

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

There can be no doubt, surely, that the substance of today's reading is pretty solemn. To counter this there is God's assurance, expressed in the opening antiphon, 'The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you'. The opening prayer says, 'Father of all that is good, keep us faithful in serving you'. The inference, then, is that we ask God that we may offer him constant and faithful service. We must stay awake for Advent is near.

'Peace and not disaster'. That is God's will for us. It helps to remember this as we go on to some of the other readings for today. The passage from Daniel has, for example, 'Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, to some everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace'. And the Gospel acclamation gives us, 'Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming'.

All these solemn warnings are leading us towards the end of the month of the Holy Souls to next week, which is the Feast of Christ the King - the King who comes in judgement. Then the Church begins her new year with Advent, in which we remember the First Coming of Christ as a baby boy in Bethlehem and his Second Coming as Judge. So 'Stay awake, for you know not the hour'.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop 10.00 am Joseph Liddy <i>RIP</i> 11.15 am E & G Desmond <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Mary Murphy (<i>Int</i>)	Thursday	10.00 am Foundation Mass 6.15 pm Silveira Family <i>RIP</i>
Monday	10.00 am All Souls 6.15 pm Holy Souls	Friday	10.00 am Anthony De Souza <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm De'ced members of Carrucan Family <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	10.00 am Alan James <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Patsy Brady (<i>Birthday</i>)	Saturday	10.00 am Bernadette Burdge <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Fernandes Family <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am Felix & Eula Britto <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm Holy Souls	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop 10.00 am Fr Patrick Cope <i>RIP</i> 11.15 am E & W Hogan <i>RIP</i> 6.15 pm P & D V Fernandes <i>RIP</i>

CARING KITCHEN Sunday 25th November. 12.15pm - 2.00pm in the old hall. Further information: please contact caringkithcensw@gmail.com

LOOK AFTER YOUR BELONGINGS

Please keep your bag/handbag/wallet safe while you are in the church - keep them in sight, not behind you. Sadly, thieves do not respect the sanctity of churches and will take any opportunity to relieve us of our money - we all need to be vigilant.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE as the ladies toilets are refurbished. We hope work will be completed by the end of next week.

PARISH WEBSITE we are aware there have been some problems with the website and this is been addressed.

Second Collection next weekend Catholic Youth Work.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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33rd Sunday of the Year

17th & 18th November 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.

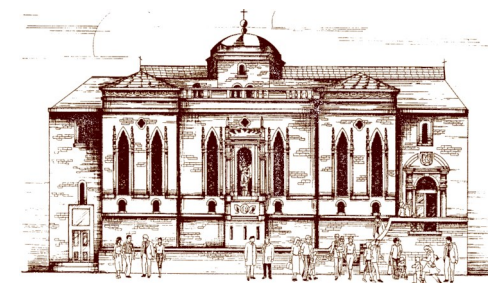
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

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:	Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4.6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Apoc 3:1-6.14-22; Ps 14:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Zech 2:14-17; Ps Lk 1:46-55; Mt 12:46-50
Thursday:	Apoc 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-6.9; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Apoc 10:8-11; Ps 118:14.24.72.103.111.131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Apoc 11:4-12; Ps 143:1-2.9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dan 7:13-14; Ps 92:1-2.5; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

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 Daniel 12:1-3

In the midst of tumult the Lord will protect his people.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Jesus, in his death and rising, brings salvation to all.

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

The Lord will come again in great power and glory.

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.

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

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)

INVITING ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH Christmas Cheese and Wine Evening

The St. Anselm's social events committee warmly invite the ladies of the Parish to our Christmas cheese and Wine evening on Friday 23rd November from 7.30pm in the upper new hall. Please join us for a relaxed gathering to see in the Christmas season. All ladies of the parish and female friends and family are welcome. £5 per head to be paid on entrance to cover the cost of your first glass of wine and all nibbles for the evening. We look forward to seeing you! Any queries, please contact Janet Ikpase on 07971978083/janetikpase@googlemail.com

COVENANT WITH THE POOR (Christmas Appeal)

During the past twenty years our parish has been donating gifts to Spires for the homeless and inmates at Wandsworth prison. This year we are repeating the sale of Winnie packs for the homeless. **The items will be on sale THIS WEEKEND at all the Masses of 24th and 25th November** when parishioners will be given the opportunity to make their contribution at this special time of the year. Thank you.

FR. AGNELO'S DAY Sunday 25th Novemebr at Archbishop Lanfranc Academy at 1.30pm. Celebrants: Most Rev. Felipe Neri Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa & Daman and Rt. Rev. Patrick Lynch SSCC, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark

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.**

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR MIDNIGHT MASS Come and join us as we prepare for the great Feast of Christmas: Wednesday 28th November, Wednesday 5th and 12th December at 7.45pm in the lower new hall. Saturday 22nd December at 11.00am in the church - all welcome.

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!

PRO LIFE GROUP MEETING

Monday 3rd December there is a talk on rescuing frozen embryos by Dr Helen Watt who is a Senior Research Fellow at Anscombe Bioethics Centre in the upper new hall from 8pm-9.30pm. Refreshments from 7.30pm. Come along to join in the discussions and to support your parish prolife group.

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 7th December, Christmas Special, 9.00am - 12noon in the lower new hall. Come and make new friends and enjoy homemade cakes and tea/coffee over a good chat. All welcome.

SOUP AND SANDWICH CLUB

Friday 14th December, Christmas Celebration 10.30am - 12noon. Come and join us for a delicious lunch in a friendly and happy environment. Delicious homemade soup, sandwiches and cakes for all to enjoy and prepared by the wonderful mums of the parish. All welcome!

LITTLE ANGELS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SANTA

Little Angels parish playgroup for under 5's pleased to announce the Christmas Party will be held at 9.20am to 11.15am on Wednesday 12th December. There is an entertainer and Santa will be visiting with a gift for each child. Tickets are £5 and there will be snacks and sandwiches for the children, tea and biscuits for the adults. Tickets can be obtained through Tanith 07812 506386.

PARISH SHOP IN THE COURTYARD

The Parish shop has started to make available its Christmas range (we don't want to startle you too much as it is still November but as usual we have a super range of Christmas miniature cribs, larger cribs, calendars, Christmas cards from Traidcraft and an extensive range of gifts both pre-owned and gifted that would grace any Christmas gift box. Please do support our worthwhile Charity shop situated in the heart of the courtyard. It is a special place right now as we have 5 young people at the Parish currently working their Service option in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. They are anxious to try and sell you something... From this week, weather permitting we have extended the table display "to show off" our Christmas wares. Details of the extended opening will be available in next weeks newsletter.

ST ANSELM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2019

If you are applying to a Catholic Primary School for Reception 2019 and would like a reference please contact Martine in the parish office on a **Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday 020 8672 2179** to arrange an appointment to meet Canon William Hebborn.

You will need to bring to this appointment:

- The completed original 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 SIF (Supplementary Information Form), copy of baptism certificate and proof of address must be returned to the School Office by Tuesday 15th January, 2019.