



Confessions:
Saturdays
10.15 -
10.45am;
5.15 - 5.45pm



Rosary:
Mon - Sat
before 9:30am
Mass;
Sundays after
11:15am mass



UCM: The 3rd
Monday of the
month at
7.30pm

**Knights of St
Columba:**
The 3rd Friday
of the month
at 8pm



**Legion of
Mary:**
Thursdays at
7.30pm



Mass Times:

Mondays to Saturdays: 9.30am (and 7.30pm on Tuesdays)
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday evenings); 9.30am;
11.15am and 5.30pm
Adoration and Benediction: Every Friday at 7.30pm

The Angelus will be said on Saturday at 6pm, before the evening Mass, and after the 11.15am Mass on Sunday.

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Sunday 1st Feb		FOURTH SUNDAY (A) Racial Justice Day
(Saturday 31st Jan)	6:00pm	<i>Kieran O'Hara RIP</i>
	9:30am	<i>Edward and Family</i>
	11:15am	<i>Robert Doyle RIP</i>
	5:30pm	<i>Minnie and Frank Long RIP</i>
Monday 2nd Feb		THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
	9:30am	<i>Sean Chukwuma Etumna (birthday)</i>
Tuesday 3rd Feb		St Laurence of Canterbury (St. Blaise)
	9:30am	<i>Chris Kelly RIP</i>
	7:30pm	<i>Ela Wisia RIP</i>
Wednesday 4th Feb		Feria
	9:30am	<i>Janina and Marian Domanski RIP</i>
Thursday 5th Feb		St Agatha Virgin and Martyr, Memorial
	9:30am	<i>Teresa Earle RIP</i>
Friday 6th Feb		Saints Paul Miki and Companions
	9:30am	<i>John O'Gorman RIP</i>
	7:30pm	<i>Adoration and Benediction</i>
Saturday 7th Feb		THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	9:30am	<i>Thanksgiving D'Souza family</i>
Sunday 8th Feb		FIFTH SUNDAY (A)
(Saturday 7th Feb)	6:00pm	<i>Peaceful transition of power in Uganda</i>
	9:30am	<i>Cyril Fleming RIP</i>
	11:15am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	5:30pm	<i>Peace in the World</i>

Notices for the newsletter need to be emailed/posted to the presbytery by 6pm on Wednesdays.

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Parish website: www.stanthonyofpaduaanerley.org.uk

Parish email: anerley@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Priest: Father Joseph Edem

Parish Office: Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm

Headteacher: Ms Danielle Gayle

St. Anthony of Padua School, Tel. 020 8778 7681



FOURTH SUNDAY (A) **Racial Justice Day**

Welcome to St Anthony of Padua Church

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St Anthony of Padua Parish Vision on Evangelisation

Our vision at St Anthony of Padua parish is faith, community, love and respect. To proclaim the good news of the gospel to all our parishioners including adults, children and the elderly and infirm who are housebound. We want parishioners to know they are saved and to be so enthused as to become convinced disciples willing and able to be missionary in outlook, spreading the good news far and wide in the parish, the local community and beyond.

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We kindly ask that you respect our Parish Church guidance:

- ◆ Please turn off your mobile phone when you enter the Church.
- ◆ Please remember that many parishioners like to pray before and after the Mass so please be respectful and keep talking/noise to a minimum.
- ◆ If you would like to book a Mass, there are envelopes at the back of the Church.
- ◆ Please show respect to the Lord and take time for silent reflection and prayer after receiving Holy Communion. Do not leave.
- ◆ Parish Business: Father Joseph is available between 7pm to 8pm on Wednesdays if you would like to speak to him in person or on the phone.
- ◆ For any Parish/Church enquiries, please telephone 020 8778 8597. Please leave a clear message with your name and telephone number.

Please find details of our Masses on the back of this newsletter.

Sunday Teas for February: This Sunday's teas (after the 9.30am Mass) will be served by the Knights of St Columba. The Parish Council will serve the teas next Sunday (8th February) and the UCM will be serving the teas on the 15th February. Thank you to all who help out with Sunday teas.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the souls of Velma Jackson, Gerard 'Gerry' Mulhall, Phillip Michael Scale, Robert 'Bob' Doyle, Father James Hay. and John O'Gorman.

The funeral of Phillip Scale will take place on Tuesday 3rd February at 12 noon followed by Beckenham Crematorium at 2pm. The funeral John O'Gorman will take place on Wednesday 4th February at 2:30pm followed by Beckenham Crematorium at 4pm.

May all their souls rest in peace.

Parish Sacramental Activities:

First Holy Communion Class: The next class will be on Saturday 14th February at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

Confirmation Class: The next class will be on Thursday 5th February at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

RCIA: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th February at 7pm.

Annual Holiday: Please note that Father Joseph will be on his annual holiday during the month of February. Please contact the Parish Office if you are in need of a priest during this time.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome Monday 21st to Friday 25th September 2026: The pilgrimage will be organised on our behalf by All Saints Travel and under the spiritual direction of Fr Joseph. The cost is estimated at £1100-1300 to include flights from Gatwick, half board accommodation in a hotel close to the Vatican and the services of a tour guide. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage please let James Finette know by email to jfinette@icloud.com.

Canon Gerard Bradley: His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Canon Gerard Bradley as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Bishop-elect Gerard's Episcopal Ordination and Mass is at St. George's Cathedral on Monday 2nd February at 12.30pm.

Parish Website: Please note that the Parish website address has changed. It is now www.stanthonyofpaduaanerley.org.uk. The website is still under construction but you can now access the most recent newsletters on the website.

Church Cleaning: The Church is cleaned every Saturday at 10am. New volunteers are always welcome.

Infant Baptisms: The Church requests that children are brought to be baptised as soon as practicable after birth and before they are six months old. If you would like to arrange an infant baptism then please complete a baptism request form and return it to the presbytery. You will then be contacted to discuss the baptism arrangements.

Please pray for all the sick and housebound of the Parish.

Racial Justice Sunday: Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am. Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride. If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion. You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>.

The Second Collection this weekend will be for Racial Justice.

New Year Resolution: Volunteer with CAFOD in Your Parish: At CAFOD, we'd love to welcome new volunteers to help right here in your parish. Getting involved could mean helping with fundraising, prayer activities, or sharing stories about CAFOD's work during the year — and it doesn't take lots of time or experience. Every little bit helps. If you'd like to be part of something meaningful this New Year, please get in touch with our local CAFOD Coordinator Sarah Cadwallader - scadwallader@cafod.org.uk | 07825 734 390.

The Presentation of the Lord (Monday"2nd February): Mass will start with the blessing of candles. All are welcome.

Blessing of the Throats (3rd February) The optional memorial of St. Blaise is traditionally marked with the blessing of throats. This will be done at the end of the 9:30am Mass on Tuesday 3rd February.

Palm Branches from Last Palm Sunday: In preparation for the Ash Wednesday we are collecting the blessed Palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. Kindly drop them in the designated basket in the narthex. Many thanks.

Marriage and Family Life Events:

The 2026 Sycamore Growing in Faith Together (GIFT): For married and engaged couples is an ONLINE course, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: married couples to enrich their friendship and love and engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together. The 2026 Sycamore Growing in Faith together (GIFT) dates are March 10,17,24,31. May 5,12,19,26. Sept 8,15,22,29. Contact Carole on: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimages for Young Adults: Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7 to 13 June 2026. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26. Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are also invited to register interest for the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027 at www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027 For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/scys1.