

A parishioner writes:

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Feeling fed up? What's it all about? Is life just passing you by? Sometimes do you feel there are just not enough hours in the day? Well let us take comfort from today's readings and get things in perspective. At the start of a New Year we are reminded by St Paul to get our priorities right.

We would do well to remember that we came into the world with nothing and leave it in the same way. We are pilgrims on a journey towards our eternal home which rests in God. Let us reflect on how we live our lives and assess what REALLY matters. There is much 'thought for food' to nourish us in a wonderful book by Thomas a Kempis, called The Imitation of Christ.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am	Pro Pop	Thursday	8.00 am	K & R Higgings (<i>Get Well</i>)
	10.00 am	Joan Jackson <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Leslie Blaikie <i>RIP</i>
	11.15 am	Adrian Drew <i>RIP</i>	Friday	8.00 am	Harry Wilmot <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm	Norman Breault <i>RIP</i>		3.00 pm	Holy Souls - Hospital
Monday	8.00 am	T'Giving to St Anthony (Joyce Quinlivan)	Saturday	10.00 am	Jeremio Lobo <i>RIP</i>
	6.15pm	Eileen O'Sullivan <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Elsie Gomes (<i>Get Well</i>)
Tuesday	8.00 am	Jim Dowling <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am	Pro Pop
	6.15 pm	Foundation Mass		10.00 am	Tom Fahey <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am	The Ball Family <i>Intention</i>		11.15 am	Catherine Cleary <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory		6.15 pm	Michael Jhugroo <i>RIP</i>

HOUSE TO SHARE Female Professional. Ring 020 8672 3647.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Last week's collection was £1,247. Thank you.
December Standing Orders: £648.00 per week

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,

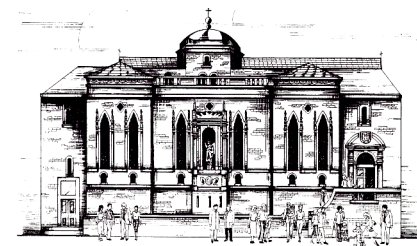
Sunday 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

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:	2 Tim 1:1-8 (Tit 1:1-5); Ps 95; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 39; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 109; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 23; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 36; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Cant. Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Deut 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5.10

Jonah goes into the huge city of Nineveh to warn the people that God is going to destroy it. Because the people hear and respond, God spares the city.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warns his readers that the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the first disciples – Simon Peter and Andrew, followed by James and John – from their jobs as fishermen, to follow him. And they do it at once.

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.

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: *Reconciliation, anointing, forgiveness.*

CONFIRMATION 2009 Registration and Parents' briefing for the 2009 programme will be on **Monday 9th February at 7.30pm in the upper new hall. Registration forms are available at the rear of the church by the newspapers. Please complete and bring this form together with a copy of baptismal certificate if baptised at another church to the above meeting.** There will be a mini-retreat and Mass of Enrolment at 6.15 pm on Sunday 1st March. Bishop Paul Hendricks 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.

OVER & UNDER 5 LITURGY GROUPS has re-recommended. Just to remind parents at the time of the Children's Liturgy if they could rise quietly and proceed respectfully to the various congregation points. For the **Under 5's** this means gathering at the door to the staircase by the sacristy to the upper new hall and for the **Over 5's** at the rear of the church to access the lower new hall. **Please do genuflect and show reverence as you pass before the Sacrament.** This is a very fundamental sign of our devotion to the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY will hold their monthly meeting on Friday 30th January, in Thelma's Office from 7.00 to 8.00 pm. Please join us to pray and work for family life in 2009, especially in the Parish.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB Next meeting Saturday 7th February 10.30am – 12 noon.

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).

APF APPEAL – Association of the Propagation of the Faith

Teresa Tagg will be making an appeal to support vocations as missionaries in the developing countries of the world by inviting parishioners to become Members of the APF by giving a loving home to a 'Red Mission Box' or by becoming an Annual, Life or Gift Aid Member. Teresa will be available at the rear of the church following all weekend Masses.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2009

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.

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.

SHOP ROTA

Sunday 1st February: Joss, Mark & Eula. Would all volunteers please collect their copy of the rota from the shop or parish office (Tues/Wed/Fri). Thank you.

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.

PRESENCE OF THE LORD

The Liturgy of the Mass is a reflection of the Heavenly Liturgy and it should have a quality that is more beautiful and transcendent than the atmosphere of everyday life. In order to be spiritually and personally refreshed, we need to join in the Mass in a tranquil frame of mind, heart and body. Jesus said that His House was a house of prayer. Please enter the church quietly, and have a care of those who wish to pray

A WORD OF THANKS

We thank you for all your help in making the Parish Centenary launch a great success. A special word of thanks to Tom Gately and Team for their hard work and inspiration. Once again many thanks for all your support and Co-operation in making the evening a special and memorable one.

PARKING ON TOOTING BEC ROAD – SUNDAY MORNING

It would be much appreciated when parking outside the Christian Education Centre on Sunday morning **to avoid obstructing both entrances.** Thank you.