

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Wednesday 24 th	Christmas Eve – 10am 6.15pm The Vigil of Christmas – Family Mass 11.30pm Carols and Readings by Candlelight Midnight Mass
Thursday 25 th	Masses at 8.30am 10.00am (Family Mass) & 11.15 am <u>PLEASE NOTE – NO EVENING MASS</u>
Friday 26 th	St. Stephen - Bank Holiday 10.00am. No evening Mass.
Saturday 27 th	St John - 10.00am & 6.15pm Masses.
Sunday 28 th	Feast of The Holy Family – Masses 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 6.15pm Please join the Friends of the Holy Family at 5.45pm to recite the rosary round the crib before Mass
Monday 29 th	Mass 10am. No evening Mass.
Tuesday 30 th	Mass 10am. No evening Mass.
Wednesday 31 st	Mass 10am. 11pm Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass
Thursday 1 st Jan'09	New Years Day – Feast of Mary Mother of God Mass 10am Mass. No evening Mass.
Friday 2 nd Jan'09	Mass 10am. No evening Mass.
Saturday 3 rd Jan'09	Mass 10am & 6.15pm (Vigil Mass of The Epiphany)
Sunday 4 th Jan'09	The Epiphany Masses 8.30am,10am,11.15am & 6.15pm

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	8.30 am Private Intention
	10.00 am Ann Connolly <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am Private Intention
	11.15 am Intention of Mr & Mrs Vaz		11.15 am Private Intention
Monday	6.15 pm Jerome, Agnes & Christy <i>RIP</i>	Friday	6.15 pm NO EVENING MASS
	8.00 am Cosme Ramos <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am Paddy Less <i>RIP</i>
	6.15pm Leonard Family <i>Int.</i>		3.00 pm No Mass at Springfield
Tuesday	8.00 am Bryan Rochford <i>RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am Norman Mushing <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Mr & Mrs Britchford's <i>Int.</i>		6.15 pm Pakie Blade <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am May Edna Lake <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Private Intention		10.00 am Michel Cilia <i>RIP</i>
			11.15 am James J Brennan <i>RIP</i>
			6.15 pm Axelle Sammut <i>RIP</i>

INTEGRITY AND FERTILITY

Talk by Veronica Pierson of the BOM Trust on the dignity of young people in terms of their relationships: Monday, 5 January from 7.00 – 8.30pm in the Lower New Hall; organised by Wandsworth SPUC.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Last week's collection: £1108.00. Thank you.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Advent 21st December 2008

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Parish Team:

Fr William Hebborn,
Fr Oliver Antao & Thelma Lewis

Parish Sisters:

The Little Company of Mary

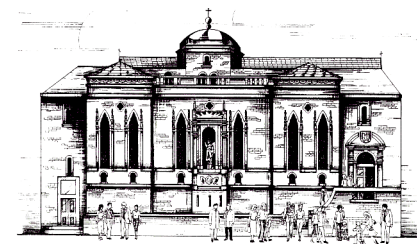
Mass Times: Saturday evening 6.15 pm,
Sunday 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

Mass times during the week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday 8.00 am & 6.15 pm.

Wednesday & Saturday 10.00 am & 6.15 pm. (No 8.00 am.)

Holydays: 8.00, 10.00 am & 6.15 pm & 8.00 pm

Confessions: Saturday 11.30 – 12.30 pm & 7.00 pm



WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday:	1 Sam 1:24-28; Cant 1 Sam 2:1-4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4.23-24; Ps 24; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday:	2 Sam 7:1-5.8-12.14.16; Ps 88; Lk 1:67-79
Thursday:	Is 52:7-10; Ps 97; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 30; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 96; Jn 20:2-8
Sunday:	Gen 15:1-6.21:1-3; Ps 104; Heb 11:8-19; Lk 2:22-40

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12. 14. 16

God promises to give David not a physical house but a great name and a dynasty.

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

St Paul tells us that Jesus Christ is the revelation of a mystery that has been kept secret to endless ages.

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Mary is asked to trust the God who makes great promises and who now wants to fulfil them through her.

CHILDREN OF THE PARISH 4th Sunday of Advent Holy Hour 21st December

The children of the parish will lead the Holy Hour 'The Christmas Story' a short play by mime with readings carols. If you would like to be involved, please come to the upper new hall at **3.45pm for a dress rehearsal prior to the service at 5pm**. This is a lovely service for all the family as we prepare for the great celebration of Christmas, so do come and join us. All welcome.

CENTENARY LAUNCH WEEKEND

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th January 2009

It is with great pleasure we invite you to attend an evening celebrating our past, embedding our present and shaping our future, including an exhibition of our past which will be part of our Centenary celebrations through the year of 2009.

We acknowledge our responsibilities with the Covenant with the Poor and the Parish has committed to supporting 'The Nest Children's Home' in Nairobi, where mothers and babies are cared for and rehabilitated back into normal life. For more information please visit their website:

<http://uhuru.de/thenesthome/the-childrens-home-das-kinderheim/>

This event will take place on **Saturday 17th January 2009** in the Crypt, Balham High Road entrance commencing with a Reception at **7.45pm**.

This is an adult only evening and limited tickets are available (first come, first served) for this 'Once in a Century Event'. **Parishioners are invited to purchase tickets from the parish office (Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday) at £15 per person.** All funds raised throughout this evening and Centenary Year will be used to provide necessary building projects equipment/general funding at the Nest Children's Home.

Sunday 18th January 2009 2.00-5.00pm

Families will be invited to view the exhibition of the history of our parish and enjoy some entertainment, music and tea! Full details to follow in the New Year.

FAMILY MASS TODAY 21st December at 10am

No Children's Liturgy Groups today.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Catholic clergy have very little income. They rely almost entirely on our Christmas & Easter offerings, so let's please be generous. If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please write your number or name on the reverse of the envelope. The tax reclaimed on Christmas/Easter offerings belongs to the parish, not the clergy, but it forms a very useful contribution to the general finances – and costs you nothing.

TUESDAY INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP will **NOT** meet until after Christmas, date to be confirmed in the New Year. Thank you.

LITTLE ANGELS TODDLER GROUP

The playgroup is now closed for the Christmas holidays. We shall re-open on **Wednesday 28th January 2009** 9-11am in the old hall, Balham High Road entrance.

SMOKED & BBQ SALMON ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS

PLEASE COLLECT TODAY

Please collect your orders from outside the shop today between **8.45am-12.30pm**.

WELCOME GROUP We will meet again in the New Year (**Sunday 11 Jan 2009**)

THANK YOU The organisers of the feast of St Francis Xavier want to say thanks to all those who supported the event. A sum of £425.00 has been raised for the parish.

PARISH CENTENARY

We are looking for the following items to borrow for an exhibition/display: Child of Mary cloak and veil. The Penny Catechism. An old Latin Missal with memorial cards. We would also like any photographic material dating from 1909 to 1933. Please contact Tom Gately on 07795 184056 if you can help. Thank you.

CRB CHECKS FOR THE PARISH

All volunteers are required to attend with their completed application forms for signing by the Parish Child Protection representative on **Saturday 10 January 2009, 11-12 noon. Please come to the lower new hall via Tooting Bec Road entrance.** Please ensure you bring the necessary documents to this meeting. Thank you.

GREEN FOLIAGE to decorate the church for Christmas would be very welcome by **Monday 22nd December**. Thank you.

WORD OF THANKS & APPRECIATION FROM FR. WILL AND THE PARISH TEAM

To all our parishioners, including the housebound, nursing homes and hospitals, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy peaceful New Year. A special 'thank you' to those who have devoted their time and offered their skills for the growth of the Church. Although new gifts are always welcome, we thank you all for your support and continued service in the New Year. There will be no bulletin on 27/28 December. **The next copy will be on 3rd /4th January 2009.**

COME!!!

RING OUT THE OLD...

RING IN THE NEW..

Have you received good things (Good health, job, security, happiness, etc) in 2008? And want to say 'Thank you' to God, then here is a chance to do so. Come and join us in the Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 11pm which will be followed by a Midnight Mass to ask for His blessings in 2009. Refreshments will be served in the lower new hall. The church doors open at 10.30 pm.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2009

Social Events Committee	Wednesday 7 th January 8.00 pm upper new hall.
Liturgy Committee	Tuesday 27 th January 8.00 pm upper new hall
Confirmation Registration	Monday 9 th February 7.30 pm upper new hall
Parish Pastoral Council	Tuesday 10 th February 8.00 pm upper new hall.