



ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Fr Gerard Mitchell S.J.

Assistant Priest:

Fr Anthony Paul, S.J.;

Parish Administrator:

Annette Henry

Deacon:

Rev Stephen Khokhar

Parish Safeguarding

Representatives:

Rita Khokhar and
Vincentinha Rebelo

NOTE: In case you are admitted to hospital, In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. State that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

SUNDAY

MASS BOOKS:

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NEXT SUNDAY:

4rd Sunday of Advent:
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,
14-16;

Psalms: 88:2-5, 27, 29;

Romans 16:25-27;

Luke 1:26-38

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED IN THIS COUNTRY OR

ABROAD, You Must
Make Contact with
Fr Anthony Paul 6
Months before the Date
for Your Wedding

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME:

Sunday 14 January
2018, 2 - 4 p.m. In the
Rectory. Parents please
bring a copy of your

MASS INTENTIONS 17-24 December, 2017

SATURDAY	6.30 pm	For the soul of Nicolaus Rodrigues
Sunday	8.00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.45 am	Yohannan Fernandez RIP
Sunday	11.30 am	Allan Aubrey RIP
Sunday	6.30 pm	Betty Murray RIP
Monday	9.15 am	David Sewhcomar RIP
Tuesday	9.15 am	Francisco Cruz, Jofina Fernandes Cruz Maria Antonette Cruz (Anniv)
Wednesday	9.15 am	Amalina Fernandes RIP Birthday Memorial
Thursday	9.15 am	Megan McNair (Deceased)
Friday	9.15 am	Thanksgiving for Sosthenes Fernandes & family
Saturday	8 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30 pm	Silvano Crasto and family - for good health
Sunday	8.00 am	Jackie Coyle RIP
Sunday	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.30 am	Special Intention

PARISH DIARY

Sunday: 3 pm Malayalam Mass

4.30 pm Holy Hour

5.30 pm Novena

Tuesday: 7.45 pm AA Meeting;

8.00 pm SVP

Wednesday: 6 pm Charismatic
Meeting;

Thursday: 5.30 pm Tamil Novena

Friday: 6.00 pm Legion of Mary

Sunday: No Holy Hour or Novena on
Christmas Eve

CHURCH CLEANING: Team 4:
Zeena Mascarenhas, Amalarany
Thavarasa, Josie Durand

Last week's offertory: £1019.69

CAFOD: £10.00

SVP Collection: £1047.74

Thank you.

NOTICES

Today there is a collection for Flowers for Christmas

Today is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice" (from Latin Gaudete). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent Wreath. Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say 'Rejoice!'

Father Gerard will be away from Sunday 17 December until Thursday 22 December

PARISH ADVENT CAROL CELEBRATION: SUNDAY 17 December after 6.30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Centre: A celebration for all the parish. All are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share if you can. Come and sing your favourite carols and be entertained by others in preparation for Christmas. Please do join us.

Messengers of Joy: Pray As You Go Advent Retreat 2017 This retreat offers an opportunity to take time out from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations and create some silence and stillness to reflect prayerfully, and meditate on some 'good news' moments in the Christmas story, using Isaiah and the Gospel of Luke. Session 3: A Meeting of Joy Luke 1:39-46 In this session, we focus on the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The first words of Elizabeth to Mary were to bless her and to give thanks to God. She acknowledged Mary's faith, how she heard the Word of God and believed it. Their shared prayer encouraged them both to believe that all that was promised would be fulfilled. What do you imagine this to be like? Session 3 will take place at the at the end of Morning Mass on Monday 18 December during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For those who cannot attend morning mass the Retreat may be followed online over Advent and Christmas at www.sacredspace.ie and www.pray-as-you-go.org/

Church Closed On Tuesday 19 December all day from the end of the 9.15 Mass. Workmen will be replacing the stained glass windows in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and in the Lady Chapel. The total cost of the works including VAT will be £17,750. Our Growing in Faith Parish Project Fund (Renovation of our buildings) will contribute £10,000. Thank you to those who support the Growing in Faith Campaign. The remainder will be drawn from the Church Stained Glass Fund and from General Parish Funds. Thank you to everybody.

Christmas Confessions will be heard on Wednesday 18 - Friday 22 December after 9.15 a.m. Mass and on Saturday 23 December at 11 am Please note there will be no confessions on Sunday 24 December.

baptism certificate with you.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW LIVING WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE? You have a right to be free and safe. For confidential advice and support call: 08082000247. freephone 24 Hour National Domestic Violence Helpline, run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge.

COUNSELLING IN ST ANSELMS:

Fr Anthony Paul is available to provide a counselling service in our parish. Please contact the Rectory or email apaulsj@gmail.com or phone 0208 574 3300 / 07459899029

YOUNG ADULTS OF ST ANSELM'S meet every Sunday after 6:30pm mass. Please do join us.

This Friday night when the lights are low, And you're looking for a place to go Jesus will be waiting with grace to bestow.. So come to St Anselm's and say hello!

The Young Adults of St Anselms that meet every Sunday after 6:30pm mass, would like to invite the youth of the parish to COME LET US ADORE HIM - a candlelit evening of adoration, carols, music and street mission on Friday 22nd December at 8pm.

If you are aged 18-30, please join us for this special night of prayer and music before the Blessed Sacrament. Passersby will be welcomed into the beautifully candlelit church to light a candle, offer prayer petitions and spend time in the Lord's presence. Priests will be available throughout the evening for prayer, counsel and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Do You Support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing ALL Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Now we need YOU to tell them not to U-TURN on this promise. VISIT <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for "Catholic Education" in your search engine. The first article is SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION. Click on "read more" and fill in the short form and SEND. Your voice will make a difference to our children.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR CONFIRMATION 2018 are available at the back of the church. If you are in year 9 at school (or older but not yet confirmed) and you would like to be confirmed on Saturday 14 July 2018, please complete the form and return it to the Rectory with a copy of your Baptism Certificate by Sunday 8th January.

Please note there will be two confirmation groups: Group 1 will meet on Mondays. Group 2 will meet on Tuesday. Please take the appropriate application form.

Monday 9 January 6 p.m. Introduction Parents and Young People of Group 1

Tuesday 10 January Introduction Parents and Young People of Group 2

GOING IN TO HOSPITAL? - If you find yourself going in to hospital please be aware that the staff there will NOT ask you about your religion. You have to notify them by telling them that you are a Roman Catholic and that you would like the CHAPLAIN to know that you are in the hospital OR YOU CAN NOTIFY US DIRECTLY.

ANY NEW ENQUIRIES ABOUT MARRIAGE: Any couple or person planning to get married please contact Father Appu SJ in the Rectory or email apaulsj@gmail.com or phone 0208 574 3300 / 07459899029. Planning to Get Married In This Country or Abroad, You Must Make Contact with Father Appu SJ, 6 Months before the Date for Your Wedding

A Warm Invitation To A Screening Of "Caste Aside." a documentary about caste based discrimination that affects millions of people worldwide; it also explores the pros and cons of the UK Government public Caste Consultation and its potential effects on equality law and our society.

Our parish, in partnership with the Christian Network Against Caste Discrimination (CNACD of which Fr Gerard is the Chair) and Voice of Dalit International (VODI), will be hosting a screening of this documentary on Monday the 15th of January 2018 at 7:00 PM in St Anselm's Parish Centre. There will be a panel and/or Q & A after the screening. More details will be available nearer the time. Please join us and participate in this important event!

Vacancies in the Westminster Diocese. Please see: <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

CALIX SOCIETY helps recovering alcoholics to see their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. There are regular meetings in the diocese with mass and group discussion: for times and locations see the website: www.calixsocietyuk.btck.co.uk or email calixinlodnon@btinternet.com or text 077 625 70361.

Adoremus! National Eucharistic Congress 2018 This will take place in Liverpool 7th - 9th September. Northfields has been allocated 7 places for delegates. A brief overview is as follows: On Friday the plan is to offer a Theological Symposium and workshops for better forming Parish catechists (especially for First Holy Communion programmes), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The focus for sessions will be: Scripture, Ecclesiology, Eucharistic Language and Catechism, Workshop on the Rites and Music for Eucharistic Adoration. On the Saturday to present a six hour stage led programme, based in the new Echo Arena, for 10,000 Pilgrims to include: Two Keynote speakers, Drama highlighting reverence and devotion, Music, Screen presentations on best practice, Adoration. On Sunday, to focus on Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for: Pilgrimage Masses, Street Procession -open to all If anyone would like to have tickets to attend please let Annette know in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

ST. ANSELM'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION CLASS: For parents of children who will be four years old between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, and who will be seeking places in the RECEPTION CLASS in September 2018: application packs are available for collection from the School Office. The closing date for return of applications to St. Anselm's School is Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Masses Sunday Christmas Eve 24 December

Sunday Christmas Eve 24 December	8, 9.45 and 11.30 am	Morning Masses of Fourth Sunday of Advent
	5 pm	Christmas Mass, Childrens Service & Opening of Crib
	8 pm	Carol Service
	8.30 pm	Christmas Mass
	11.30pm	Tamil Mass
Monday, Christmas Day 25 December	8:00am, 9:45 am and 11:30 am NO EVENING MASS	Mass of Christmas
Tuesday 26 December	12 Noon Mass	St Stephen
Wednesday 27 December	12 Noon Mass	Followed by Christmas Lunch for the Elderly

Fr Gerard invites Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas 2017 with a Celebration Lunch on Wednesday 27 December at 12.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Come along - have lunch and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners. The parish will be delighted to have you as our guest (free of charge). All are welcome. To help us plan the day, please return this slip to the Rectory as soon as possible or leave it in the box at the back of the church.

Name _____ Tel.No. _____

Address _____ Email _____

YES NO Special dietary needs (e.g. vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)

I will need transport – I will have wheelchair/walking frame/helper (available from Southall area only). YES / NO

Help needed as follows: 1. I would like to help on Tuesday 26 December/Wednesday 27 December.

2. I can offer transport on Tuesday 27 December morning/afternoon/both.

3. I would like to provide food/drink/gifts/music/help in another way.

4. I am unable to help – please find £ as a donation towards the cost. (Cheques to Saint Anselm Church).

Parishioners with disabilities Father Gerard writes: Gail Williams, Outreach Co-ordinator St Joseph's Pastoral Centre Hendon, will be visiting the parish in Saturday 20 January 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.. St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre aims to assist parishes to find and reach out to people with learning disabilities, and to help them to find a place at the heart of the parish. Gail Williams role is to support families in the parishes in their spiritual and social life. In preparation for her visit it would be good to put together an up to date list of members of our community with learning disabilities. If you are living or caring for an adult or child with a learning disability or know of a member of the parish please contact me and/or fill in the slip below and place it in the box marked SPECIAL NEEDS at the back of the church.

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Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Mobile _____

ADDRESS: _____ Email: _____