



ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

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Representatives:

Rita Khokhar and
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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:

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Pages: 123-125

NEXT SUNDAY:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8;

Psalms 14:2-5;

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

BAPTISM

PREPARATION

PROGRAMME:

Sunday 9 September, 2 - 4 p.m. In the Rectory. Parents please bring a copy of your baptism certificate with you.

MASS INTENTIONS: 26 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER

Saturday	12 noon	Isabel Fernandes (R.I.P)
Saturday	6.30 pm	Margaret James (Anniv)
Sunday	8.00 am	Alex Benjamin & Julia Vas (R.I.P)
Sunday	9.45 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.30 am	Violet & James Welsh
Sunday	6.30 pm	Virgi Pascua (Family Thanksgiving)
Monday	9.15 am	Joaquim Vas (Thanksgiving Mass)
Tuesday	9.15 am	Piedade Paul & Ana Cunha (R.I.P)
Wednesday	9.15 am	Sullivan Morgan & Moriarty Family (R.I.P)
Thursday	9.15 am	Conceicao Fernandes (2nd Death Anniversary)
Friday	9.15 am	For the souls in purgatory
Saturday	12 noon	Slyvestre Roberts (R.I.P)
Saturday	6.30 pm	Peter Xavier (R.I.P)
Sunday	8.00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.45 am	Leen Kasper (Anniv)
Sunday	11.30 am	Mary Thomas (Anniv)
Sunday	6.30 pm	Leen Kasper (Anniv)

PARISH DIARY

Sunday: 3.00 pm Urdu Mass

4.30 pm Holy Hour

5.30 pm Novena

Tuesday: 7.45 pm AA Meeting

8.00 pm SVP Meeting

Wednesday: 6.00pm Charismatic Meeting

Thursday: 5.30pm Tamil Novena

Friday: 6.00 pm Legion of Mary

Sunday: 2.00 pm Tamil Mass

4.30 pm Holy Hour

5.30 pm Novena

Collections:

Offertory: £1540.15;

CAFOD: £10.00;

Thank you

NOTICES

Sunday 26th August: Collection for the flood affected people of Kerala.

Deacon George Thayriam will be ordained priest of the Society of Jesus on **Saturday 25 August in Trichy**. I am delighted that Thayriam will be spending a year in St Anselm's after his ordination. I will attend his ordination in India and will be away from Southall from 11 August - 1 September. Please remember Thayriam in your prayers.

Mahesh Kumar Nayak SJ: We welcome Mahesh Kumar Nayak SJ a young Jesuit scholastic from the Jamshedpur province of the Society of Jesus. He is training for the priesthood and has completed his 2nd year of Theology in the Gregorian University, Rome. He will be living in the Rectory until the middle of September

The National Eucharistic Congress The largest gathering of Catholics in England since Pope Benedict's visit in 2010 takes place in Liverpool September 8-9. We unite in worship of our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, with the aim of promoting Eucharistic Adoration, where so many people have experienced the love and presence of Christ. The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims - will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the 8th September and will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers Bishop Robert Barron and Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. On the Sunday there are Masses in the Metropolitan Cathedral and a large outdoor Blessed Sacrament procession. Many other events and a Youth Congress will supplement the official programme. Thank you to those who kindly accepted the invitation to attend published earlier this year in the Newsletter. A party of ten from our parish including Father Gerard and Deacon Stephen will be attending the Congress.

"I am the Bread of Life" These words of Jesus taken from the Gospel are the central focus of the Eucharistic Congress 'Adoremus' that will be taking place in Liverpool in September. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity and aim to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. In

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED IN THIS COUNTRY OR ABROAD, You Must make contact with **Fr Leo** 6 Months before the Date for Your Wedding

COUNSELLING IN ST ANSELMS: Fr Leo is available to provide a counselling service in our parish. If you would like to meet with him please contact the Rectory or email leonardsj@gmail.com or phone 0208 574 3300/07464369206.

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.

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

Liverpool participants will have the opportunity to hear talks about the Eucharist, as well as to spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament, attending Mass and finally joining in a Blessed Sacrament Procession around the city.

This opportunity takes place in a different time to the last International Eucharistic Congress in England. This took place here in London in 1908 when permission for a public Blessed Sacrament Procession was refused due to it being too close to the Houses of Parliament. In response the participants had a huge procession without the Blessed Sacrament which ended with Benediction being given from the Balcony above the West Doors of Westminster Cathedral to thousands of people in the street below. The people of that time were aware of the new life that they received from the Eucharist and were determined to share this with their country in the wake of Catholic Emancipation and newly one freedom for Catholics to practise their faith. This great witness of faith in a city that was still suspicious and hostile to Catholicism is something that should inspire us and give us strength when we, too, face a negative attitude to our faith.

Let us pray that the Eucharistic Congress in September will be a time of renewal for those who attend and also for all our parishes. May we be inspired by the words and witness of those in Liverpool, so that we will make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives and will trust that only through the bread that Christ gives us can we be given strength for our journey through life.

Beatrice Refievna and members of our Summer Youth Camp are preparing banners for the Parish Celebration of Adoremus. Our parish will join in Eucharistic Adoration during the weekend the congress is taking place in Liverpool:

Adoremus – Let Us Adore National Eucharistic Congress 7-9 September Parish Celebration - Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament	
First Friday Of The Month: 7 September 7.30 p.m.. Devotion To The Heart Of Jesus 7.30p.m. Mass. Guidance & Suggestions for personal Prayer and Meditation. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Light after Eight	
Saturday 8 September Adoremus	
6.30 pm.	Vigil Mass
7.30 p.m.	Silent Prayer & Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament
8.30pm	CWL, SVP, Legion Of Mary, At Your Word Lord
9.00pm	Goan Group
9.30pm	Urdu Group
10.00pm	Malayalam Group
11.00pm	Tamil Group
Midnight	Benediction
Sunday 9 September	
8, 9.45 am and 11.30 am	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
4.15 - 6.15	Silent Prayer & Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament
6.30 p.m.	Mass followed by Exposition, Praise and Worship led by Young Adults

Annual Malayalam Retreat at St Anselm's Church 17 to 19 Aug 2017. Friday 17th 4.30pm to 9.30 p.m.; 18th Saturday 9am to 3pm. 19 th Sunday 2 pm to 5.30pm.

First Holy Communion: If your child will be eight years old before next August (2019), and you would like him/her to receive First Holy Communion next year, please complete the application form and return it to the Rectory by Sunday 16th September 2018, at the latest. Please enclose a copy of your child's baptism certificate with the application form. Application forms are available at the back of the church. The first parents' meeting will be Monday 17 September at 8 p.m.

Application For Places In Catholic Schools Priests Reference Form Are you intending to apply in the next few months for a place for your child in a Catholic School (nursery, primary or secondary for September 2019)? The Archdiocese requires that families attend regularly before a priest is able to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

So If you are applying for a place in a Catholic School for September 2019 and you would like me to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice, please make sure. when you come to Sunday Mass each week that you fill in a simple form indicating your presence at Mass and place it in the box provided. These are available at the back of the church. *Father Gerard, S.J.*

Parish Evangelisation Coordinator: I am pleased to write that Susan Cawley has been appointed Parish Evangelisation Coordinator (18 month fixed term post to support the parish in the overall strategic planning and its delivery in the areas of evangelisation, interfaith and social ministry). Sue will take up her position in the middle of September. Jan Janoszka her predecessor visited the parish this week. Jan will be entering the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Assisi, Italy this September. Please keep Jan in your prayers

Interested In Becoming A Catholic: The parish runs a regular programme for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church. The programme is known as the RCIA (which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please speak to Father Gerard if you are interested.

RCIA Volunteers: Do you think you could accompany adults as they prepare for baptism and/or entry into full communion with the Catholic Church? Are you able to work harmoniously as a member of a team? If you think you would be able to fill this role, please speak to Fr Gerard or Sister Kathleen.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham Sunday 16th September. Coach leaves at 7.30 am from Ealing Town Hall and returns 5.30 pm to same. Adult tickets are £24 and children under 16 are £12.00. To book a ticket please phone Karen Lobo on 07723031448. Please bring a packed lunch and snacks and correct change.

Pro-Life Legal Challenge It is now illegal to pray (even silently) or offer help to women in the vicinity of the Marie Stopes abortion centre in Mattock Lane, Ealing. Alina (a mother whose child was saved after she accepted help from the pro-life vigil) has challenged this law. For more information please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/alinallegalfund>

CAFOD is looking for Catholics to share their faith with their MP, writing to support those living in poverty around the world. If you are interested help will be given. See the website: cafod.org.uk/mpc or ring Tony on 020 8449 6970.

Going Into 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.

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Marriage Paperwork - Over the past few months a number of couples have come to the parish to complete their paperwork. A gentle reminder - you need to give 6 months notice of any marriage - whether it is taking place here or abroad in India, Philippines or elsewhere. please do not leave it to the last minute. Couples or individuals should speak to Fr Leo very early in the process - so that there is no last minute rush. contact Father Leo SJ in the Rectory or email leonardsj@gmail.com or phone 0208 574 3300/ / 07464369206.

Introduction to Pope's letter On Monday of this week Pope Francis wrote a letter to the whole church about the sexual abuse crisis following shocking revelations from the United States, South America and elsewhere.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written in response: *"As a priest and bishop, I have found the last few weeks both shocking and distressing. The plain and detailed disclosure of the extent of the abuse of children which has taken place in various parts of our Church, over so many years, has been so painful to follow and to take to heart. Yet to do so is absolutely necessary.*

The initial response of Pope Francis was that of 'sorrow and shame'. I fully share that response. I am so sorry for the hurt that has been caused, primarily to those whose lives have been radically damaged by childhood abuse, to their families, and to those who know personally a deep sense of trust that has been betrayed.

I am utterly ashamed that this evil has, for so long, found a place in our house, our Church. This evil has particular abhorrence because not only is it a terrible abuse of power, but also because, in its evil, it both employs and destroys the very goodness of faith and trust in God. As a Father in this House, I bear this shame in a direct way, for it is the direct responsibility of a father to protect his household from harm, no matter how difficult and complex that might be.

On Monday, Pope Francis, our Holy Father, addressed a letter to all members of the Church. Please urge your people to read it.

The Pope's Letter begins with a quotation from St Paul: 'If one member suffers, all suffer together with it' (1 Cor. 12.26). In doing so, he reflects on the ways in which we have paid insufficient attention to the suffering of those who have been abused, and on the ways in which we have to tackle this together, starting with the renewal of holiness which comes only with prayer and penitence.

Let us read this Letter over and over again. It has so much to give us." The Popes Letter on the sexual abuse crisis is attached to this weeks newsletter.