



ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

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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.

NEXT SUNDAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;

1 Peter 3:15-18 and

John 14:15-21

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: 10-17 MAY

Saturday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Teresa Abraham RIP Alphonso Noel RIP Edwin De Souza RIP Theresmalar Emmanuel RIP
Monday 10 a.m.	Private Funeral Mass	Antonio Fernandes RIP Philip and Gloria Pereira RIP
Tuesday 10 a.m.	Private Funeral Mass	Maria Alvito Cardozo RIP Sertorio Joao Barreto RIP
Wednesday 10a.m.	Private Funeral Mass	Xavier Fernandes RIP Hermengildo Romulo Fernandes
Thursday 10 a.m.	Private Funeral Mass	Gee Varghese RIP For those working in the National Health Service
Friday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Vincent Nathan Anniv
Saturday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Bernard Davis

NOTICES

Because of the Coronavirus situation the Funeral of Antonio Fernandes , will take place privately on Monday 11 May 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.

Because of the Coronavirus situation the Funeral of Maria Alvito Cardozo, will take place privately on Tuesday 12 May 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.

Because of the Coronavirus situation the Funeral of Xavier Fernandes, will take place privately on Wednesday 13 May 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.

Because of the Coronavirus situation the Funeral of Gee Varghese, will take place privately on Thursday 14 May 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.

VE Day - or 'Victory in Europe Day' - marks the day towards the end of World War Two (WW2) when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe came to an end. On 8 May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before.

How was VE Day celebrated? By the beginning of 1945, the German army had been weakened and defeat looked likely. Tuesday 8 May, 1945, was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting for. Many people were extremely happy that the fighting had stopped and there were big celebrations and street parties. Huge crowds - with lots of people dressed in red, white and blue - gathered outside Buckingham Palace in London.

They cheered as King George VI and his family, including Princess Elizabeth (the current queen) and Princess Margaret, came out onto the balcony to greet everybody. Princess Elizabeth and her sister were allowed to leave the palace and celebrate with crowds outside, although they had to do it secretly. The future Queen described it as "one of the most memorable nights of my life".

Many people also attended church services to thank God for the victory. London's St

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.

Paul's Cathedral held 10 services, which were attended by thousands of people.

But VE Day was also a moment of great sadness and reflection, as millions of people had lost their lives or loved ones in the conflict. Many had to continue fighting in other battles and lots of people were being kept as prisoners of war abroad.

Was VE Day the end of World War Two? Even though VE Day marked victory for Europe over Germany, it did not mark the end of World War Two. In his VE Day announcement, Winston Churchill said: "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing, but let us not forget for a moment the toil and efforts that lie ahead." Even after 8 May, many soldiers, sailors and pilots were sent to the east to fight against the Japanese, who had not yet surrendered. This came on 14 August 1945, after two atomic bombs were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima (6 August) and Nagasaki (9 August). On 15 August 1945, the allies had officially defeated Japan. This date is known as VJ Day. World War Two was finally over.

What happened after World War Two? While the war was over, it was not the end of hardship. Millions of people had lost loved ones and their lives had been turned upside down by the fighting. The nation had to rebuild as the war had been so expensive. Clothing and food rationing remained in place. By the end of WW2, the foundations had also been laid for something called the Cold War, which would last until December 1991.

Today marks the 70th anniversary of an important moment in modern history, when Germany was divided in two, into West and East, following the end of World War Two.

The Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) was created from areas occupied by the British, French and Americans, while the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) was established from territory occupied by the Soviet Union. As part of this division, the Berlin Wall was built in 1961 to separate the capital city between the two halves.

East and West Germany existed as separate countries until the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989, bringing the country back together.

This division was a significant part of something called the Cold War, which was a 40-year conflict between the east and the west, which came to an end in 1991, just after the Berlin Wall came down.

The Prayer Hear My Voice, Lord For Justice And Peace (By Pope John-Paul II)

To you, Creator of nature and humanity, of truth and beauty, I pray: Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations. Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and who will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings the vision of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship. Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace. O God, hear my voice, and grant to the world your everlasting peace. (*Pope St John Paul II at Hiroshima, Japan, 1981*)

Vocations To The Priesthood And Religious Life

Jesuit Vocations: Have you ever considered you might have a call to be a Jesuit Priest or Brother? Find out more from the British Jesuits' Vocation Director, Fr. James Conway SJ Email: vocations@jesuit.org.uk or visit www.jesuit.org.uk/becomingajesuit for more details

Archdiocese of Westminster: Have you ever considered you might have a call to be a Diocesan Priest in the Archdiocese of Westminster. Fr Stephen Wang is the Director of Vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Westminster. Email: swang@universitycatholic.net Address: Newman House 111 Gower Street London WC1E 6AR Tel: 020 7387 6370 Website: <http://rcdow.org.uk/vocations>

Father Gerard writes: Children's Liturgy: To help us during this time when the church is closed, a new Sunday Liturgy for families with young children 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

A second Childrens Liturgy group for older children of First Holy Communion and older has been created by Lavina Gonsalves and this will be available for the first time this Sunday at 10 a.m.

Hospital Contacts And Last Rites: If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know. He will then minister to you. This is especially so now when most of the sacraments are no longer available to us. In most cases we are not able to administer the sacrament of the sick, or reconciliation or holy communion. The chaplaincy team in hospital have the necessary permissions to administer all the necessary sacraments, as well as offering support to those seriously affected by the virus.

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.

Coronavirus No Public Masses Or Services: 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.

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: jomarsh@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.

The Month of Mary: Prayer and Reflection in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Care of our beautiful planet.

Fr Gerard writes: I invite you to read and enjoy the beautiful poem printed below by the Jesuit Poet and Priest, Gerard Manley Hopkins. It is a song of praise and wonder at the gift of Mary to us and the gift of the beautiful world and show us Mary marvelling at the gift of life and the gift of creation.

To mark the month as Mary's month from Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May please join us each evening at 8 o'clock for an hours reflection and prayer in honour of Mary and in gratitude for the gift of creation. Let us reflect together on how our hearts like Mary may glorify the Lord and let us consider practically how we as a parish community may show greater respect for our environment and how we might allow ourselves to change our ways and become a responsible and eco-friendly parish

May is Mary's month, and I

Muse at that and wonder why :

Her feasts follow reason,

Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day ;

But the Lady Month, May,

Why fasten that upon her,

With a feasting in her honour ?

Is it only its being brighter

Than the most are must delight her ?

Is it opportunist

And flowers finds soonest ?

Ask of her, the mighty mother :

Her reply puts this other

Question : What is Spring?—

Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,

Grass and greenworld all together ;

Star-eyed strawberry-breasted

Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin

Forms and warms the life within ;

And bird and blossom swell

In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing

Mary sees, sympathizing

With that world of good

Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind

With delight calls to mind

How she did in her stored

Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this :

Spring's universal bliss

Much, had much to say

To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple

Bloom lights the orchard-apple

And thicket and thorp are merry

With silver-surfed cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes

Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes

And magic cuckoocall

Caps, clears, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering earth

Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth

To remember and exultation

In God who was her salvation.

Lectures On The Thought Of St. Thomas Aquinas: Thomistic Studies is for people interested in studying the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas and applying it to daily life. Sr. Mary Magdalene, O.P., of the English Dominican Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena (Stone, Staffordshire), will explain Aquinas' teaching on various topics, and viewers are free to discuss it and learn more from one another. The lectures are live streamed on ZOOM each Tuesday (for an invitation, email mercifullove1@gmail.com) and are available on her YouTube channel. Please also visit the website of the Dominican Sisters.

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.