



# ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest:

Fr Gerard Mitchell S.J.

### Assistant Priests:

Fr Anthony Paul, S.J.;

Fr Gerard Gallen 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:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:  
Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,  
12-14;  
Psalm 127: 1-5;  
Colossians 3:12-21;  
Luke 2:22-40.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC:

Meetings Of The RCIA Group For 2017 take place in the Rectory each Saturday evening at 7.30 p.m.

## MASS INTENTIONS 24-31 December, 2017

<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.30 pm	Silvano Crasto and family - for good health
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8.00 am	Jackie Coyle RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.45 am	People of the Parish
<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b>	5.00 pm 8.30 pm 11.30 pm	Sick and Housebound of the Parish Peace in the World Tamil Mass
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	8.00 am 9.45 am 11.30 am	Pope Francis People of the Parish Fr Gerard Gallen SJ
	<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12 Noon	Joan Ritchie (Sick)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12 Noon	Souls in Purgatory
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.15 am	Good health for family of Maria Fernandes
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15 am	Lourin Lawrence Ramsesh & deceased family members of Maria Fernandes
<b>SATURDAY</b>	12 Noon	Special Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.30 pm	Bernadette Paul RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8.00 am	Hope for Southall Street Homeless
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.45 am	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11.30 am	Ann Dodd and family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	4.00 pm 6.30 pm 11.30 pm	Konkani Mass Bernadette Paul RIP Tamil Mass

## PARISH DIARY

**Tuesday:** 7.45 pm AA Meeting;

**Wednesday:** NO CHARISMATIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY;

**Thursday:** 5.30 pm Tamil Novena

**Friday:** 6.00 pm Legion of Mary

**Last week's offertory:** £1581 **CAFOD:** £10.00  
Thank you.

## NOTICES

Please note there will be no confessions on Sunday 24 December.

4th Sunday of Advent 24 December	8, 9.45 and 11.30 am
<b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL CLOSE FROM 1.30 PM TO 3.30 PM</b>	
Christmas Eve 24 December	5 pm Christmas Mass, Children's Service and Opening of Crib
	8 pm Carol Service
	8.30 pm Christmas Mass
	11.30pm Tamil Mass
Monday Christmas Day 25 December	8:00am Mass of Christmas
	9.45am Mass of Christmas
	11.30 am Mass of Christmas
	NO EVENING MASS
Tuesday 26 December St Stephen	12 Noon Mass
Wednesday 27 December	12 Noon Mass followed by Christmas Lunch for the Elderly
Thursday 28 December	9.15 am Mass
Friday 29 December	9.15 am Mass
Saturday 30 December	2 p.m. Mass
	6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass of the Holy Family
Sunday 31 December Holy Family New Year Eve	8 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 11.30 a.m. English Mass 4 pm Konkani Mass, 6.30 p.m. English Mass 11.30 pm Tamil Mass
Monday 1 January Mary Mother of God	12 Noon

Parish Office Closed For Christmas: From Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

**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 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](mailto: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.

**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 4: An Arrival of Joy Luke 2:8-20 In this final session of our Advent Retreat, we reflect on the appearance of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds. They were told the remarkable news that they would find the Saviour, Christ the Lord, lying in a manger. The Nativity scene invites us to marvel at the love God shows for us through the birth and life of Jesus. Session 4 will take place at the end of Morning Mass on Friday 29 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](http://www.sacredspace.ie) and [www.pray-as-you-go.org/](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/)

**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](mailto: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."** "Caste Aside" is 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](http://www.calixsocietyuk.btck.co.uk) or email [calixinlodnon@](mailto: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.

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**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).

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_