

A parishioner writes

SUNDAY REFLECTION

It's been a funny old week largely caused by the disruptive weather forcing changes to one's weekly routine – children staying or going to school? A mixture of both? And transport problems – all knock on effects of that white powdery stuff that graced us on Sunday night and Monday.

Walking to work on Monday and Tuesday (I don't have far to go) I noticed that there was a change in people's demeanour – people looked at you in the face and usually smiled or they made a friendly comment – they were just more cheery! I suppose it was the change, the fact that it affected everybody and therefore assisted communication - people thought of their elderly neighbours and were more interested in others.

As I write this it's thawing strongly and it's mucky and horrible but it would be good to keep the cheeriness going!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am	UCM 'For peace in the Middle East'	Thursday	8.00 am	Mrs Stauton <i>Intention</i>
	10.00 am	Christine Hogan <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Martin Conway <i>RIP</i>
	11.15 am	Michael Cleary <i>RIP</i>	Friday	8.00 am	Martin Hynes <i>RIP (Anniv)</i>
	6.15 pm	Mary Nulty <i>Get Well</i>		3.00 pm	Holy Souls - Hospital
Monday	8.00 am	Mary Dolan (<i>Well Being</i>)		6.15 pm	Jim Dowling <i>RIP</i>
	6.15pm	Maria A De Souza <i>RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am	Ruffa Camua <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	8.00 am	Marian Hill & Family <i>Int.</i>		6.15 pm	Matilda J Jackson (<i>Sp Int</i>)
	6.15 pm	Rev A Moraes <i>RIP</i>	Sunday	8.30 am	Pro Pop
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Souls		10.00 am	Gerry O'Brien <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm	Foundation Mass		11.15 am	Deceased Members of the Healy Family
				6.15 pm	Joaquim Mendes <i>RIP</i>

THE TABLET Due to increased costs, we regret that from 7th Feb, the cover price of *The Tablet* will increase by 10p to £2.40.

HOUSE TO SHARE Female Professional. Ring 020 8672 3647.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Last week's collection was £1,279.00. Thank you.

The second collection TODAY will be for the Catholic Education Service for England and Wales.

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Parish Team:

Fr William Hebborn,
Fr Oliver Antao & Thelma Lewis

Parish Sisters:

The Little Company of Mary

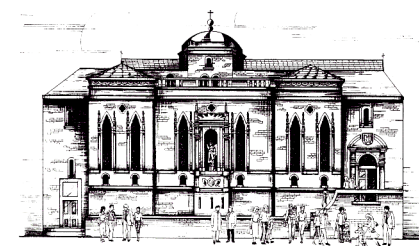
Mass Times: Saturday evening 6.15 pm,
Sunday 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

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:	Gen 1:1-19; Ps 103; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gen 1:20-24; Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gen 2:4-9.15-17; Ps 103; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gen 2:18-25; Ps 127; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gen 3:1-8; Ps 31; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Acts 13:46-49; Ps 116; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday:	Lev 13:1-2.44-48; Ps 31; 1 Cor 10:31-11.1; Mk 1:40-45

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

We pray for all our housebound parishioners, including those in the six nursing homes and Springfield Hospital.

Recently ill: Sadie Short, Rev. Deacon Michael Choppen, Rebecca Hebborn, Bryony Medor and Helen Bellman.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-70

In his sorrows, Job finds his life a burden and a misery.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Paul, inspired by the Gospel, is impelled to preach it everywhere.

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Jesus in Galilee heals the sick and preaches in every place.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING Continuing today Sunday 8th February. The session 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: *The Communion of Saints*

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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY The second collection today will be for the Catholic Education Service for England and Wales. This is a time when we can all remind others of the valuable contribution that Catholic schools make to the wellbeing of our Catholic community and to the common good. Our schools' teachers and principals and support staff, our governors and diocesan education teams, make an invaluable contribution to ensuring that Catholic education continues to thrive. Please, therefore, celebrate the work of these wonderful people and pray for all who work and learn in our Catholic schools and colleges. With your prayers and support, they and the Catholic Education Service for England and Wales will be nourished and helped in their work for the greater glory of God.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT A special thank you to John Vaughan Neil and his team, Gordon and Angela Tod, for all the work that went into the LITSS Course in Nov/Dec 2008. A cheque for £800 has been sent to 'Mary's Meals', the charity supported through John Vaughan Neil's work. Those who attended the course, including Fr Will, found the whole experience inspiring and challenging. We hope to plan a follow-up meeting and a prayer group in due course.

ARTY ANIMAL WORKSHOP Arts, crafts and cooking workshop from Monday 16th to Friday 22nd February 10am to 3pm in the old hall. For full details and to book your place, please contact Kathryn on 020 8682 0386.

LENTEN COURSE IN THE YEAR OF ST PAUL. 'LIFE IN CHRIST'

Life in Christ presents a project of re-evangelization and spiritual renewal based on St Paul's Letter to the Romans. It is therefore neither an exegetical commentary nor a theological treatise, but an attempt to go straight to the heart of what animated the Apostle when he wrote this Letter, namely to build up the faith. In this Holy time of Lent we ask that you make a special effort to attend this course commencing on Ash Wednesday, 25th February (not Tuesday 24th as previously printed in the calendar) at 8pm in the upper new hall for 6 weeks.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Tuesday 10th February 8.00 pm upper new hall.
SHOP ROTA Sunday 15th February: Ruth, Tor and Annie. Would all volunteers please collect their copy of the rota from the shop or parish office.
JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB Half term Sat Feb 14th & 21st. Next meeting Sat 14th March 10.30am-12 noon in the old hall. Tooting Bec Road entrance.

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER – Verification Forms

If you have Primary or Secondary aged child(ren), please ensure you complete the Catholic Verification forms **this weekend**, which can be found in the foyer area of the lower new hall. It is to your advantage to complete these forms as they will be used for school references to show evidence of Mass attendance. We do this to be absolutely fair to everyone. These verification forms will be made available periodically throughout the year and will be announced in the newsletter. Please complete a form on **each occasion – ONE FORM PER CHILD. DO NOT** remove these forms, but complete all the details and return to the box provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHARITY CONCERT 'Hope for children'. Three of our young parishioners are involved in this charity concert on Friday 13th Feb at 8pm at The Greyhound, Greyhound Lane, Streatham, SW16 5NJ.

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES

The rite of Holy Communion outside of Mass has a long history in the Catholic Church. In countries where there is a shortage of priests it is for many people their most regular way of receiving Holy Communion. The service consists of a reading of the Word of God, prayers and the administration of Holy Communion by a Deacon or an Extraordinary Minister. Here at St. Anselm's there have been times in the past, for various reasons during holiday periods or when priests have been sick or otherwise engaged, when such services have taken place. In the future we envisage, because Father Gary is now a full-time hospital Chaplain, there will be times when such services are necessary. We will do our best to give as much notice as possible beforehand, and thank you in advance for your support, understanding and cooperation.