

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us that men and women are called to leave their parents, marry, and become "one flesh": each becomes a part of the other. When a man and a woman come together in a love of total mutual self-giving, it reflects the inter-Personal love within God the Most Holy Trinity: when Adam sees Eve for the first time, he recognises a part of himself, someone without whom he would be incomplete, someone who was missing in his life.

For those called to marriage, God has blessed two people with someone with whom they can be complete, be whole, and he promises to help them with the spiritual graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony. However, marriage is not a step to be taken lightly – it requires preparation – but when that step is taken, it will be a life-changing blessing for the couple and for everyone they love.

The beauty of marital love is why marriages in difficulty are so dramatic and tragic: something that is now "one flesh" is trying to pull itself apart. In the difficult moments, it is important to remember not just the emotions of first love, but the fact that God has joined man and woman, and God will help them remain united if **both** husband and wife strive to seek each other's good.

And so, Christians should pray for all marriages; especially for those spouses who are suffering from separation, and that marriages experiencing difficulty may receive the grace and support they need to resolve their differences and be faithful to the bond God has forged between them. Because husband and wife are no longer two, but one flesh, one person: they exist no longer for themselves, but for each other. That's how God designed it. And he designed it for a reason: he wanted the love of a husband and wife to be a mirror of his own love for us.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop 10.00 am Private Intention 11.15 am Rev John Mulligan <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Bernard Cooney <i>RIP</i>	Thursday	10.00 am Holy Souls Ramsay Family 6.15 pm Eucharistic Service
Monday	10.00 am Danny Berger (<i>Welfare</i>) 6.15 pm Joan O'Dwyer <i>RIP</i>	Friday	10.00 am Canon Dermott Fogarty <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Peggy O'Donnell <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	10.00 am Bernadette Burdge <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Holy Souls	Saturday	10.00 am Antonio E Moraes <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Frank Fernandes <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am Arthur Moraes <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Foundation Mass	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop 10.00 am Jane Dineen <i>RIP</i> 11.15 am Jim Gilbride <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Fr Philip J Mathias <i>RIP</i>

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CAFOD Family Fast Day

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day (Friday 5th October) CAFOD invites us to eat simply - perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal - and give the money we save to help people like Longora.

Second Collection next weekend: Prisoners' Sunday.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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27th Sunday of the Year

6th & 7th October 2018 (Year B)

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Parish Team:

Rev Canon Dr William Hebborn (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Philip Andrews & Fr Paul Connelly

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.

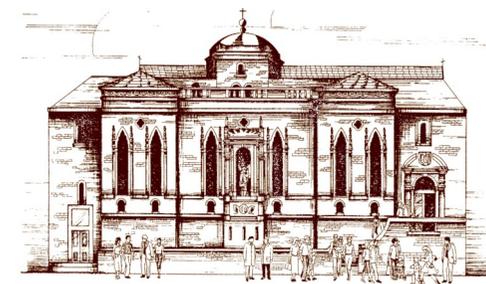
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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:	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 110:1-2,7-10; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 138:1-3,13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Ps 116:1-2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5; Ps Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 110:1-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 104:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 89:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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 Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

Jesus is foreshadowed as the one who will challenge the godless with his virtue.

Second Reading James 3:16-4:3

Proper prayer will unshackle us from our base desires, allowing us to grow in holiness as peacemakers.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus, predicting his passion and death, instructs his followers that true discipleship lies in humble service.

PARISH NEW EMAIL

Please note the Parish email has changed to tootingbec@rcaos.org.uk

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) Our gathering is next Thursday, 7pm, in the upper new hall. All welcome.

A PET BLESSING CEREMONY 7th October at 3.00pm

To commemorate the feast of St Francis, patron saint of animals and ecology, there will be a pet blessing ceremony in the courtyard on the above date. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and ask God's blessing on all he has made. Bring your pet (dogs, cats, guinea pigs, etc.) and assemble in the courtyard by 3pm. Children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. Please keep dogs and cats at opposite ends of the courtyard as indicated on the day.

PARISH CHOIR Do you enjoy singing? Want to get more involved with music in the parish? Why not join us as we recommence our monthly music gatherings on Wednesday 10th October at 7.45pm in the lower new hall. We will take this opportunity to look at new music, especially as we start to prepare for the Christmas celebrations, as well as some old favourites. No experience required, just enthusiasm!! All welcome!

SOUP & SANDWICH CLUB Friday 12th Oct in the lower new hall from 10.30am - 12.00noon. Come and join us for delicious homemade soup, sandwiches and cakes.

PARISH BALL Saturday 13th October 2018 St Anselm's Parish Ball, Saturday 13th October at The Polish Club, Hamilton House, 211 Balham High Rd from 7.30pm. Tickets £50 per person (£30 for concessions) to include a champagne reception with live musical accompaniment, a 3-course meal, a buffet cheese board and after-dinner tea/coffee and mints. Dinner will be followed by the opportunity to dance the night away until 1.30am. **Contact Janet: janet.ikpase@googlemail.com**

CARING KITCHEN

We meet again on Sunday 14th October and 28th October 12.15pm - 2.00pm in the old hall. Further information please contact caringkitchensw@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION 2019 Enrolment for the young people of the parish (School Year 8 & 9 as from September 2018) will take place on **Tuesday 6th November 2018 7.30-8.30pm** in the upper new hall for all **candidates and parents**. Confirmation Retreat Weekend at St Vincent's, Whitstable Friday 22nd - 24th March 2019. Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 19th May 2019 at 11.30am. **Green application form with full details now available at the rear of the church (in the wallet on the wall) by the newspapers. Please complete and return only the green application form to the parish office by MONDAY 8th OCTOBER. Please keep the introduction letter and schedule of dates for your diary. Thank you.**

PARISH SHOP IN THE COURTYARD

The parish shop is re-opening after the summer holidays from 8.30am - 12.30pm. Lots of new goodies to be looked over, but we would just love to see you, so pop in. If you would like to volunteer in the shop please speak to Tom Gately or email: tomg87@hotmail.co.uk We are also thinking of opening on a Friday, so let us know if that would be a good idea?

SIXTH FORM & SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER REFERENCE

If you are applying to a Catholic Sixth Form or Secondary School and would like a reference, please arrange an appointment to see Canon William. Please contact Martine in the parish office on 020 8672 2179 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) to arrange an appointment.

You will need to bring to this appointment:

- **Photocopy** of the **completed school supplementary application form(s)**, unless Canon William has to sign/stamp the original supplementary document. We will then photocopy for our records.
- **Copy** of baptismal certificate (*if baptism took place at St Anselm's Church, please request a copy from the parish office when booking your appointment.*)
- A family photograph.

The closing date for all appointments with Canon William will be Friday 19th October 2018, and documents to Wandsworth Borough Council 31st October 2018.

GENTLEMEN OF THE PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING EVENING

Friday 16th November, 7.30pm in the old hall, an evening of cooking, music and prayers to create your very own Christmas Pud!! £35 per person to include all ingredients/bowls and fish and chip supper. Places are limited to **sixty places this year** and will only be confirmed with a completed booking form, so please return this to the parish office by 11th November. The forms are available from the parish shop on Sunday or parish office during the week. All profits in aid of Parish Lighting Project..

CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME AT THE FAMILY MASS SUNDAY 10am

Every now and then it is important for us to let parents/guardians know that we are always delighted when they bring their children to Mass. It is sometimes a hard task to get them ready on a Sunday and to bring them on time to church, but parents/guardians should always remember that it is a great privilege, given to them by God, to share with their children the knowledge of God and worship Him. Children will, of course, sometimes make a noise or move about, however, should your child become restless you can take them to the foyer of the lower new hall or courtyard and return once settled. Therefore, we say to parents, don't be embarrassed and do your very best to come to St Anselm's as a family every Sunday. And if you see a parent struggling with a difficult child, smile and encourage them. As Jesus says, 'let the little children come to me, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.

PATRICK PULLICINO Greetings! I am a seminarian and will be attached to the parish for the next year. I hope to be able to meet many of you and join in with all that is happening at St Anselm's.

MASS COUNT Continues until 14th October.
