



# ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH TEAM

Fr Gerard Mitchell S.J.

### Assistant Priest:

Fr George Thayriam S.J.

### Deacon:

Rev Stephen Khokhar

### Parish Evangelisation

#### Coordinator:

Susan Cawley

### Parish Administrator:

Safira Viegas

### Safeguarding

#### Representatives:

Rita Khokhar

Vincentinha Rebelo

Mark Silva

**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:

First Sunday of Advent:

Pages 82-84

## NEXT SUNDAY:

YEAR A: Isaiah 11:1-10;

Psalms 71;

Romans 15:4-9; Matthew

3:1-12;

**GIFT AID:** If you are a UK taxpayer please consider GIFT AIDING your donation. The parish can reclaim 25p for every £1 donated. To join the Gift Aid scheme, or if you want an annual box of offertory envelopes, please give contact details to Finance Administrator in Parish Office

## PLANNING TO GET MARRIED IN THIS COUNTRY OR ABROAD,

You Must Make Contact with **Fr George Thayriam S.J.** 6 Months before the Date for Your Wedding

## MASS INTENTIONS: 1 DECEMBER – 8 DECEMBER

Saturday	12 noon	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30 pm	Martinha Botelho ( 4th Death Anniversary)
Sunday	8.00 am	Rey Fernandez (Thanksgiving)
Sunday	9.45 am	Anna Bernard (R.I.P)
Sunday	11.30 am	Babu Leyons ( Anniv)
Sunday	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Monday	9.15 am	Joaquim Gonsalves (R.I.P)
Monday	6.45 pm	Sick & Housebound
Tuesday	7.30 am	Young Adults of the Parish
Tuesday	9.15 am	Thanksgiving to St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday	12.15 pm	St Vincent de Paul Society
Tuesday	6.15 pm	Youth of the Parish
Wednesday	9.15 am	Joseph Fernandes (Thanksgiving Mass)
Wednesday	6.45 pm	Hope for Southall Homeless
Thursday	9.15 am	Domingo Sequeira ( R.I.P)
Thursday	6.45 pm	Victims of Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church
Friday	9.15 am	Antonio & Filomena Fernandes (R.I.P)
Friday	6.45 pm	Pope Francis
Saturday	12 noon	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30 pm	Marie Rajalingam (Thanksgiving)
Sunday	8.00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.45 am	Thanksgiving to Mother Mary
Sunday	11.30 am	Maria Rodrigues (Thanksgiving to our Lady of Fatima)
Sunday	6.30 pm	Norbert Lopez (R.I.P)

## PARISH DIARY

**Sunday:** 2.pm Tamil Mass

4.30pm Holy Hour

5.30pm Novena

**Wednesday:** 6.00pm

Charismatic Meeting

**Thursday:** 6 pm Tamil

Novena

**Friday:** 6pm Legion of

Mary

**Sunday:** 4.30pm Holy

Hour

5.30pm Novena

### Collections:

**Offertory:** £2167.43;

**CAFOD:** £ 10.00;

Thank you.

### Cleaning Team:

Saturday 7 December

2019 at 9.30 am: Asmar

Yakub, Stella Paschal,

Badra Jayalath & Johnny

Francis Couto

## NOTICES

**Next Sunday :** Collection for SVP

**The St Vincent de Paul Society:** Love your neighbour "Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands." Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

At the St Vincent de Paul Society we are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. You may have seen the posters on your parish notice board, which highlight the different ways in which our members support the people in their local community; this could be in prisons, schools or in their homes. In some of these instances, being a member of the SVP can be a challenge, but it is also rewarding work, seeking and finding those in need, giving our support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest.

If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please leave your details at the parish office.

We are holding an appeal for new members and also a collection next weekend and if you are a taxpayer, please use and fill in your details **on the Gift Aid envelopes as we can then claim back 25% of the value of your donation from HMRC.**

**Parishioners with disabilities 6.30 p.m. Mass 30 November.** We welcome children and young people with special needs and their families and friends to the 6.30 p.m. Mass. The group will animate the liturgy

**The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word** focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's word It is an opportunity for a creative and deeper engagement with the Holy Scriptures. Brian Purfield from the Mount Street Jesuit Centre will give a series of talks on the Year of the Word in the First Week of Advent. The talks will begin at 7.30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

**Monday Dec 2nd:** Introducing The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word

**BAPTISM  
PREPARATION  
PROGRAMME:**

Sunday 15  
December, 2 -  
4 p.m. In the  
Rectory. Parents  
please bring a  
copy of your  
baptism certificate  
with you.

**COUNSELLING IN  
ST ANSELM'S:**

Fr Thayriam  
is available  
to provide a  
counselling service  
in our parish. If  
you would like  
to meet with him  
please contact the  
Rectory or email  
thayriam123@  
gmail.com or  
phone 0208  
574 3300 /  
07405438543

**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  
6:30pm mass.  
Please do join us.

**FOR DIOCESAN  
JOB VACANCIES**  
visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where  
you can view all  
current vacancies.  
New jobs are  
regularly added  
to the site as they  
arise.

Tuesday Dec 3rd Feast of St Francis Xavier SJ Living the Gospel

Wednesday Dec 4th: The Bible: How It All Fits Together

Thursday Dec 5th: Journeying with Matthew and His Gospel:

**The Year of Matthew**

Friday Dec 6th: Praying the Bible Through Art

**Parish Celebration for The Feast Of St Francis Xavier, s.j. Tuesday 3 December 2019** Mass times: 7.30 a.m. 9.15a.m. Mass followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Mass will also be celebrated at 12.15 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday day 3 December.

**New Beginnings** : Pray As You Go Advent Retreat 2019 Welcome to New Beginnings: this year, you are invited to deepen your relationship with the God of 'new beginnings'. You will be guided through scripture about Jesus' birth narrative, encouraged along the way to recognise God's movement in the lives of John the Baptist, Mary, Joseph, Jesus and the Wise Men and in your own life. The first session will take place at the end of Morning Mass on Wednesday 4 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/)

**First Friday Of The Month:** 6 December Mass at 6.45 pm. Followed by Reflection for Year of the Word given by Brian Purfield

**Pope's Prayer Intention For December Evangelization:** In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**Ealing Citizens Action** Sunday the 8th of December 3.15 at the New Community Hub at the Church of Christ the Saviour (in the Dicken's Yard development) for refreshments at 3:15pm, Issues: welcome, refuge and shelter. We will especially be focussing on our Affordable Housing Campaign, as we hear how the housing crisis has affected the local community and what can be done about it. After this, there will be a candle lit procession from Christ the Saviour to St Barnabas Church, where many local churches and other local dignitaries will gather for an Advent Service at 6pm. The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullaly, will be preaching about the commitment of local faith communities to social justice and celebrating the work that has been done in Ealing. If you would like to attend please speak to Sue Cawley, the Parish Evangelisation Coordinator or Father Gerard

**Application Forms For Confirmation 2020** 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 in July 2020, please complete the form and return it to the Rectory with a copy of your Baptism Certificate by Sunday 5th January 2020. Please note there will be two confirmation groups: Group 1 will meet on Mondays. Group 1 will be confirmed on Saturday 11 July 2020. Group 2 will meet on Tuesdays. Group 2 will be confirmed on Saturday 11 July 2020. Please take the appropriate application form. Monday 6 January 6 p.m. Introduction Parents and Young People of Group 1. Tuesday 7 January Introduction Parents and Young People of Group 2 at 6 p.m.

**Mass Intentions** - are available for parish weekday and weekend Masses for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one, for example on the anniversary of death; or for someone living, for example on the occasion of a serious illness.

**Due to the great number of requests for Masses for the deceased and sick we will prioritise these and no longer accept offerings for Masses for birthdays at Parish Masses.** Such Mass intentions may be sent to the Missions. You may, however, wish to approach the priest before the Mass and he will invite prayers for individuals on their birthday or wedding anniversary etc The Diocese of Westminster recommends an offering of £10.00 per Mass. A priest may accept less than the recommended offering. However, an offering of at least £10.00 is required for Masses being sent to the Missions.

In order to be fair to all parishioners making a request—especially those who are in special need (for example, after a loved one has just died or is in an urgent, acute situation requiring prayer

it is not possible for the parish to accept requests for larger numbers of Masses. Should you wish to request larger numbers of Mass intentions these may be sent to the Missions.

**The Mass Intentions Book for 2020** is now open and Safira is available to receive Mass Intentions during office hours Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (but not from 3-4 p.m.)

**Advent with a difference!!** Amongst the many Christmas traditions, many of us are familiar with the idea of the Advent Calendar, where, beginning in December, we count down the days to Christmas day, by giving ourselves a little 'treat', promising more on the day itself... This year, at St Anselm's, we want to prepare for the coming of Jesus in a very different way. We are asking everyone to prepare a box or basket for the season, and for each day of Advent, to place an item into it so that, by Christmas, we will have a box full of goods which can be donated to the Foodbank and in the week before Christmas, we would ask people to bring their boxes or baskets to the church, so that what has been collected, can be distributed in time, to help someone else to enjoy and celebrate Christmas with a little extra, as we all like to do. If you are planning to prepare a box or basket for our 'reverse advent calendar', you might like to include some of the following. Items:

**List for foodbank:** \*Tinned meat \* tinned fish \* dried milk \* long life sponge puddings \* potatoes - tinned and instant \* long life fruit juice and squash \* tinned custard & rice pudding \* vegetarian chilli & curry – cans Or, you might like to include one or two 'luxury' items for Christmas, along with: \*Breakfast cereals \*Tea or coffee \* Sugar \* UHT milk \* UHT fruit juice \* Soup \* Pasta or rice \* Pasta sauce \* Tinned meat or fish \* Tinned vegetables \* Tinned baked beans, tomatoes and/or pasta \* Tinned fruit \*Tinned rice pudding or custard \* Biscuits \* Snacks

**Cafod World Gifts** are a fun and meaningful way to give Christmas gifts to the people you love and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose from a good range including a goat, building a business or helping a refugee child. Please take home a World Gift catalogue after Mass from the back of the church.

**Celebration Of Vespers** as part of the launch of the Year of the Word at Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 1st December at 3.30 pm with Bishop Paul McAleenan. All are welcome. For specially adapted text of Evening Prayer click on <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/celebrating/evening-prayer-for-the-first-sunday-of-advent/>

**Welcoming The Word;** Attached to the Newsletter please find readings for next Sundays Mass. Please make use of it in your homes with your families and friends or by yourself. Preparing the readings in advance of the following Sunday truly brings the Word of God alive to us when it is proclaimed on Sunday in the Church. Preparing the readings in advance of the following Sunday truly brings the Word of God alive to us when it is proclaimed on Sunday in the Church.

**Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary** Monday 9th December is the transferred Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses at 9.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

**Advent Penance Service For Children** 1 p.m. Saturday 7 December

**Advent Penance Service For Young People** 2.30 p.m. Sat 7 December

**Christmas Procession:** Bethlehem Comes to Southall. Come and join us, Saturday 14 December 2019. Leaves St Anselms 4.30 p.m.

**St Anselm's School Carol Concert in aid of Hope for Southall Street Homeless** 5 p.m. Thursday 19 December. All are welcome.

**Living Crib At St Anselm:** Sunday 22 December 4 – 6 p.m.. we shall be having a Living Crib outside the Church to encourage those passing by in the street. Refreshments will be available in the Parish Centre. Come let us adore Him.

**Christmas Readers Rehearsal:** Monday 23 December 7 p.m. in the Church rehearsal for those reading at Christmas Masses

**CASTING CALL :** There will be a musical drama called **CASTING CALL: A CHRISTMAS PLAY** , organised by the Young Adults and Youth of St Anselm's, on Saturday 21 December shortly after evening mass has ended at 8 pm. It is a modern-day Nativity play of the angels and the story of the birth of Jesus with music and dance performances. Refreshments will be served at the end of the production around 9.30pm

**Opening Of The Church Crib** at 4.30 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 4.30 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be a rehearsal in the Church on Saturday 21 December at 2.30 p.m.. for those who wish to take part. Children are invited

to come dressed as shepherds and angels.

**Advent Penance Service:** 12 noon on Saturday 21 December. Morning Mass 8 am

**Altar Servers Practice:** Saturday 21 December 10 a.m.

**Parish Advent Carol Celebration: Sunday 22 December 7.30 p.m.** 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.

**Christmas Eve Masses Tuesday 24 December:** There will be FOUR Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve: 2 p.m. in English, 4.30 p.m. in English with Opening of the Christmas Crib and Childrens Drama, Carol Service 8 p.m. followed by English Mass at 8.30 p.m. with The Tamil Mass will take place at midnight. Masses on Christmas Day will be celebrated at 8 a.m., 9.45 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.. There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

**Fr. Gerard invites Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas 2019 with a Celebration Lunch on Friday 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

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 Monday Thursday 27 December.
2. I can offer transport on Friday 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).
5. Bookings & details from the Rectory (8574 3300) or Clara Peter 07898889578 or Linda Robinson 07988059254