



ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

24 May 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter:

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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

Pentecost Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11;

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

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: 24-31 MAY

Saturday	Private Mass	People of the Parish Paniben K. Patel Sick Mary Morgan Sick
Sunday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Mary Varghese (Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes) Bryan Paul RIP Antonio Fernandes Lately Dead
Monday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Paul Carvalho & Family Intentions
Tuesday 10 a.m.	Private Funeral Mass	Annette Gill RIP
Wednesday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Myra Bernice Speede RIP
Thursday 10 a.m.	Private Funeral Mass	Ashley Andrew John RIP
Friday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	Bryan Paul RIP, For those who work in the National Health Service
Saturday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 a.m.	Private Mass	VJ Joseph RIP

NOTICES

Because of the Coronavirus situation the **Funeral of Annette Gill will take place privately on Tuesday 26 May** with only her immediate family and the Priest at the Graveside. Please keep her and her family in your prayers particularly in this difficult situation.

Because of the Coronavirus situation the **Funeral of Ashely Andrew John, will take place privately on Thursday 28 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 Da Conceicao Mendes Marques, will take place privately on Monday 1 June** with only her immediate family and the Priest at the Crematorium. Please keep her and her family in your prayers particularly in this difficult situation.

Because of the Coronavirus situation the **Funeral of Myra Bernice Speede, will take place privately on Wednesday 3 June** with only her immediate family and the Priest at the Graveside . Please keep her and her family in your prayers particularly in this difficult situation.

Because of the Coronavirus situation the **Funeral of Jesudasan Santiago , will take place privately on Thursday 4 June** 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.

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.

World Communications Day 2020 falls on 24 May as much of the world remains in lockdown as we attempt to recover from the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The Pope's World Communications Day message focuses on storytelling, truth and who we are in God's eyes. He looks to the Bible as "the great love story between God and humanity" with Jesus at its centre. This Sunday the Pope has asked us to pray for all those working in communications during the pandemic. We are invited to pray for "those who work in the media, who work to communicate today so that people are not isolated... who help us to bear this time of isolation" He recognises that given a growing digital culture throughout

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/diocesan/jobs/> where you can view all current vacancies. New jobs are regularly added to the site as they arise.

the world, the media must become a primary platform for spreading the Gospel. Here in our parish we have seen how the 'digital age' has helped us continue to celebrate our faith and support one another.

Laudato Si Week: Eco in Lockdown? If you have been thinking about making a few changes to live more sustainably and eco-friendly, maybe now is the time to make those changes? Although lockdown has put a lot on hold, there are many things we can be doing at home to be eco-friendly. It seems that during lockdown, the world has had a chance to recover and we want to continue to help with this. Our Parish is now a Live Simply Parish and so as a community we want to work together to do all that we can to live sustainably and simply.

Here are a few suggestions that you can do at home and with your family:

- Bug Houses - Creating a bug house in your back garden for insects, bugs and minibeasts. For step-by-step instructions, check out the RSPB website - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>
- Grow your own fruit & veg - Why not have a go at growing your own fruit and vegetables?
- Sustainable food & products - Can you use alternative sustainable food items or products?
- Support the Food Bank - Many people in our local community are struggling to provide for their families during this time. Can you donate some items to your local Food Bank?
- Switching off electrical items when not in use - Why not make the simple change of switching off devices and electrical items when not in use, especially at night-time?

MESSAGE FROM FR GERARD: COVID-19 has affected the entire human community. What better response than to pray together, "Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" I therefore encourage you to join a half-hour online Pentecost prayer vigil on Saturday, May 30. It will bring together the Ignatian family and our Jesuit and Ignatian networks throughout the world in more than 100 countries. Please join these brothers and sisters of yours, in spirit and in prayer, at this unique moment in human history.

The details:

- The half-hour prayer vigil will take place at three separate times to accommodate the global Ignatian family across time zones. Join us at 7:00 PM.
- Find more information at <http://pentecost.jesuits.global>
- Come to the vigil with an open heart, your prayer intentions, and a candle that you will light.
- Between now and May 30: Pray daily for God's Holy Spirit to come powerfully among us. Invite your friends and networks to join the vigil. Share your own prayers in advance on social media with #IgnatianPentecost and #TogetherAMDG

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

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 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) 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

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](mailto:childs@rte.ie).

Back To Normal? The Bishops have been making representations to Government regarding the needs of the Catholic faithful, with respect both to the opening of churches and to accessing the Sacraments. As soon as there is news of any change in arrangements, we will communicate this via the website and in the Newsletter. Until then, please understand that we are not able to reopen the Church.

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

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation: We are very conscious that about 130 of our young people should be confirmed in July; and more than one hundred children should be making their First Holy Communion at this time. There were also several families planning Baptisms these past few months. Sadly all these Sacraments have had to be deferred indefinitely because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Please be certain that as soon as it's possible to do so, the preparation for these Sacraments will resume and plans will be put in place for them to happen. Naturally, we will continue to follow the government guidelines, closely monitored by the Diocese, and collaborate with them to ensure the safety of all.

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: 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/eusetledstatus](https://www.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](https://www.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.