

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### All Souls.

#### Praying for the dead.

There is a great deal of confusion and folk-law about why we pray for the dead. It is one of those things that can really get Anglicans tied up in knots - but there is no need, the reason is very simple.

We pray for people when they are alive, so why then should we stop when they die?

There are two things at play here. One is the belief that when we die we immediately go to Heaven or Hell and the prayers of our loved ones on earth will make little difference to either outcome.

The second is the belief that the saints in Heaven can not pray for us or

encourage us on this earth - in this great race.

Both of these things are very easy to understand, but are ultimately wrong.

God does not operate in our ways - our ways are not His ways - and when it comes to time and things like 'immediately' what does that mean to Him? Do you think for one moment that when we die the concept of time as we understand it means God is not able to hear the prayers of our loved ones made after we die? Of course He hears our prayers, and if He hears them then we should make them.

The second idea that the saints and angels don't pray for and encourage us in this life is just contrary to scripture. We know



(read Hebrews) that the departed run this race with us and alongside us - so why then not ask them to pray for us in Heaven?

The point of praying for the dead is to pray for the repose of their souls, to bring comfort to the living and to remind us of our own mortality. All of these things are good and healthy. So pray for your departed loved ones with confidence that God hears you.

Fr. Matthew

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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

For those who hurt due to the loss of a loved one.  
For those who are in pain due to family loss, through death or argument.

### Worship focus

All Souls (2nd Nov) is an opportunity to pray for those we loved by see no longer. Come at 9:15am or 5:15pm for a special mass of All Souls.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 1st November

*All Saints - Solemnity*

*Week 31 in Ordinary Time*

10:00am - Parish Mass

11:30am - PCC Meeting

*Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year A(II)*

## Keep in Touch



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## Notices

There will be no Evening Prayer in church on Thursday 5th November as Fr. Matthew has an appointment in central London.

We will have a new tutoring company starting in church this week on Monday evenings. Please do ask Fr. Matthew for details if you're interested.

Parish Giving Code - 230 623 503.

Call - 0333 002 1271.

## Years Mind

1st November - Cordelia Sagay (2013)

2nd November - Fr Edgar Bailey [priest], Louisa Santa Maria

3rd November - Arthur William Bacon, Bessie Donald, Michael Spry (2013)

4th November - Ambrozone Mayers, Ethel Dean

5th November - Eva Clark, Baby Angel (2008)

6th November - Ernest Bray

## Pray This Week For

Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Pauline & David Job, Norma Piggott, Carol Perry, Shaun Flemming, Yolande & Desmond DeGale, Sr. Sally, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Ash, Margo & her family, Margery, Annie Foo, On Yin Chang.

## This week at St. Anselm

### Monday 2nd November

*All Souls*

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Mass

*Prayer focus: The dead*

### Tuesday 3rd November

*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 4th November

*Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank Collection

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

*Prayer focus: Foodbank users*

### Thursday 5th November

*Feria*

9am - Morning Prayer

10am - Mass

*Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians*

### Friday 6th November

*Feria*

9am - Morning Prayer

*Prayer focus: The sick*

### Saturday 7th November

*Feria*

Offices said at home privately

(Fr. Matthew's Rest Day)

*Prayer focus: +Jonathan and parishes of The Society*

### Sunday 8th November

*Week 32 in Ordinary Time*

10:00am - Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year A(II)*