

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

At the start of the New Year we are often full of resolve to live better lives. This prayer speaks of giving ourselves fully and being given everything – being changed into love.

When you meditate, be like a mountain, immovably set in silence. Its thoughts are rooted in eternity. Do not do anything, just sit, be and you will reap the fruit flowing from your prayer.

When you meditate, be like a flower always directed towards the sun. Its stalk, like a spine, is always straight. Be open, ready to accept everything without fear and you will not lack light on your way.

When you meditate, be like an ocean always immovable in its depth. Its waves come and go. Be calm in your heart and evil thoughts will go away by themselves.

When you meditate, remember your breath: thanks to it man has come alive. It comes from God and it returns to God. Unite the word of prayer with the stream of life and nothing will separate you from the Giver of life.

When you meditate, be like a bird, singing without a rest in front of the Creator. Its song rises like the smoke of incense. Let your prayer be like the coo of a dove, and you will never succumb to discouragement.

When you meditate, be like Abraham giving his son as an offering. It was a sign that he was ready to sacrifice everything. You, too, leave everything, and in your loneliness God will be with you.

When you meditate, it is Jesus praying in you to the Father in the Spirit. You are carried by the flame of his love. Be like a river, serving to all, and the time will come, you will change into Love.

Every mountain teaches us the sense of eternity, every flower, when it fades, teaches us the sense of fleetingness. The ocean teaches us, how to retain peace among adversities, and love always teaches us Love.

Fr Seraphion of Mount Athos

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Friday	8.00 am Jim Dowling <i>RIP</i>
	10.00 am Ann McGovern <i>RIP</i>		3.00 pm Holy Souls - Hospital
	11.15 am George Luton <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Tom Lynch <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm S La Porta & V Santa <i>RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am Fr Arthur Moraes <i>RIP</i>
Monday	8.00 am Marie Clarke (<i>Well Being</i>)		6.15 pm Simon Ridge <i>RIP</i>
	6.15pm Louis Lyons (<i>Well Being</i>)	Sunday	8.30 am UCM (for the parish during our Centenary Year)
Tuesday	8.00 am Paul D'Souza <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am Margaret, Michael & Mary Ellen Shaughnessey <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Ossie Barrett <i>RIP</i>		11.15 am Salvatore Altarilla <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am Rev. Can. Gary Pierce <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Szilagyi Terazia <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm William Conroy <i>RIP</i>		
Thursday	8.00 am Jane Finnerty (<i>Well Being</i>)		
	6.15 pm Marie Gozmao <i>RIP</i>		

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 21.12.08: £1318.00; 28.12.08: £750.00 Thank you.

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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,

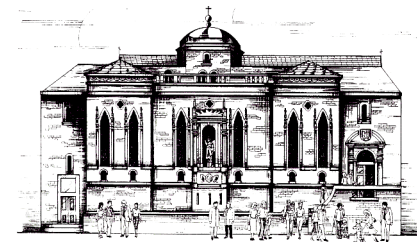
Sunday 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

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 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 99; Jn 1:43-51
Tuesday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 71; Eph 3:2-3.5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-17.23-25
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 71; Mk 6:34-44
Friday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 71; Mk 6:45-52
Saturday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 71; Lk 4:14-22
Sunday:	Is 55:1-11; Cantl. Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

A vision of the light which Jesus will bring to a dark world.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Paul shows how the pagan nations are called to salvation.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Three honest searchers for truth find it in the person of Jesus.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Pereira who died recently. Requiem Mass on Thursday 8th January 2009 at 11.30am. Please remember family and friends in your prayers.

PARISH MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

Monday: Union of Catholic Mothers 2nd and 4th Monday [Mother Teresa] at 2.00 pm in lower hall.
Legion of Mary at 7.00 pm.
St Vincent de Paul at **7.00 pm** (2nd & 4th **Monday** of month).
Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group 8.00 pm lower new hall.
Wednesday: Exposition and Benediction after 10.00 am Mass.
Friendship Club 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.
Thursday: R.C.I.A at 7.45pm in lower new hall. Topic: The Mass (Tape)

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 9th Jan in the lower new hall 9am-12noon. All welcome.

WELCOME GROUP We will meet in the lower new hall on Sunday 11th January.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB Re-opens Saturday 10th January 10.30-12noon in the old hall. Tooting Bec Road entrance.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

We will meet again in the lower hall on Sunday 11th January 2009.

LITTLE ANGELS TODDLER GROUP

We shall re-open on **Wednesday 28th January 2009** 9-11am in the old hall, Balham High Road entrance.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES will recommence on **Saturday 11th January 9.30-10.30am in the new halls (Tooting Bec Road Entrance).**

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.

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.

SHOP ROTA Sunday 11th January: **Fiona, Madeleine and Tamara.** Would all volunteers please collect their copy of the rota from the shop or parish office (Tues/Wed/Fri). Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2009

Social Events Committee	Wednesday 7 th January 8.00 pm upper new hall.
Confirmation Catechist's Meeting	Tuesday 13 th January 7.30pm 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.

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – RECEPTION 2009

If you are applying to a Catholic Primary School for your child, please arrange an appointment to see Fr Will. **Contact the parish office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday on 020 8672 2179.** Please bring to this appointment:

- **A completed copy** of your school application/religious enquiry form
- **A copy** of your child's baptismal certificate (If you require a copy from St Anselm's please ensure you request this before your appointment with Fr Will)
- A family photograph
- **Closing date for applications is Friday 23rd January 2009**

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.