

### FOR DIVINE WORSHIP ON THIS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HAS BEEN OFFERED TO GOD HERE IN HAYES TOWN FOR OVER 90 YEARS. BY WORSHIPPING WITH US AT ST. ANSELM'S TODAY, YOU ALL BECOME PART OF THAT CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND LIVING TRADITION.



### ST. LAURENCE THE DEACON

What a treasure we have in the calendar of the Christian Year – a feast of Festivals and Saints. Tomorrow, Monday, is the Feast of St. Laurence. The year was 258 A.D. The Emperor of Rome was Valerian who was intent on the vicious persecution of ALL Christians. Three days after killing Sixtus, the Bishop of Rome, Valerian ordered Laurence, his deacon, to produce all the treasures of the church. Laurence said he required a day to gather them all together. The next day Laurence filled the city square with all the lame, the cripples, the beggars of Rome – Christ's poor. "These", said Laurence, "these are the Church's treasures". He was ordered to be burned at the stake. It is said that as he was dying he called to his torturers from the heart of the fire, "you can turn me now, I am done on this side". He is usually shown holding a grid iron, the instrument of his death but he will always be remembered for the "treasures of the Church".

## Our Prayers Are Asked For The Sick And Those In Need.

Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Pauline and David Job, Norma Piggott, Carol Perry, Shaun Fleming, Yolande DeGale and Sr. Sally (Mucknell Abbey)

Anniversaries of Death which occur around this time. By name we remember – Annie Mendham, David Morgan Ellis, Clarence Wicks, Helen Dunn, Robert Twigg and Precious Ramsey. MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY.

#### From St. Anselm's Grapevine

**PLEASE ENSURE** you have registered your attendance here today, so we can comply with Track and Trace guidelines. From today we also have to wear face masks in church.

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS)** This method is available and used here at St. Anselm's. It does save counting and banking of cash from the weekly offerings. A leaflet, full details and guidance for signing up to the PGS is available from Fr. Matthew.

**LIVESTREAMING SERVICES.** Regrettably, this has had to be suspended until September. Our current sound and loop system is showing its vintage, and is just not capable of keeping in step with modern technology. We have been very fortunate to be the recipient of two very generous donations for this purpose. Fr. Matthew has been actively sourcing new equipment which will be installed and running during September.

**THE BULLETIN**. This will be the last *Bulletin* in this format. A new printer has been obtained which will allow us to produce an entirely new look *Pew Sheet*. Get your copy on the door next Sunday! **NEXT PCC MEETING.** This has been scheduled for Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Please try

to attend as this will be a Forward Planning Meeting.



**CONFIRMATION**. The Bishop of Fulham will be here to celebrate a Confirmation Mass on **SUNDAY OCTOBER** 4<sup>TH</sup> **AT 10:00**. If anybody else in the congregation is considering being confirmed, please speak to Fr. Matthew, this will not commit you in any way.

**BAPTISM.** There are two candidates waiting to receive this Sacrament. Again, if anybody else wishes to have a Baptism, please speak to Fr. Matthew.

#### A prayer from the *Divine Office* for us all to use at home during this week.

Lord God, you inspired Saint Laurence with so ardent a love, that his life was renowned for the service of your people and his death for the splendour of his martyrdom. Help us to love what he loved and to live as he showed us.

We make our prayer through our Lord who is alive and reigns with us all. AMEN.

**IT IS ALWAYS PLEASING** to see new faces in our congregation; it's good to have you with us. We trust you have felt welcome, and hope to see you here with us again in the very near future. During the collection - if you are a tax payer - please use the yellow one-off gift aid envelopes available in the holder on the church table. This helps our finances by enabling us to claim back an extra 25% from H.M.R.C. at no cost to you.

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US PARISH PRIEST - Fr. Matthew Cashmore. SSC

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**Please take this Bulletin home** with you for reference during the coming week. Do take an extra copy for a friend or neighbour, thus spreading the word and work of St. Anselm's Church.

St. Anselm's, is a Church of England Parish under the Pastoral care of The Bishop of Fulham.

# **Readings at Mass**

# Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## First reading 1 Kings 19:9,11-13 The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

# THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

# Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84

# Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *R* 

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *R* 

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *R* 

## Second reading Romans 9:1-5 I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

### Jesus walks on the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

## **Prayer after Communion**

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.