



# ST ANSELM'S NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH TEAM

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#### Coordinator:

Susan Cawley

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#### Representatives:

Rita Khokhar

Vincentinha Rebelo

Mark Silva

## NEXT SUNDAY:

The Baptism of the Lord:

YEAR B:

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7;

Psalms 28;

Acts 10:34-38;

Mark 1:7-11

**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 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.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS: 3 JANUARY 2020 – 10 JANUARY 2021

Day/Time	Category	Intention
Saturday 12 Noon	Public Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY	Nirika Afonso (For all souls of the family)
Saturday 2 p.m.		Victorio Manuel (R.I.P)
Saturday 4 p.m.		Sebastian Marshall (R.I.P)
Saturday 6.30 p.m.		Maria Bernardete Paul (R.I.P) Maria Augusta Rodrigues (R.I.P)
Sunday 9.45 a.m.		Clara Peter & family (Thanksgiving Mass)
Sunday 12 noon		Minguel Emmanuel Vas ( Thanksgiving Mass)
Sunday 4 p.m.		Rita & Manuel Pathinathar (R.I.P)
Sunday 6.30 p.m.		People of the Parish
Monday 9.15 a.m.		Ivy Philbert (R.I.P)
Tuesday 8 a.m.		Luis Fernandes (Thanksgiving Mass)
Wednesday 9.45 a.m.	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Public Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY	Luis Fernandes   For all souls in purgatory
Wednesday 12 Noon		Martin Gracias (Sick)
Wednesday 4 p.m.		Sylvester Thomas RIP
Wednesday 6.30 p.m.		Cosme Dias RIP
Thursday 8 a.m.	Public Mass BOOK ONLINE ONLY	Antonio Fernandes (R.I.P)
Friday 8 a.m.		Damiao Cardoso (For all the souls)
Saturday 12 Noon		Aaron & Jose D'Silva (For good health)
Saturday 2 p.m.		A Manuel (R.I.P)
Saturday 4 p.m.		Caetano Juliao De Souza (R.I.P)
Saturday 6.30 p.m.		Mary Varghese (Thanksgiving to the Holy Family)
Sunday 9.45 a.m.		Reezlan De Souza (Thanksgiving Mass)
Sunday 12 noon		Franco Francisco De Souza ( R.I.P)
Sunday 4 p.m.		People of the Parish
Sunday 6.30 p.m.		Francisco Pereira (Thanksgiving Mass)

## NOTICES

**Monday 4 January; Morning Mass 9.15 a.m.** The Church will close all day after Mass and reminder Parish Office will remain closed

**Feast Of The Holy Name Of Jesus, 3 January 2021:** The Jesuits celebrate The Holy Name as its title feast day. St Ignatius and his first companions desired that their new Society be “designated by the name Jesus” (thus “The Society of Jesus”) and this wish was granted by Pope Paul III in September 1540 when he approved the Society of Jesus.

In Greek the name “Jesus” in the Gospels is written  $\text{Ιησους}$  which is pronounced *ih-sous*. In Greek capital letters this would be  $\text{ΙΗΣΟΥΣ}$  (or *IHSOUS* in Latin letters) taking the first three letters in capitals *IHS*. This symbol with the three nails of the crucifixion beneath is the logo of the Society of Jesus. “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2.5-11)

**The Funeral Mass of Sylvester Thomas** will take place on Monday 4 January at 1p.m. Only thirty people including the priest may attend funerals in the church at this time.

**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.

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.

The church will be open each day Monday – Friday 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.

**Parish Office Closed For Christmas from 24 December – 5 January.** No School Forms, No Passport Forms, No Naturalisation Forms, No Marriage Enquires Etc Will Be Attended To During This Time

**Marriage Paperwork Preparation:** The Diocesan Office responsible for Marriage Paperwork Preparation is closed from Friday 18 December 2020 until Monday 11 January 2021. Marriage

Paperwork Preparation in the parish for this year ended on Thursday 17th December 2020. We will resume Marriage Paperwork Preparation from 11 January 2021. Enquiries about Marriage Preparation, Prenuptial Enquiries etc must wait until after 11 January 2021. For Marriage Preparation Enquiries please contact the parish after 11 January 2021.

**Christmas Crib Appeal 2020.** Offerings made at the Christmas Crib go to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster). The Society would like to thank parishioners within the Diocese for your support over the last year in helping us to make a real difference to the lives of children and adults who are experiencing the effects of poverty, debt, unemployment, long-term illness or family breakdown. You can help make a difference to the lives of children and families such as these by supporting our Crib Appeal. Thank you for your support.

**Year of Saint Joseph December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021** On December 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"). In that beautiful letter, the Holy Father proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021

In his letter, "Patris Corde" ("With a father's heart"), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." As Mary's husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned "his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

Despite being troubled at first by Mary's pregnancy, he added, St. Joseph was obedient to God's will "regardless of the hardship involved."

Saint Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood by making an offering of himself in "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home." In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness."

In every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat,' like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane," the pope said. "All this makes it clear that St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in this way, he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

St. Joseph's unconditional acceptance of Mary and his decision to protect her "good name, her dignity and her life" also serves as an example for men today, the pope added.

"Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence toward women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man," he wrote. Pope Francis also highlighted St. Joseph's "creative courage," not only in finding a stable and making it a "welcoming home for the son of God (who came) into the world," but also in protecting Christ from the threat posed by King Herod. "The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today, too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider St. Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of



war, hatred, persecution and poverty,” the pope said. As a carpenter who earned “an honest living to provide for his family,” Christ’s earthly guardian is also an example for both workers and those seeking employment and the right to a life of dignity for themselves and their families.

“In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron,” he said.

**Pope Francis’ Prayer to Saint Joseph:** Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**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.

**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](http://www.stanselmchurchsouthall.com)) on the day of release according to the Retreat Schedule below\*

**Application Forms For Confirmation 2021:** If you are in year 9 at school (or older but not yet confirmed) and you would like to be confirmed in summer 2021, please complete the application form online on the parish website <http://stanselmchurchsouthall.com/>. Also you must hand in a copy of your Baptism Certificate to the Parish Office as soon as possible and by Friday 15th January 2020 at the latest. Please note you will not be able to participate in the programme if you have not handed in the Baptism Certificate. There will be two confirmation groups: Group 1 will meet on Mondays. Group 2 will meet on Tuesdays.

**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](mailto: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

**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](mailto:stephenkhokhar@rcdow.org.uk)

**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](mailto:lynn@jesuitmissions.org.uk) To make a donation call 020 8946 0466 or visit [www.jesuitmissions.org.uk](http://www.jesuitmissions.org.uk)

**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](http://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](mailto:admin@csas.uk.net)

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