

A parishioner writes

SUNDAY REFLECTION

'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' what an astounding prayer: God pleading with God to forgive the sins of those who were tormenting Him to death as he prayed. Even the angels, wrote St Peter, desire to look into such things. The Crucifixion no doubt seems out of place so far from Lent. But today's readings justify my quoting this most beautiful prayer. And that is because the theme is forgiveness.

So I looked for examples of both giving and receiving forgiveness. First is St Stephen being stoned to death while quoting the very words that opened this short reflection. There is the prodigal son in today's Gospel. There is the loving, triple act of Christ forgiving Peter's triple denial. There is Christ's kindly forgiveness offered to the woman taken in adultery. There is Pilate hoping to forgive himself by washing his hands. There is the injunction not to offer gifts at the altar if we at loggerheads with someone. We must make up the quarrel first. There is the new commandment given by Christ at the Last Supper to love one another 'as I have loved you'. This reminds me of the Lord's prayer in which we ask to have our trespasses forgiven *to the same extent* that we forgive wrongs done to us.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Thursday	10.00 am Special Intention AB
	10.00 am Mr & Mrs McKenzie (Int)		6.15 pm Isabella Rebello RIP
	11.15 am Rev Gregory Moore RIP	Friday	10.00 am Holy Souls
	6.15 pm Pat Mahon RIP		6.15 pm Kieran Smyth RIP
Monday	10.00 am Foundation Mass	Saturday	10.00 am Michael Flanagan (Int)
	6.15 pm Stephanie Caspelich (Welbe)		6.15 pm Toby Grafftey-Smith RIP
Tuesday	10.00 am Antão Cardoza RIP	Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop
	6.15 pm Emily Ramsay & James Hope (Int)		10.00 am Pedro Rosario Alfonso RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am Holy Souls		11.15 am John Fitzgerald RIP
	6.15 pm Hector Leslie RIP		6.15 pm Holy Souls

CARING KITCHEN Sunday 22nd September

Further information please contact caringkitchen@gmail.com.

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is now open this Saturday evening before and after Mass. This will be an experiment to see if it is worthwhile opening. We welcome new volunteers. If interested please leave your name and details at the Parish Office or pop into the shop. Also we are doing "Christmas in September" yes, we have been given a beautiful Vatican Nativity set that cost hundreds of pounds. We would like to find a new owner for it around about the 250 pounds mark. Please pop in and see it. It is delightful, offers could secure it for your home.

SECOND COLLECTION: The Support of Home Mission.

ST ANSELM'S CHURCH

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24th Sunday of the Year

14th & 15th September 2019 (Year C)

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Parish Team:

Rev Canon Dr William Hebborn (Parish Priest)

Fr Philip Andrews, Fr Paul Connelly, Fr Membrate Desalegn.

& Fr Patrick Pullicino, Deacon Michael Carrucan, Deacon Simon English,

Deacon Tom McCarthy & Thelma Lewis.

Tom Gately (Catechetical Co-ordinator).

Martine Mercer (Parish Administrator).

Parish Sisters:

The Little Company of Mary.

Mass Times:

Saturday 10.00am & 6.15pm.

Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

Mass times during the week:

10.00am & 6.15pm. (No 8.00am).

Holydays: 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.15pm & 8.00pm.

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm & 7.00pm.



WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday:	1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 27:2.7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 100:1-3.5.6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 110:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tim 4:12-16; Ps 110:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tim 6:2-12; Ps 48:6.10.17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4:1-7.11-13; Ps 18; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday:	Amos 8:4-7; Ps 112:1-2.4-8; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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, especially Margaret Thomas, Thelma Lewis, Fortunata D'Souza, Christopher Hall, Lydia Alfonso, Mary Caravan and Colleen Quaranto.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

In his mercy the Lord relents and does not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Nobody should doubt that Christ Jesus came into the world so save sinners.

Gospel Luke 15:1-32

There is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.

When you enter church for Mass, we thank you for turning off your phone or switching to silent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2020 Registration & Enrolment for the 2020 First Holy Communion programme will take place on Sat 14th September following the 6.15pm Vigil Mass in the upper new hall & Sunday 15th Sept following all Masses in the upper new hall, 2019 (Year 3 as from September 2019. Families of older children will need to arrange to make an appointment to meet Canon William). We invite the whole family to attend during this time for a few minutes to meet the Catechetical Team, complete the necessary paperwork, ask any questions and find out about being part of the catechetical team or a parent helper. We will ask you to pay for all the course materials £30 (Workbooks, workshop days and general materials). There will be an additional £10 for the parent guide if requested.

FAMILY FOLK MASS, Sunday 15th September at 10am Come and join us if you enjoy singing, playing an instrument for our Family Mass on Sunday, 15th Sept - Season of Creation. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday 14th Sept at 11am in the church.

CAKE SALE, 15th September after 10am Mass. We are raising money for Trinity Hospice and the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, both of which are very close to our hearts. Not only have these charities been a huge support to our families in recent years, but also provide an excellent standard of care which we aim to support. Please come along to help us in supporting these organisations, whilst also treating yourselves! We will have an array of baked goods available. All we ask is a donation in return, however big or small. We look forward to seeing you there! *Pamela and Maria.*

GRATITUDE PRAYER GROUP (Spirituality of the 12-Steps Reunion)

We will gather together on **Tuesday 17th Sept at 7.45pm in the upper new hall** to talk about how we have managed to undertake Step 12 - a gathering of prayer, reflection and giving thanks. If you were not part of the course earlier this year, do come and join us. We will periodically meet to reflect on the following powerful message "Having had a spiritual awakening, we try to carry this message of handing over our lives to a higher power so we can bring hope and mercy to ourselves and others." All welcome!

RCIA (JOURNEY IN FAITH)

Introductory sessions Thursday 19th & 26th September 7.00pm in the lower new hall.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING, HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING As part of the diocesan guidelines, all catechists (current and new) involved in any of the Sacramental programmes: Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Bereavement, Children's Liturgy and Parish Pastoral Council are expected to attend this meeting on **Wed 25th Sept at 7.30pm in the upper new hall** which will also cover behavioural management guidelines for all catechists, parents, carers and participants.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020 - Sunday 17th May 2020 at 11.30am

Registration forms and covering introductory letter (at the rear of the church by the newspapers in a pocket on the wall) for young people of the parish **School Year 8 & 9 from September 2019**. Please complete and return the blue registration form to the parish office by **Friday 4th October 2019**. Please keep the covering introductory letter with the list of key dates for your reference. Enrolment evening to the programme will take place on **Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm in the old hall (entrance via the courtyard from Tooting Bec Road)**. All candidates and parents must attend this meeting to enrol on the programme. Thank you. *Canon William*

MOTHER'S GROUP

Mothers Prayers was formed to help those mothers who wished to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they needed. Mothers of all ages are invited to this meeting which will take place every third Friday of the month (term time) after 10.00am Mass (10.45am). The first session will be on Friday 15th October. This is a good opportunity to pray for all our children and share experiences. Children are also welcome!

SAVE THE DATE - READERS' WORKSHOP

All current readers and those wishing to join our team in this important ministry are encouraged to attend our Readers' Workshop on Saturday 9th November 2.00 - 4.00pm in the upper new hall.

SIXTH FORM & SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER REFERENCE

If you are applying to a Catholic Sixth Form or Secondary School and would like a reference, please arrange an appointment to see Canon William. Please contact Martine in the parish office, from 10th September, on 020 8672 2179 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) to arrange an appointment.

You will need to bring to this appointment:

- **Photocopy of the completed school supplementary application form(s)**, unless Canon William has to sign/stamp the original supplementary document. We will then photocopy for our records.
- **Copy of baptismal certificate** (if baptism took place at St Anselm's Church, please request a copy from the parish office when booking your appointment.)
- A family photograph.

The closing date for all appointments with Canon William will be Friday 18th October 2019, and documents to Wandsworth Borough Council 31st October 2019

GENTLEMEN OF THE PARISH - CHRISTMAS PUDDING EVENING

Booking forms now available from Tom in the parish shop on Sunday morning or Martine in the parish office for the annual **Christmas Pudding Evening on Friday 15th November 7.30pm for 8pm prompt start in the old hall Balham High Road**. Please note there are sixty places available, so return booking form and payment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The cost for the evening is £40.00 (cheques payable to St Anselm's Church) to include all ingredients and fish and chip supper.

CHURCH CLEANERS

We urgently need a new team of cleaners - can you help? Please contact the parish office. Tel: 020 8672 2179.

FAREWELL FROM FR PHIL

Dearest friends, it is with a very heavy heart that I leave St Anselm's this week after three very, very happy and blessed years. I've so much to be thankful for; God has been so good in bringing me to this parish, and I trust that we shall all remain united in a Communion of prayer and love, most especially as we celebrate the Eucharist, the "source and summit" of our lives. Already, I am so looking forward to returning on **Saturday 5th October for my farewell Mass at 6.15pm!** Thank you, each and everyone of you, for your trust, your love, your friendship, and your discipleship and witness as Christians. With my profound esteem, love, and with an assurance of my prayers, *Fr Phil x*