

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Our own cross

In last week's gospel Jesus praised and rewarded St. Peter for identifying him. This week Peter is rebuked for opposing the cross, what does this mean for us?

In stark contrast to last week's gospel Peter couldn't have got it more wrong this week. But it's understandable. Having just identified Jesus as The Messiah, Son of God - he now wants to protect Jesus and doesn't want him to go to Jerusalem where he knows what he will face.

In doing this Peter is denying what must happen. Indeed so powerful is the temptation to Jesus to stay he says to

Peter 'get behind me Satan!'

He goes on, 'You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

We are often faced with choices in our lives about our faith. Choices that result in bringing people to Jesus, and choices that perhaps make us more comfortable.

Perhaps we don't enjoy talking about Jesus with people outside church. But if God expects his Son to endure temptation, discomfort, derision, hatred, and death - what then does he expect of us?

Should our discomfort in talking about Jesus to



others stop us from doing so? Should that discomfort prevent us from picking up our own cross and following Jesus? Should we avoid these discussions simply because it is uncomfortable?

No! We should embrace our cross, we should embrace the discomfort and learn to LOVE sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ every day with everyone we know!

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Please let Fr. Matthew know of illness or other need as soon as possible. He is available on the above number 24/7.

Prayer focus

That our application to the DAC for work in the old vestry will be approved ASAP!

Worship focus

Have you tried praying the rosary in a group?

Try coming to Evening Prayer and Rosary on Wednesday evening this week.

Today

Sunday 30th August

Week 22nd in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2

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Notices

Work will start this week on re-cabling for the new sound system and live-streaming camera. It shouldn't cause any disruption. The new live-streaming camera should be live in the next two-three weeks depending on delivery times from AXIS. The new sound system is being installed w/c 28th September.

Would you like to read at Mass on Sundays or during the week? See Fr. Matthew to be added to the rota.

Have you set up Parish Giving yet? It's the easiest and most tax-efficient way to give to St. Anselm. Call them on 0333 002 1271 with our Parish Code (230 623 503) and have your bank details to hand - it takes just 10 mins.

Years Mind

1st September - Albert Mills

2nd - Alice Bacon, Amelia Tansley

3rd - Nellie Robbins

5th - Vera Kelly, Elizabeth Isles, Hazle Morton, Zuheir David

Pray This Week For

Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Pauline & David Job, Norma Piggott, Carol Perry, Shaun Flemming, Yolande DeGale, Sr. Sally (Mucknell Abbey), Sr. Angela (Walsingham), Maxine Jones.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 31st August

Feria

Bank Holiday - Offices said privately

Prayer focus: Our Clergy

Tuesday 1st September

Feria

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

5:15pm - 6pm - Confessions [or by appointment]

Prayer focus: The Parish of St. Anselm - for growth

Wednesday 2nd September

Feria

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 3rd September

St. Gregory the Great (Feast)

9am - Morning Prayer

9:15 - 10am - Confessions [or by appointment]

10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 4th September

Feria

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 5th September

Feria

Offices said at home privately

(Fr. Matthew's Rest Day)

Prayer focus: +Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Sunday 6th September

Week 23rd in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

11:30am - PCC

Divine Office Psalter Week 3