



# 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:

2nd Sunday of Advent:

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11;

PSALM 84:9-14; 2

PETER 3:8-14.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING

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

## 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

## MASS INTENTIONS 3-10 December, 2017

<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.30 pm	Vera and Mark Hickey
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8.00 am	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.45 am	Thanksgiving: Joaquim and family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11.30 am	St Francis Xavier
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6.30 pm	Thanksgiving: Michael Gonsalves and family
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.15 am	Thanksgiving
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.15 am	Jose Natalina Mario Bella (Wedding Anniversary)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am	Antonio Santana Cardoz (Anniv)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.15 am	Michael and Daphne Gomez (Renewal of Vows: Sr Agnieszka and Sr Paulinette MC)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15 am	Norbert Lopez RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b>	12 Noon	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.30 pm	Eileen O'Donovan (Anniv)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8.00 am	Thanksgiving for Ronald Alfonso and family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.45 am	Valen Fernandes (Birthday)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11.30 am	Robert & Margaret Pereira, Janes Pereira (Anniv)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6.30 pm	People of the Parish

## PARISH DIARY

**Sunday:** 2.00 pm Tamil Mass

4.30 pm Holy Hour

5.30 pm Novena

**Tuesday:** 7.45 pm AA Meeting;

8.00 pm SVP Meeting

**Wednesday:** 6.00 pm Charismatic Meeting;

**Thursday:** 5.30 pm Tamil Novena

**Friday:** 6.00 pm Legion of Mary

**Sunday:** 4.30 pm Holy Hour

5.30 pm Novena

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Team 2:

Mr & Mrs Christopher Matthews, Rephan & Matilda Selvakumaran,

Mrs Augustine & Noor Bodak, Asmar Jacob

**Last week's offertory:** £2153.45

**CAFOD:** £10.00 Thank you.

## NOTICES

**Mass Stipend Guidelines to Our Parishioners:** Fr Gerard writes: Many people now make requests for Mass to be offered for their intentions e.g. for the repose of the soul of a deceased family member. As a result I regret it is no longer possible to accept long lists of requests as of December 2017, therefore, in order to be as fair as possible to everyone, the following change of procedure has been introduced: a limit of five intentions will be accepted and scheduled at any one time. (e.g. If a parishioner comes in with a request of 10 intentions, we can accept all 10, but only 5 will be scheduled within the parish when openings are available and the other 5 will be sent to the Missions to be said.) If for any unforeseen circumstance, such as a funeral, a Mass cancellation occurs the intention for that Mass will be rescheduled to the next available opening.

For many years the Diocesan guideline has been that a Mass stipend should be £10, but at St Anselm's the suggestion is that you make whatever offering you can afford and for some that may be £5. However, any Mass that is sent to the Missions requires the £10 stipend.

When a priest accepts a Mass stipend, he contracts with the person to pray for the intention at a specific Mass, that does not, nor can it, preclude him from also praying for other intentions as well. Every person present, including the priest, & all celebrants, may, & hopefully will, not only pray for their own intentions at Mass, but also for the intentions of all present, as well as for the needs of our world, Church, & local community. Each of the Eucharistic prayers have within them prayer for many intentions - the Prayer of the Faithful does likewise. Therefore, the Mass is never offered for a single intention.

**Parish Mass Diary 2018:** Annette Henry, The Parish Administrator will be available on Thursday of this week from to book masses for this coming year. Please come to see her personally.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Please note that the Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference are having an appeal for new members and also a collection this weekend. For further information about SVP please see the newsletter attachment.

**Parish Celebration for the Feast of St Francis Xavier, S.J.** Monday 4 December 9.15 a.m. Mass

**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 & the Gospel of Luke. Session 1: A Foretelling of Joy Isaiah 52:7-10 The prophets daydreamed

**BAPTISM  
PREPARATION  
PROGRAMME:**

Sunday 10  
December, 2-4 pm  
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

**STAINED GLASS  
WINDOWS**

- work  
is under way. The  
total cost of the  
works including VAT  
is £17,750. Our  
Growing in Faith  
Parish Project Fund  
(Renovation of  
our buildings) will  
contribute £10,000.  
Thank you to those  
who support this  
Campaign. The  
remainder will be  
drawn from the  
Church Stained Glass  
Fund & from General  
Parish Funds. Thank  
you to everybody.

& talked about the coming of the Messiah. Looking forward gave them great enjoyment. And it's the same for us. We look forward to sharing in the Christmas spirit and seeing how we can bring the joy of Jesus' coming, into the lives of others. Session 1 will take place at the at the end of Morning Mass on Wednesday 6 December during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If you can't attend morning mass the Retreat may be followed online at [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) and [www.pray-as-you-go.org/](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/)

**Feast Of The Immaculate Conception** Friday 8 December. Sung Mass at 9.15 a.m.

**Christmas Procession:** Bethlehem comes to Southall! Saturday 9 December, leaves St Anselms 4 p.m.

**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.

**Parish Advent Penance Service:** Saturday 16 December 12 Noon

**Christmas Confessions** will be heard on Monday 18 - Friday 22 December after 9.15 a.m. Mass & On Saturday 23 December At 11 a.m. Please note there will be no confessions on Sunday 24 December.

**Parish Advent Carol Celebration:** Sunday 17 December after 6.30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Centre: A celebration for all the parish. 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.

**Christmas Readers Rehearsal:** Friday 22 December 7 p.m. in the Church - rehearsal for those reading at Christmas Masses

**Altar Servers Practice:** Friday 22 December 2.30 p.m.

**Opening Of The Church Crib** at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve : Children from the Missionaries of Charity Saturday Catechism Class and children from the First Holy Communion Programme will perform a Nativity Drama in the Church at the Service for the Opening of the Crib AT 5 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be a rehearsal in the Church on Saturday 23 December at 2.30 p.m.. for those who wish to take part. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds and angels.

**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 Wednesday.** 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 would like the Chaplain to know you are in the hospital or **you can notify us directly.**

**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, 15th of January 2018 at 7 p.m. 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!

**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@btinternet.com](mailto:calixinlodnon@btinternet.com) or text 077 625 70361.

**The last time a Eucharistic Congress was held in this country was here in London in 1908!** Our bishops are planning another national congress - this time in Liverpool from 7th-9th September next year, 2018. Its broad intention is to encourage Eucharistic Adoration in our parishes and to deepen our love for the mystery of Jesus present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Over the coming

months preparatory material will become available and it is hoped that members of our own congregation will be able to journey to Liverpool to share in next autumn's Congress. If anyone would like to have tickets to attend please let Annette know in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**Catholics Working In Healthcare Or Seeking To Be Chaplains** can now take a new foundation degree at St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill in Twickenham – a part-time programme over two years studying the ethics, theology and practicalities of healthcare. To find out more email: matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

**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.

**Year 1 Class:** We currently have vacancies in our Year 1 Class. If your child was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 and you would like to apply for a place at St. Anselm's, please contact the School Office for an application form and more information.

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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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**Week of accompanied prayer for Advent in preparation for Christmas** Do you find it difficult to pray? Do you find you can never get time for prayer? Do you feel that you really do not know what prayer is? Would you like to feel more aware of God's presence in your life? Would you like to discover more about different ways of praying?

**The Week of Prayer will begin on Sunday 10th December at 3 p.m. in the Rectory** with a gathering of all the participants with Father Appu for introductions, to talk about prayer and to link participants with Fr Appu. During the course of the week participants will be expected to give time to personal prayer each day. Also each day you will have the opportunity to meet Fr Appu for half an hour at a time which suits you and fits your commitments. If you would like to take part please fill in the slip below and place it in the box marked Week of Accompanied Prayer which you will find at the back of the church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I should like to take part in the Week of Accompanied Prayer: Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_