



ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

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Representatives:

Rita Khokhar

Vincentinha Rebelo

Mark Silva

NEXT SUNDAY:

2nd Sunday of Advent: YEAR B:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;

Psalms 84:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

2 Peter 3:8-14;

Mark 1:1-8

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 Gerard S.J. 6 Months before the Date for Your Wedding. Please phone the Parish Office Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (but not 3-4 p.m.) to make an appointment.

COUNSELLING IN ST

ANSELM'S:

Fr Edward

Bermingham, S.J. is

available to provide a

counselling service in our

parish. If you would like

to meet with him please

contact the Rectory or

phone 0208 574 3300 /

07405438543

MASS INTENTIONS: 29 NOVEMBER 2020 – 6 DECEMBER 2020

Saturday		Teresa Pereira (R.I.P) Anoop Kumar (R.I.P)
Sunday	Private Mass	Reagan Diniz (For all souls) Pedro Manuel Silva (R.I.P) Rosa Lourдина Silva RIP Gwindon Janoszka (Sick) People of the Parish
Monday		Gwindon Janoszka (Sick)
Tuesday		Marie Rajalingam (Special Intention) Sacharias & Teresa Pereira RIP
Wednesday 8 a.m.		Steven Leaghley, John Brown & Marie Rajalingam (Special Intention)
Thursday 8 a.m. St Francis Xavier	Public Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY	Jose De Souza (Thanksgiving to St Francis Xavier)
Thursday 10 a.m. St Francis Xavier		Timothy Donkar RIP
Thursday 6 p.m. St Francis Xavier	Public KONKANI Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY	Francisco De Souza RIP
Thursday 8 p.m. St Francis Xavier	Public Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY	For those suffering from Covid19
Friday		Borta D'Costa RIP
Saturday 12 Noon		Jose De Souza (Thanksgiving to St Anthony)
Saturday 2 p.m.	Public Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (13-17 YEARS)	Pope Francis Intentions
Saturday 4 p.m.		Domingo Sequeira RIP
Saturday 6.30 p.m.		People of the Parish
Sunday 9.45 a.m.	Public Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY	Mable & Thomas Vincent RIP
Sunday 12 Noon		
Sunday 4 p.m.		
Sunday 6.30 p.m.		
Sunday 8.30 p.m.		Public Tamil Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY

NOTICES

The Funeral Mass of Francisco De Souza will take place on Friday 11 December at 1:15 p.m. Only thirty people including the priest may attend funerals in the church at this time

The Funeral Mass of Timothy Donkar will take place on Wednesday 16 December at 1.15 p.m. Only thirty people including the priest may attend funerals in the church at this time

Lockdown ends: Public Mass will be celebrated once more beginning Thursday 3 December, the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier: Mass times will be 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m. (Konkani Mass) and 8 p.m... Please remember: we are still limited in number, so you do need to book your place on line. Parish Website <http://stanselmchurchsouthall.com/>

Please also remember what you must always do as you enter the Church: wear a face mask at all times, hand sanitising as you come into and leave Church, social distancing in the pews and aisles, and one-way system for Holy Communion.

If you or any members of your family at home are suffering from any symptoms of Covid-19 please do not come to the church. If you are in any of the "at risk" groups, please STAY HOME.

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.

Daily Mass Monday – Friday 8 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Church each morning Monday – Friday at 8 a.m. It will be necessary to book on each separate occasion. Daily Mass Bookings will be open on our website each Friday for the following week.

Bookings for daily Mass will have to be completed by 5 p.m. the day before the Mass you wish to attend. So if you wish to attend the Monday Mass you need to book by 5 p.m. on Sunday or if you wish to attend the Tuesday Mass you need to book by 5 p.m. on Monday etc **It is not possible to attend Daily Mass in the Church without a Booking.** The Usher will check your name on the Bookings List as you enter the church.

Sunday Public Mass Bookings: Mass bookings for the weekend will be open on our website every week from Wednesday until Friday at 5 p.m. when bookings will close. To book a place at Mass go to the Parish Website and follow the simple instructions given at “Booking for Sunday Mass at St Anselm’s” Parish Website <http://stanselmchurchsouthall.com/> **It is not possible to attend Sunday Mass in the Church without a Booking.** The Usher will check your name on the Bookings List as you enter the church.

Please Only Book For One Mass At The Weekend: The number of seats available in the church and parish centre is limited to 120 seats to enable us to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Places are limited, so only book if you are sure that you can be with us. Please arrive 20 minutes before Mass starts. You must wear a face mask at all times in the Church. Kindly follow the instructions of the Ushers who are acting on behalf of the Parish Priest. Sunday Public Masses at St. Anselm’s Church, Southall will be held on the following days and times:

Saturday at 12 Noon | Sunday at 9.45 am | Saturday at 2 p.m. | Sunday at 12 Noon | Saturday at 4 p.m. | Sunday at 4 p.m. | Saturday at 6.30 p.m. | Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

Pray as You Go Advent Retreat 2020 God is with You Written by Sister Gemma Simmonds of the Congregation of Jesus Fr Gerard writes: After a year of challenges, changes, suffering, isolation and social distancing, perhaps there’s never been a more important time to reflect on the Incarnation; to reflect on God’s incredible plan to draw as close as possible to us, by becoming one of us. Why not join our Pray as You Go Advent Retreat? All are welcome. Sessions last about 20-25 minutes will be released week by week. Why not add the dates to your diary now?

Recordings of Retreat talks will be available on the Parish Website (www.stanselmchurchsouthall.com) on the day of release according to the Retreat Schedule below*

Introduction: Advent Retreat 2020 Welcome to this year’s Advent Retreat. This has been a challenging and often difficult year. We’ve spent some of 2020 physically apart, or at least more distanced than ever before, both from those we love and from all the familiar landmarks of our working lives, our wider relationships and the normal rhythms that give a pattern of familiarity to our daily living. A retreat in Advent helps us to look forward to Christmas and a new year, but it’s also an opportunity to look back reflectively on how the past year has been for us, what we’ve endured but also what we’ve learned, how we’ve coped and, hopefully, how we’ve grown and adapted.

In Luke’s gospel Simeon prophesies to Mary and Joseph in the Temple that their child ‘is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel’. He will be a sign of contradiction, ‘so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed’ (Luke 2:34-35). Later in the same Gospel Jesus tells the crowd, ‘Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.’ (Luke 12:2). The pandemic has revealed the vulnerability and, at times, the hypocrisy of many of the systems on which our societies depend. In personal terms it has also revealed to us hidden weaknesses and hidden strengths, opening us up to the fragility of life but also to the kindness of strangers.

This retreat is the perfect opportunity to spend some time in the presence of a loving God who is waiting to welcome us, nurture us, and draw us into deeper relationship. The Incarnation shows how it was vital to God’s plan for him to draw near to us in the flesh as God-with-us. Perhaps there’s never been a more important year to meditate on the ways in which God chooses this way to make his love known and to give us strength in the Word made flesh.

***Retreat schedule:** Please note only one session of the Advent Retreat is released each week.

- Session 1: Monday 30th November
- Session 2: Monday 7th December
- Session 3: Monday 14 December
- Session 4: Monday 21 December
- Session 5 and Conclusion: Monday 28th December

For more information please see www.sacredspace.ie and www.pray-as-you-go.org/

Journey through Advent to the Epiphany: As we begin the Season of Advent, this year, join us for a series of Winter Meditations. For Each Sunday in Advent, the Jesuit Parishes in Britain have come together to produce a short reflection on each of the Gospel Readings, throughout Advent. Each meditation offers an opportunity to reflect on God's message to each of us, as we prepare a place in our hearts, for the birth of Jesus in our lives, uniting us as a community and as God's children.

Each meditation will be available on the Parish Website, using the following link: <http://stanselmchurchsouthall.com/uncategorized/a-journey-through-advent-to-the-epiphany-with-the-jesuit-parishes-in-britain/>

Safe Spaces, which is run by Victim Support on behalf of the Catholic and Anglican churches, is for anyone who feels they have experienced Church-related abuse of any form in England or Wales (whether this is in the past or happening now). A confidential telephone helpline and live chat facility is available from Monday-Saturday from 10am-6pm (Thursdays 12pm-8pm). Telephone 0300 303 1056. Live Chat www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk

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

"Prayer for the Nation" An ecumenical invitation to prayer at 6pm in the evening during the four weeks of lockdown. You can follow on social media #PrayerfortheNation or download it from the website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

Parish Mass Diary 2021 Is Now Open: Safira Viegas , The Parish Administrator Will Be Available Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. To Book Masses For This Coming Year. Please Phone Her On 020 8574 3300

If for any unforeseen circumstance, such as a funeral, a Mass cancellation occurs the intention for that Mass will be rescheduled to the next available opening.

For many years the Diocesan guideline has been that a Mass stipend should be £10, but at St Anselm's the suggestion is that you make whatever offering you can afford and for some that may be £5. However, any Mass that is sent to the Missions requires the £10 stipend.

When a priest accepts a Mass stipend, he contracts with the person to pray for the intention at a specific Mass, but that does not, nor can it, preclude him from also praying for other intentions as well. Every person present, including the priest, and all celebrants, may, and hopefully will, not only pray for their own intentions at Mass, but also for the intentions of all present, as well as for the needs of our world, Church, and local community. Each of the Eucharistic prayers have within them prayer for many intentions....the Prayer of the Faithful does likewise. Therefore, the Mass is never offered for a single intention.

The church will be open each day Monday – Friday (but not this Thursday) from 10 a.m. – 12 Noon for private prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A priest will be available in the Baptistry at the back of the church for confessions or simply to speak to.

* Only 20 people will be allowed into the Church at any one time and we ask that you do not stay for a long time so as to allow others the opportunity to enter.

* The toilets will not be open to the public at this time.

* The Repository, the Rectory and the Parish Office and the Sacristy will remain closed.

Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people, and it is advised that only close friends and family attend.

Coronavirus Crisis and Saint Anselm's Parish Do you need help? Do you need food and shopping? If you need help, please phone or email the Parish Office Monday to Fridays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Outside office hours please leave a message on the answer machine. We have a food store in the church and we can put you in contact with Ealing Foodbank in Hanwell. Please do not hesitate to contact us and please look out for families that need help. Parish Telephone Number 020 8574 3300 email southall@rcdow.org.uk

Contacting Hospital Chaplain Sunday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm 020 8967 5130 Ealing Hospital

020 8869 2113 Northwick Park, St Mark's & Central Middx Hospitals Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name, religion and the ward if known. Alternatively, request a Staff to contact a chaplain or e-mail: LNWH-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

'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.

Pope Francis November's PRAYER INTENTION Artificial Intelligence We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Commemoration Of The Faithful Departed: The Book of Remembrance for the November Lists If you would like

deceased members of your families and friends included in this year's November list and prayed for at Masses during the month please email names to southall@rcdow.org.

If you are suffering from any symptoms of Covid-19 please do not come to the church. If you are in any of the "at risk" groups, please STAY HOME.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is an opportunity to explore and deepen our faith. If you know of someone – husband, wife, friend, neighbour who might be interested in exploring whether God may be calling them to become a Catholic, then please ask them to contact Sue Cawley, the Parish Evangelisation Coordinator by email on susancawley@rcdow.org.uk or telephone the parish office 0208 574 3300 Monday-Fridays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (but not between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.) for further information. This year the PROGRAMME will be delivered via Zoom. The first RCIA meeting will take place on Saturday 31 October at 6 p.m. Meeting ID: 8681848 3777 Password: 439586

Jesuit Missions Since Jesuit Missions cannot currently visit parishes they are offering online events on social justice issues. For info contact lynn@jesuitmissions.org.uk To make a donation call 020 8946 0466 or visit www.jesuitmissions.org.uk

Adult Confirmation Preparation for those over the age of 18 who have been baptized and made their First Holy Communion and who wish to be confirmed will be provided by Deacon Stephen Khokhar Tel:07526513557; email: stephenkhokhar@rcdow.org.uk

Consultation on Freedom of Expression Freedom of Expression in faith and other areas of life is coming under increasing threat. Please respond to this parliamentary consultation so that the Catholic view is heard. The closing date for submission is 6 December. See <https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/307/freedom-of-expression/>

Government Consultation on Faith Engagement There is a strong ask from the officials of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government MHCLG for individual Catholics to respond to this open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. The link to the online submission is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>. This call for evidence aims to collect views to underpin the Faith Engagement Review. This call for evidence opened on 13th November and will run for a period of 4 weeks closing at 11:45pm on 11 December 2020.

Marriage and Family Life: You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12th -15th Nov 2020 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

Contrary to what is often wrongly assumed, we do not receive any financial support either from the Vatican nor from

the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster of which the Saint Anselm's parish is a part, and at whose request the parish is run by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. Together with all other parishes in Westminster Diocese we also make an annual financial contribution, according to our means, to the running of the diocese and its various public charities.

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 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.



Take action: Free Fr Stan

Fr Stan Swamy SJ is an 83-year-old Jesuit Priest and human rights activist, working in India. On 8th October, he was unfairly arrested and imprisoned. We need **your** help to free him.

- **Write to your MP** calling on the Foreign Secretary to take urgent action. Visit jesuitmissions.org.uk for a letter template.
- **Get informed:** Follow the latest news on Fr Stan Swamy by following [@JesuitMissions](https://twitter.com/JesuitMissions) on Twitter.