an afternoon at leisure. Coach transfers including entry to Polesden Lacey House estate & Gardens with access to Granary Café & Cowshed Coffee shop and general gift shop. (£30). Forty places available, please contact Martine to reserve your place. Come and join us for our annual outing! Further information will follow of final arrangements.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £597.00, Loose £1244.00, **Total £1841.00.** Thank you.

Second Collection this weekend: Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW).

Second Collection next weekend: Day for Life.