

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Did you notice that surprising sentence at the end of today's First Reading? Samuel let no Word of the Lord 'fall to the ground'. This sounds strange to modern ears. Today billions of words spill out 24/7 from TV and radio, mobile phones, e-mail and newspapers, and disappear into the atmosphere. 'Nothing is more out-of-date', they say, than yesterday's newspaper'. But for the people of the Old Testament a word was a dynamic reality; not just puff of hot air which disappeared as soon as it was spoken, like a bubble bursting. It had a power for good or evil. This was true for human words but even more so for the Word of God. God's Word was like 'a two-edged sword'; a creative, life-giving force which unflinchingly achieved the purpose for which it was spoken.

"... the Word that goes forth from my mouth' says the Lord, 'shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish my purpose'" (Isaiah 55; 11)

God created all things by his Word. He spoke his Word to us 'through the prophets'. Finally he caused that same Word to become flesh in Jesus Christ. He offers his Word to each one of us in Mass, firstly in the Readings and then in the Eucharist. The Readings and the Eucharist are inseparable, for the same Word is present in both. He invites us to accept this dynamic and creative gift. By careful listening let us receive the 'Word of the Lord' and try not to let one Word of his 'fall to the ground'.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	8.00 am Kevin Power
	10.00 am Rita Ryder <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Joe Mendes <i>RIP</i>
	11.15 am Intention of Steven Kabba	Friday	8.00 am Harry Wilmot <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Daisy E Bourmer <i>RIP</i>		3.00 pm Holy Souls - Hospital
Monday	8.00 am Foundation Mass		6.15 pm Jim Dowling <i>RIP</i>
	6.15pm Holy Souls	Saturday	10.00 am George Jhugroo <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	8.00 am Chris Koyley <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm Paddy Treacy <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Paddy Treacy <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
Wednesday	10.00 am Mark Henry <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am Joan Jackson <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm Michael Ryder <i>RIP</i>		11.15 am Adrian Drew <i>RIP</i>
			6.15 pm Norman Breault Int.

HOUSE TO SHARE Female Professional. Ring 020 8672 3647.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Last week's collection was £1,284. Thank you.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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Parish Team:

Fr William Hebborn,
Fr Oliver Antao & Thelma Lewis

Parish Sisters:

The Little Company of Mary

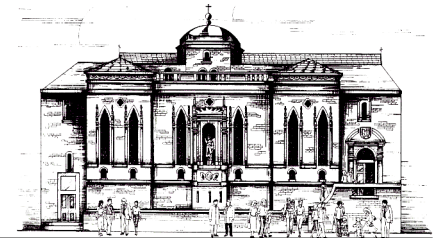
Mass Times: Saturday evening 6.15 pm,
Sunday 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

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:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 109; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 100; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3.15-17; Ps 109; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 39; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 84; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9: 2-3.11-14; Ps 46; Mk 3: 20-21
Sunday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 116; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Samuel hears the voice of God, calling to him in the night. At first he does not recognise it, but Eli helps him to understand.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Paul exhorts Christians in Corinth to live out their calling faithfully and to remember that they belong to God, body and spirit.

Gospel John 1:35-42

The disciples are called to follow Jesus.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY PAX CHRISTI –THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear or violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church and to be returned in the retiring collection this weekend. Thank you.

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 Ministerial Priesthood.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Millicent Anne Burrowes. Funeral Service at Lambeth Crematorium, Blackshaw Road, Tuesday 20th January at 11.45 am.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

There will be a three-week training programme for altar servers on Sundays 25th January, 1st and 8th February. The sessions will take place in the church from 3-4pm. **ALL** servers who have been serving less than one year and any others who need further training are required to attend all three sessions.

CONFIRMATION 2009 Registration and Parents' briefing for the 2009 programme will be on **Monday Feb 9, at 7.30pm**, with mini-retreat and Mass of Enrolment from 5pm Sunday March 1. The bishop will be coming on Sunday May 17 to confer the Sacrament at 11.30 Mass. The programme will run on Monday evenings from 7.30-8.30pm March 2, March 9, March 16, (Thursday March 26 (include Penitential Service), March 30, April 27, and Wednesday May 13.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB Meet Saturday 24th January 10.30am – 12 noon.

HOUSE GROUP Beechcroft Road: NO MEETING this month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Today is a Family Mass and there will be **NO** children's Liturgy.

LITTLE ANGELS TODDLER GROUP We shall re-open on **Wednesday 28th January 2009** 9.00 – 11.00 am in the old hall, Balham High Road entrance.

SHOP ROTA Sunday 25th January: **Susie, Nadine & Vanessa**. Would all volunteers please collect their copy of the rota from the shop or parish office (Tues/Wed/Fri). Thank you.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18th – 25th. A service will be held at Balham Baptist Church at 5pm, on January 25th. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

If you are planning to get married this year, please contact the parish office (Tues/Wed/Fri) to make an appointment to see Fr. Will.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S PRAYER GROUP

Bring along your little one to share a happy time of praise and prayer. "let the little children come to me". Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 11.00 to 11.30am in the lower new hall (Tooting Bec Road entrance). Starting on Wednesday 4th February, 11 am. (Term time only).

CENTENARY EXHIBITION

This Sunday following all the Masses we invite you to go down to the old hall where there will be an opportunity to view the exhibition of the history of the parish, together with artefacts and memorabilia. Entrance from Balham High Road. Our Centenary Charity for the year is The Nest Children's Home in Nairobi.

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**

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2009

1 st Holy Communion Parents' Mtg	Tuesday 20 th January 7.30pm upper new hall
Liturgy Committee	Tuesday 27 th January 8.00 pm upper new hall
Parish Pastoral Council	Tuesday 10 th February 8.00 pm upper new hall.

DEDICATION MASS, 1ST HOLY COMMUNICANTS – Sunday 1st Feb, 11.30am

Mass of Dedication for the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on **Sunday 1st Feb at 11.30am**. **Please note the new time of this Mass**. This is the formal start of the Communion programme; please remember all the children and families as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.

LAUNCH OF ST ANSELM'S LADIES GROUP

We welcome ladies of the parish to come and join us on Wednesday 21st January at 8pm in the upper new hall for a social evening, cheese and wine and the movie 'Mamma Mia' £3 per person to cover costs. All welcome.