

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

November 4th is just another ordinary day and yet in 1922 it marked one of the greatest Egyptology discoveries of modern times – the opening of the tomb of Tutankhamun by Howard Carter. The wonders and treasures of another world became evident to the new.

Today we have a treasure given to us in the Bible passage for our Gospel reading and reflection. The greatest command given to us by Jesus himself – a quick summary of this is simply “love God and Love your neighbour”. We hear it often in our Biblical world and yet do we reflect on it and what it means for us? At the heart of this passage is Love, we need to embrace that fact as part of our inner logic so that we can put in action what Jesus is asking of us. If we want to know God we have to love our neighbour, we cannot hate our neighbour if we want to be a follower, if we want to be “not far from the Kingdom of God”.

In our South London affluence we may think that putting that into practice is someone else’s responsibility, yet there are daily times when we show by our own words and deeds that we have embraced the love of God and neighbour. It can be reflected in the random acts of kindness or kind words of understanding that we show to others or by commitment to action in doing something positive for those less well off than ourselves. There is a wonderful film called the Field of Dreams, and the key line in the film is “if you build it he will come”, it’s about a dream of building a baseball stadium to house a game of old players from the past. It is a film of redemption and reality. That needs to be our message – if we build a life of Faith in community, “He” will be with us. Let us honour in this month of November when we remember so many who gave their lives for others, the greatest “discovery” of our lives, the need to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am Special Petition (AB)
	10.00 am George Ignatius Hannah RIP		6.15 pm Foundation Mass
	11.15 am Kazimiera De Cruz RIP	Friday	10.00 am Blanche Hawtin RIP
	6.15 pm Philomena Fernandes (B'Day)		6.15 pm Holy Souls
Monday	10.00 am Holy Souls	Saturday	10.00 am C & M Fernandes RIP
	6.15 pm Pro-Life		6.15 pm M Kwaskowska RIP
Tuesday	10.00 am Abel Silveira RIP	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Bernadette Burdge RIP		10.00 am Mairtin Breathnach RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am Fr Patrick Cope RIP		11.30 am Requiem Mass War Dead
	6.15 pm Anthony Saverimutu RIP		6.15 pm Tudor Silva RIP

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £419.00, Loose £1,160.00, **Total £1,579.00.**

Thank you.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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31st Sunday of the Year

3rd & 4th Novemberr 2018 (Year B)

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Parish Team:

Rev Canon Dr William Hebborn (*Parish Priest*)
Fr Philip Andrews, Fr Paul Connelly & Fr Membrate Desalegn.
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.

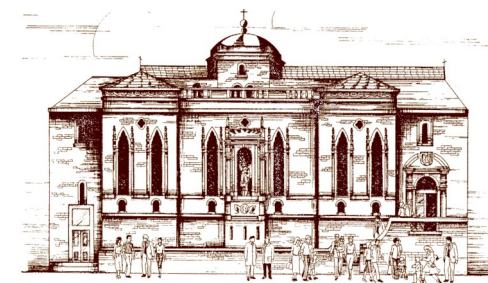
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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:	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 130:1-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 21:26-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 26:1.4.13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8; Ps 104:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Ezek 47:1-2.8-9.12; Ps 45:2-3.5-6.8-9; 1 Cor 3:9-11.16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 111:1-2.5-6.8-9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 145:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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, especially Margaret Thomas and Judith Jones..

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses presents the people with the commandment that sums up the Law of the covenant.

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ is the perfect high priest who remains for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him..

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

Jesus highlights the commandment from Deuteronomy as the first of all the commandments, with love of neighbour as the second. There is no law greater than this.

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

HOLY SOULS November is the month of the Holy Souls when we remember the dearly departed members of our families, friends and All Souls and especially those who have no one to pray for them. Please take one of the forms (lilac) found on the table in front of the lectern in the church and return to the clergy or parish office.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

Thursdays at 7.00pm in the upper new hall. Why stay away? One of the lovely things about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults happens on Sunday November 4th at 11.15 am Mass when our new enquirers meet the Parish as part of their Journey in Faith. It prompts the question for us all “Why stay away?” when we have in the Mass the privilege of embracing and accepting the revelation of God in Christ and the belief that the practice of our faith will make a relevant difference to our lives. If you know of anyone who you think would benefit from “coming home” i.e those who have stayed away from their faith, encourage them to contact the Parish Office or turn up at our next RCIA session November 1st or 8th, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the upper new hall.

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.

ST ANSELM’S PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2019

St. Anselm’s Primary School Open Day for prospective parents applying for Reception 2019 intake for children born between September 1st 2014 and August 31st 2015 are invited to visit the school on **Thursday 8th November at 1.45pm**. Entrance Louisville Road when arrangements for reception entry will be explained. **All appointments with Canon William for primary school references will be arranged after this date.** Full details will be printed in the newsletter.

SOUP AND SANDWICH CLUB Friday 9th November, 10.30am - 12 noon. Come and join us for a delicious lunch in a friendly and happy environment. All welcome!

SAFE GUARDING DBS Screening Saturday 10th November 9.30am - 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: Peggy Jhugroo or Debbie Baretto c/o tootingbec@rcaos.org.uk

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11th November at 11.30am

Centenary of the end of WWI. We come together on Remembrance Sunday 11th November for a Requiem Mass at 11.30am to remember the War Dead and pray for the bereaved, especially for peace in our world. The ‘Parish in Wartime’ publication (donation) by our parish authors Nick Dunne and John Pontifex will be on sale after all Masses at the rear of the church. **We will be observing two minutes silence at 11.00am.**



CARING KITCHEN Sunday 11th & 25th November 12.15-2pm in the old hall. Further information please contact: caringkitchensw@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting on Tuesday 13th November at 8pm in the upper new hall.

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 14th Nov 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next monthly meeting for those who have suffered loss will take place on **Saturday 17th November, 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.

CATECHETICAL FORMATION Tuesday 20th November, 7.30 for 7.45 pm in the upper new hall. Training for Catechists: A message for all catechists currently involved and about to join our programmes to attend the above training session. The evening will consist of an introduction to Catechetical Evangelisation from the Director of Evangelisation at the Catholic Centre Tooting Bec, Theo Howard, as well as the launch of our new Catechist Guide. It is expected that **all current and would be catechists will attend.** (Canon William)

ADVENT RETREAT commences on 27th November in the upper new hall, 7.45 for 8.00pm prompt start. Canon William will be leading our Advent Retreat based on 6 DVD led sessions by Bishop Robert Barron on the importance of the Mass, together with opportunities for prayer, discussion and Adoration. This walk through the Mass will transform us by *the insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.* **Tuesday evenings:** 27th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec and 18th Dec continuing in January 2019, Tuesday 8th, 15th and concluding with Adoration on Tuesday 22nd January. **All catechists should try and attend this retreat.**

SENIOR CITIZENS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children of Year 6, staff and parents host their annual Christmas party for our senior members of the parish on **Friday 30th November, 2-4pm at St Anselm’s School Hall (Louisville Rd entrance).** **GREEN BOOKING FORMS** available from the rear of the church or parish office - please complete and return tear off slip to clergy or parish office **no later than Friday 23rd November. Thank you!**

PARISH SHOP IN THE COURTYARD 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?

PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA - October 7-12th 2019 Our joint pilgrimage with the parish of St Saviour’s, Lewisham, to Avila will be from Monday 7th October to Saturday 12th October 2019, cost £699.00 for twin room, including flights, accommodation and meals. Single room supplement £85. See Martine at Registration meeting Saturday 17th November 12.15-12.45pm in Parish Office.