



# ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

17 May 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter:

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## PARISH TEAM

Fr Gerard Mitchell S.J.

## Assistant Priest:

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## Deacon:

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## 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.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 1:12-14;  
1 Peter 4:13-16 and  
John 17:1-11

**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

## 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](mailto:thayriam123@gmail.com) or phone 0208 574 3300 / 07405438543

## MASS INTENTIONS: 17-24 MAY

Saturday	Private Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Bernard Davis
Monday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Annette Gill
Tuesday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	For the children and young people of the Parish
Wednesday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	People of the Parish
Thursday 10 a.m. Feast of the Ascension	Private Mass	For those who work in the National Health Service
Friday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	For all those in the Parish who have died of the Coronavirus
Saturday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Nazareth and Angelina Marquis (25th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Mary Varghese (Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes)

## NOTICES

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

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 and poetry 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 with the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins 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

**Thursday: The Ascension Of Our Lord:** Of all the episodes in the life of Christ, the Ascension is among the most difficult to make sense of today. All four Gospels recount that at a certain point after the resurrection, the risen Christ ceased to appear to his followers in the flesh. Only Luke recounts how this final departure happened. "Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into Heaven. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem full of joy". The feast of the Ascension commemorates the risen Jesus' departure from earth and his exaltation in heaven. But according to St. John, the departing Jesus reassured them and us that "it is better for you that I go." Why would Jesus say that? The Ascension was not the end of Jesus' mission but the beginning of the church's mission. Jesus' Ascension takes place only "after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles." In his farewell, Jesus leaves them his truth and his power to continue his mission. So now, they have all they need. In Christ, we believe that God has entered human history in his Incarnation. Then, in his Ascension, Christ has carried our humanity into God, he has taken the "human" into heaven, lifted the mortal into immortality. So the good news, the wonderful news, is that, for the first time, something truly human, something forged in our history, was taken up into God. So the great joy of this day is that all that is human is destined for life in God. This means that we matter: we all matter. Christ did not leave us in his Ascension; he became present to us in a new way. Pope Francis tells us: "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world, as he was before the Ascension. He is now at the right hand of the Father, present in every space and time, close to each one of us". The Ascension was not a departure but a way to intensify his presence everywhere in the universe; a promise and the certainty of a continuous presence to the limits of time and space: "I will be with you always until the end of the age". AMEN. ALLELUIA

**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.

**The Novena to the Holy Spirit** Between the Ascension and Pentecost, the apostles gathered together in the upper room waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. These nine days of prayer is the original Novena. We will pray this Novena of Prayer each day beginning on Friday 22nd May and ending on Saturday 30th May, the Vigil of Pentecost. Each day you are invited to join us to say the Novena Prayers at the end of the Morning Mass.

**CAFOD Emergency Appeal:** CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)

**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](mailto:vocations@jesuit.org.uk) or visit [www.jesuit.org.uk/becomingajesuit](http://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](mailto: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 to 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](http://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.

**Reporting Abuse.** If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. You can also contact CSAS by telephoning 0207 901 1920 or via email at [admin@csas.uk.net](mailto:admin@csas.uk.net)

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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: 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.

**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/eusettledstatus](https://gov.uk/eusettledstatus) 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](https://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.