

*A parishioner writes*

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

The second of the Ten Commandments (see 1<sup>st</sup> Reading) forbids the creation and worship of graven images. So, why are Catholic churches full of statues, mosaics, frescoes or paintings; and why do we venerate them.

Despite the second Commandment, God Himself, in fact, ordered graven images to be made. He commanded Moses to make statues of golden cherubim and to place them at either end of the Mercy Seat in the Temple (Exodus 25:18-19); but they were not to be worshipped. It was the pagans, who worshipped graven images as gods.

The perspective changed in the New Testament. Jesus is both Man and God. He said, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). St Paul wrote that "Jesus is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15). Is it, therefore, permissible to make artistic representations of Jesus (and the saints)?

In the early centuries of the Church, there was a fierce dispute about the veneration of images, icons and statues; and, at the Second Council of Nicaea (787AD), the Church formally defined that veneration (a lesser honour than worship) could be given to images, icons and statues for "the honour given to an image goes to the original model and he who venerates an image venerates in it the person represented by it". And Vatican II (Sacred Const. on Liturgy: para 125) stated: the practice of erecting, in churches, sacred images for the veneration of the faithful is to be maintained.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Pro Pop	<b>Thursday</b>	8.00 am	Denis Cumberbatch <i>RIP</i>
	10.00 am	Mrs H Kwaku Int. ( <i>T'Giving</i> )		6.15 pm	Souls in Purgatory
	11.15 am	Claire Murphy <i>RIP</i>	<b>Friday</b>	8.00 am	Canon W O'Riordan <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm	Deceased Members Kennedy Family		3.00 pm	Holy Souls - Hospital
<b>Monday</b>	8.00 am	Brother Anslem ( <i>S'ple Pro</i> )	<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Foundation Mass
	6.15 pm	Ernest Moraes <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Michael Jhugroo <i>RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00 am	Joseph Fitzgerald ( <i>G/Well</i> )	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Pro Pop
	6.15 pm	P & E Connor <i>RIP</i>		10.00 am	James Watson <i>RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Maxime Jason <i>RIP</i>		11.15 am	Jack Grant <i>RIP</i>
	6.15 pm	Guy Lebrun <i>RIP</i>		6.15 pm	Nora Hawley <i>RIP</i>

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Last week's collection was £1,409.00. Thank you.

# ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
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#### Parish Team:

Fr William Hebborn,  
Fr Oliver Antao & Thelma Lewis

#### Parish Sisters:

The Little Company of Mary

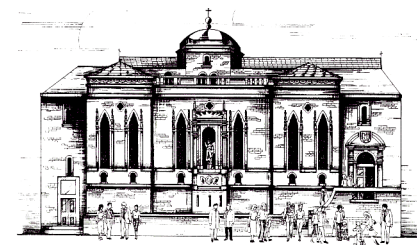
**Mass Times:** Saturday evening 6.15 pm,  
Sunday 8.30, 10.00, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

**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:	2 Kings 5:1-15; Ps 41; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Jer 1:4-9; Ps 116; Rom 10:9-18; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday:	Deut 4:1.5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Sam 7:4-16; Ps 88; Rom 4:13-22; Mt 1:16.18-21-24
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 80; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 5:15-6:6; Ps 50; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chron 36:14-16.19-23; Ps 136; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

### 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, Tom Rainbow, Chris Stocker, Maria Sanchez, Esmeralda D'Costa and Lydia Dal Din.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** Exodus 20:1-17

God sums up the natural law for all humanity in the gift of the Ten Commandments to God's chosen people.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The wisdom of God is greater than that of humans, and is shown in the apparent folly of the cross of Christ.

**Gospel** John 2:13-25

Jesus restores the Temple to its proper use as a house of prayer, to prepare for his death and the gift of the Spirit.

### **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).  
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: *Liturgy II*

### **50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Paddy and Kathleen Higgins who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 17<sup>th</sup> March. They have been parishioners at St Anselm's since 1962.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Wednesday & Friday after the evening Mass and Sunday afternoons during Lent at 5pm.

**FAMILY MASS TODAY** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10AM.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 pm in the lower new hall.

### **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 **Wed 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April** at 8pm in the upper new hall.

**PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Church. Please make every effort to attend this service in preparation for the Easter Celebration. This is a most important Sacrament as we renew our relationship with God and one another. 'A pure heart create in me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help'.

### **PALM SUNDAY, TRIDUUM & EASTER READERS' ROTA**

Please sign the list in the sacristy (on the notice board in the main sacristy) to say which Masses you will be attending on Palm Sunday and over the Easter Triduum. You will be contacted at a later date with details. Thank you.

**ST ANSELM'S SHOP** Visit the shop and see our range of cards, gifts and artefacts. Come in and be pleasantly surprised. **Shop Rota Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Cheryl, Maria S & Penny P.**

**JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB** Next meeting Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am-12 noon in the old hall. Tooting Bec Road entrance.

**SENIOR YOUTH CLUB** Next meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Hub 7-8.30pm.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30am** Weekly programme Monday evenings from 7.30-8.30pm March 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (to include Penitential Service), March 30, April 27 and Wednesday 13 May.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 11am to 11.30am in the lower new hall (Tooting Bec Road entrance). Term time only.

### **GET YOUR BOILER SERVICED AND CAFOD GETS THE PROFITS!**

On Wednesday 8 April, Tim Mycroft of Mycroft Heating and Plumbing (CORGI Registration 211148) is offering to service your boiler at his standard rate of £80 but with the total amount going to support the work of CAFOD. After the rigours of winter, if you would like to get your boiler serviced for charity, call Tim on 020 8099 7302. Only six appointments are available (three morning, three afternoon), parking will be additional and the work on the day is limited to servicing only.

### **CAKE SALE**

The St Anselm's Ladies Group is having a Cake sale on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Mothers Day, after 10am Mass. Proceeds to support the Parish Centenary Charity: The Nest Children's Home Nairobi.

### **LONDON MARATHON**

Parishioner John O'Sullivan is running the London Marathon on April 26<sup>th</sup> and hopes to carry on the Parish's support of The Nest Children's Home in Nairobi by raising funds. If you would like to sponsor John please complete the sponsorship form found at the back of the church by the newspapers.

### **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.