

A parishioner writes

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

The eloquence of words well spoken or written always excites me, unravelling my preconceptions, taking me across the discomfort of my unknowing to the refreshing winds of new realisations and the tangible sense of seeing the world in a new light. I have no doubt to be in the presence of Jesus when he preached the word was just such a cathartic event. But often when we hear the gospel the word is routinely familiar, banal even. We become tourists journeying along the well known destination points in our faith, outsiders cut off from the insights and wisdom within by the creeping paralysis of busy occupied lives, set amidst the present day pathology of economic turmoil, an apparently fragmenting society, the rapid pace of events, and worries about our welfare and the directions our lives are being steered towards.

Jesus spoke by word and by action, always powerfully. In today's gospel by word and by action he spoke to the person within, brought hope into empty, sometimes despairing lives and invoked a message which is a pertinent and vibrant to each of us today as it was on that now distant day when he preached and practised in Capernaum. It is expressed succinctly by Paul in the second reading '...Remember it is God himself who assures us all and you.....giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in our hearts...' With such insight we also can look forward with fresh understanding, finding within the fulfilling and enabling virtues of moral purpose and integrity.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Pro Pop	<b>Thursday</b>	8.00 am	Foundation Mass
	10.00 am	Tony Duffy (Get Well)		6.15 pm	Jerome, Agnes & Christy Lobo <i>RIP</i>
	11.15 am	Martin Silvester <i>RIP</i>	<b>Friday</b>	8.00 am	Margaret Gormley <i>RIP</i>
<b>Monday</b>	6.15 pm	Philip Russell <i>RIP</i>		3.00 pm	Holy Souls - Hospital
	8.00 am	Jim Dowling <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Sr Hilary Marrinan <i>RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	6.15 pm	Michael Duffy <i>RIP</i>	<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Nellie Keogh <i>RIP</i>
	8.00 am	Betty Russell <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Axelle Sammut <i>RIP</i>
<b>Ash</b>	6.15 pm	M Livesay's Family <i>Int</i>	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Pro Pop
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00 am	Josephine Murphy <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am	Dec'd Members of the Glavey Family
	10.00 am	Madeleine Finn <i>RIP</i>		11.15 am	Marie Gozmao <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm	Mrs Lynch <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Mrs Bridie <i>RIP</i>
	8.00 pm	Dorothy King <i>RIP</i>			

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Last week's collection was £1,155.00

**Catholic Education:** £158.00 Thank you.

**Today Second Collection:** For the Cabrini Children's Society (previously the Catholic Children's Society)

# ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

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#### **Parish Team:**

Fr William Hebborn,  
Fr Oliver Antao & Thelma Lewis

#### **Parish Sisters:**

The Little Company of Mary

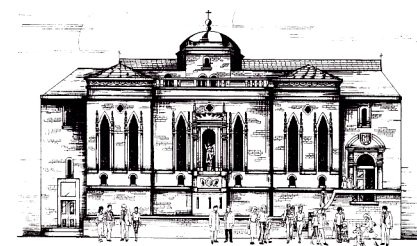
**Mass Times:** Saturday evening 6.15 pm,  
Sunday 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

**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:	Sirach 1:1-10; Ps 92; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sirach 2:1-11; Ps 36; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Joel 2:12-18; Ps 50; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6.16-18
Thursday:	Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9; Ps 50; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9-14; Ps 85; Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Gen 9:8-15; Ps 24; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15</b>

### 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, Helen Bellman and Tom Rainbow.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** Isaiah 43:18-19. 21-22. 24-25

Isaiah reminds the people that God does not consider the past but instead seeks new ways and new deeds.

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Jesus is God's "yes" to God's promises and we carry God's spirit in our hearts.

**Gospel** Mark 2:1-12

The scribes cannot see new possibilities for God to intervene in people's lives.

### **PARISH MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK**

Monday: Union of Catholic Mothers 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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: *Morality, Commandments.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for the repose of Mary Ambrose who died recently. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am. We remember family and friends in our prayers.

**rites of welcome/sending** Today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February during the 11:15 Mass the candidates and catechumens who are journeying to the Easter sacraments will be presented to the congregation. Please remember them in your prayers.

**LENT** Commences on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. There will be four Masses 8am, 10am, 6.15 & 8pm. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass symbolising a forty day period of fasting and penance. No Gloria is said except on Feasts and Solemnities. Flowers are not used and the organ is played only to sustain the singing. The time commences for fulfilling your Easter duties with regard confession and Holy Communion.

**Lenten Penance** – by abstaining from meat or some other food. By abstaining from alcoholic drink, smoking or some form of amusement. By making special efforts involving family prayer, taking part in the Mass, visiting the Blessed Sacrament or praying the Stations of the Cross. By fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps by giving what is saved in this way to the needy at home and abroad. By making a special effort to help somebody who is poor, sick, old or lonely.

**Stations of the Cross** Wednesday & Friday after the evening Mass and Sunday afternoons during Lent at 5pm.

### **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, 25<sup>th</sup> February (not Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> as previously printed in the calendar) at 8pm in the upper new hall for 6 weeks.

### **SHOP ROTA Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Jane, Becky and Nicky.**

**ST ANSELM’S SHOP** Visit the shop and see our range of cards, gifts and artefacts. Lots of bargains also at our **end of season sale TODAY**. Come in and be pleasantly surprised.

**ST ANSELM’S LADIES GROUP** Meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 pm in the upper new hall.

**SENIOR YOUTH CLUB** Next meeting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb St Anselm’s School Hall.

**TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER** meeting is **cancelled** on 24<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a Healing Mass at St Boniface on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00- 9.30 pm.

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** Next meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 pm St Boniface presbytery.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY** monthly meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00 to 8.15 pm in Thelma’s office. We pray and work for family life in the Parish and in the Church; tonight our prayer will be focussed on Lent. Please join us.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Parents’ Evening meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm upper new hall. Classes resume for children on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.30-11.30am in the new halls, to include visit to the church.

**WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Service at St Andrew’s Laitwood Road at 2.00 pm and at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Road at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. See posters for further details.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30am** There will be a mini-retreat from 5pm in the new halls and Mass of Enrolment at 6.15 pm on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.

### **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.

### **RCIA ‘RITE OF ELECTION’ AT OUR CATHEDRAL**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, those in our ‘Seeking the Catholic Faith’ programme will travel to our Cathedral of St George for the Rite of Election. Please do pray for those in our parish who will make that wonderful decision to become members of our Catholic parish family at Easter.