



ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

St Anselm's Rectory, The Green, Southall, UB2 4BE | Tel: 020 85743300 | Fax: 0208813 8784 | Web: www.stanselmchurchsouthall.com

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

2nd Sunday of Advent:
Mass Books Pages 85-87

NEXT SUNDAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year A: Isaiah 35:1-6,10;
Psalm 145;
James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11;

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: 8 – 15 DECEMBER

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- Our Lady of Fatima)
Sunday	6.30 pm	Norbert Lopez (R.I.P)
Monday	9.15 am	For the souls in purgatory
Monday	6.45 p.m.	Vocations to the Society of Jesus
Tuesday	9.15 am	Valen Fernandes (For good health)
Wednesday	9.15 am	Stephnie Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
Thursday	9.15 am	Luis Fernandes (R.I.P)
Friday	9.15 am	Lillykutty Chacko (R.I.P)
Saturday	12 noon	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30 pm	Fatima Rodrigues (Special Intention)
Sunday	8.00 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.45 am	Bridget, John & Eugene O'Malley (R.I.P)
Sunday	11.30 am	Jeremias Estibeiro (Thanksgiving)
Sunday	6.30 pm	Joao Bernado Gonsalves (R.I.P)

PARISH DIARY

Sunday: 4.30pm Holy Hour
5.30pm Novena
Tuesday: 8pm SVP Collection
Wednesday: 6pm Charismatic Meeting
Thursday: 6 pm Tamil Novena
Friday: 6pm Legion of Mary
Saturday: 4pm Konkani Mass
Sunday: 3pm Malayalam Mass
4.30pm Holy Hour
5.30pm Novena
Collections: Offertory: £2334.24;
CAFOD: £ 10.00; Thank you.
Cleaning Team: Saturday 14 December 2019 at 9.30 am: Chris, Sharita, Bellma Rodrigues, Ana Joaquina, Pio & Donald
Today Sunday : Collection for SVP
Next Sunday: Collection for Christmas Flowers

NOTICES

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 second session will take place at the at the end of Morning Mass on Wednesday 11 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/

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.

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

**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.

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

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 6.45 p.m.

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.

“The God Who Speaks” 2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI’s Apostolic Exhortation on ‘The Word of the Lord’ and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome’s death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and ‘The God Who Speaks’. During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God’s word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It’s an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to ‘The God who Speaks’. Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in both locally and centrally at Westminster. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God’s word. To begin with, there is a prayer card to take away with you. This prayer will be said at Mass during the week and a shortened form to end the Bidding prayers on a Sunday. For more resources and information go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/> or for diocesan information <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/2020-year-of-the-word-the-god-who-speaks/>

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