



ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

19 April 2020

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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.

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

COUNSELLING IN ST ANSELMS:

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

MASS INTENTIONS: 19 - 26 APRIL

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| Saturday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | Constancio Pereira RIP |
| Sunday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | Mathew and Maxie Landis RIP Anne Franklin RIP |
| Divine Mercy Sunday | 2.30 - 4 p.m. | Divine Mercy Celebration | |
| Monday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | For those suffering from the Coroonavirus here & throughout the World |
| Tuesday | 10 a.m. | Private Requiem Mass | Hermengildo Romulo Fernandes |
| Wednesday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | Antonio Fernandes Sick |
| Thursday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | For those working in the National Health Service |
| Friday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | Peter Vaz RIP |
| Saturday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 10 a.m. | Private Mass | Vanillia Aubrey RIP |

NOTICES

Because of the Coronavirus situation the **Funeral of Hermengildo Romulo Fernandes**, will take place privately on **Tuesday 21 April** with only immediate family and the Priest at the Graveside. Please keep him and his family in your prayers particularly in this difficult situation.

Because of the Coronavirus situation the **Funeral of Constancio Pereira**, will take place privately on **Thursday 30 April** with only his immediate family and the Priest at the Graveside. Please keep him and his family in your prayers particularly in this difficult situation.

Father Gerard and Fr Thayriam and the Jesuit Community in Southall thank you for your prayers and support and messages during this challenging time.

Father Gerard writes: Children's Liturgy: To help us during this time when the church is closed, a new Sunday Liturgy for families with children of primary school age has been created by Al and Pearl Johnson. They are parents of two young boys in our parish. I do very warmly recommend it you. There will be a short children's liturgy every Sunday focussing on the key message of the Gospel Reading to encourage the children of our parish to participate more fully in the Eucharistic celebration. We hope that it will be a valuable time of prayer and formation for families. It will be posted on the Parish website (www.stanselmchurchsouthall.com) at 10 a.m. each Sunday and will also be sent on whatsapp

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave of Easter, which this year is April 19, 2020.

Saturday Evening Vigil of Divine Mercy: Please join us online on Saturday evening at 8 pm for an evening vigil celebration of prayer and meditation and reflection in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in St Anselm's Church on Sunday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m. The celebration will include adoration, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, veneration, readings, meditation, and benediction. Please join us online.

Divine Mercy Sunday takes on a special significance this year, in this incredible situation caused by the global pandemic, COVID 19, in our human family, and in our world living in dire need of mercy.

In the gospel, we see Thomas. Poor, dear, brokenhearted Tomas. His pain is so deep that he cannot bear to believe that Jesus is alive. It is impossible: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (John 20.25). But Jesus, as he always did, understood where Thomas was coming from. He saw beyond Thomas' unbelief to his profound suffering, his desperate need for proof. So he gave that to Thomas: he showed him his hands and his side. He allowed Thomas to touch him. He showed him mercy.

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.

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.

Pope Francis beautifully characterises God's mercy as "loving, surprising, tender and always already offered... the quality of a God who takes the initiative, who comes out to find us, and surprises us with his forgiveness... the God who beats you to it". "Mercy", the Pope says, "is the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person. Mercy is the true face of love. If, before a person in need, you do not feel compassion, if your heart is not moved, it means that there is something wrong". So on this DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY let us ask God to grant us generous love for our brothers and sisters, and to give us the grace to grow in compassion.

Coronavirus Plenary Indulgence: Pope Francis has granted a special Plenary Indulgence for those suffering from coronavirus, for health care workers and family members, for those who pray for an end to the epidemic, and for those who are unable to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic, 20.03.2020

The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Rom 12: 12). The words written by Saint Paul to the Church of Rome resonate throughout the entire history of the Church and guide the judgment of the faithful in the face of all suffering, sickness and calamity.

The present moment in which the whole of humanity, threatened by an invisible and insidious disease, which for some time now has become part of all our lives, is marked day after day by anguished fears, new uncertainties and above all widespread physical and moral suffering.

The Church, following the example of her Divine Master, has always had the care of the sick at heart. As Saint John Paul II points out, the value of human suffering is twofold: "It is supernatural because it is rooted in the divine mystery of the Redemption of the world, and it is likewise deeply human, because in it the person discovers himself, his own humanity, his own dignity, his own mission" (Apostolic Letter *Salvifici Doloris*, 31).

Pope Francis, too, in these recent days, has shown his paternal closeness and renewed his invitation to pray incessantly for those who are sick with the Coronavirus.

So that all those who suffer because of COVID-19, precisely in the mystery of this suffering, may rediscover "the same redemptive suffering of Christ" (*ibid.*, 30), this Apostolic Penitentiary, ex auctoritate Summi Pontificis, trusting in the word of Christ the Lord and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition.

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the

epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. Enchiridion indulgentiarum, no.12).

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, Health of the Sick and Help of Christians, our Advocate, help suffering humanity, saving us from the evil of this pandemic and obtaining for us every good necessary for our salvation and sanctification.

Coronavirus Crisis Do you need help?: If you need help, please let the parish know and we can try to find someone to help you. **Parish Telephone Number:** 020 8574 3300 **Email** southall@rcdow.org.uk

Coronavirus Ealing Council Help Line: "If you have concerns for anybody in your community, for yourself or the community generally, the helpline staffed by Ealing Council operates

Monday- Friday from 9am-5pm | Saturday 10am-4pm | Telephone Number: 020 8825 7170 | Out-of-hours, call the emergency line | Telephone Number: 0208 825 5000.

Catholic Bishops' Conference Of England And Wales Coronavirus No Public Masses Or Services Following the advice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, there will be no public Masses or services from Friday evening, 20 March 2020, until further notice.

There will be no public Masses or public gatherings in the Church until further notice.

Fr Gerard or Fr Thayriam will celebrate Mass privately each day. The mass will be filmed and made available on the Parish Website www.stanselmchurchsouthall.com. by 10.30 a.m. each morning from Saturday 21st onwards.

For those not on the internet it is a bit more difficult to get access to Mass. There are regular celebrations of Mass broadcast by RTE (Irish) Radio and they are accessible herein the UK on a standard radio, on 252 Long Wave. The full quota of Holy Week ceremonies will be broadcast on RTE. More detail is available from roger.childs@rte.ie.

Please note that all Mass Intentions will still be said on the requested day by a priest at a private mass.

Spiritual Communion: For those unable to receive Holy Communion, here is a Spiritual Communion you can use: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unit myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

The Sunday Collection and Parish Finances: Fr Gerard writes: The coronavirus pandemic situation has led to the closure of Churches and without Sunday Mass

Collections, which is the main source of income for the Church, we must keep closer than usual watch on parish finances. As our personal and family budgets have not stopped because of the coronavirus situation, so our parish has to keep paying its bills. If you can help in anyway - and we realise that this simply may not be possible, we would be so grateful.

Planned Giving Envelopes: I have received a number of enquiries from people concerned about offertory envelopes. We were due to distribute new offertory envelopes for April 2020 – April 2021 but it was not possible to do so before we had to close the church. If you can, we would ask you to just keep safe the offertory envelopes in your possession and each week put your offering aside safely at home and bring the envelopes and offerings to the church whenever the Church reopens and we may gather again to celebrate Mass

Standing Orders: Some people have asked for our Bank details as now there is no collection at Mass each week. You can make a one-off donation but we would really appreciate it if you are someone who gives regularly, if you would take out a standing order with your Bank. We can send you the form. Email me on southall@rcdow.org.uk and we will sent it to you.

Parish Bank Account details: WRCDT – St. Anselm Southall Account

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No. 91308505

Address: 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY

Ref: Donation / your

Donating Online: You can still continue to support the parish by donating online. In order to do this please use the Donate button on the parish website which will take you to a secure Virgin Money Giving donation form. You

can donate either with a credit/debit card or a PayPal account. If you are a UK taxpayer you can add 25p to every £1 that you give through Gift Aid. If you are donating by Virgin Money, please tick the Gift Aid box as you make your donation.

All Confirmation and First Holy Communion Classes have been cancelled.

Family & Children's Prayer Resources and Activities If you are interested in this receiving activities for your family during this time, please get in touch with Jo via email: jomارش@rcdow.org.uk

God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word 2019-20:

1. WEEKLY PARISH LECTIO DIVINA PODCAST available on the parish website on Thursdays each week. Once a week we will have a short session in the church after Morning Mass on Tuesdays in which we will prepare for the following Sunday's Mass by reading and reflecting prayerfully on the readings, particularly the Gospel. We shall follow the practice of Lectio Divina. Those who are notable

to attend are invited to participate by listening in to a weekly podcast of the session which will be broadcast on Thursdays. It is hoped eventually that these podcasts will be broadcast in Konkani, Malayalam, Tamil and Urdu.

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusetledstatus Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

'Going to Hospital' The Hospital Chaplain used to have access to the list of patients on a ward. That is no longer the case and either the person themselves or family or friends must let the Chaplain know if you would like a visit or Communion.

Online Eight Day Retreat 19 April to 26 April: Cardinal Vincent Nichols recommends this retreat to us and writes: "Mgr John Armitage, with his true entrepreneurial spirit, is going to conduct an on-line retreat for eight days from the evening of 19 April to 26 April, with conferences at 10 am and 4pm each day given on the walsingham.org.uk website. This is something that many may want to follow.