

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Small things.

Doing the small things makes an enormous difference.

Time and time again I find myself quietly reminding myself to do the small things.

Perhaps it's just my character - but I want to grab the world and change it - change it for good - for Jesus Christ and I want to do it all right now!

Of course, that's utterly out of my reach (right now) but... big things are inevitably made up of small things.

When I walk through Hayes and I see beggars and people struggling to make ends meet I want to solve all their problems. I want to pick them up, dust them off and set them on the right path. The reality is that people find

themselves in difficulty on the streets for a variety of very complex reasons and my instinct to pick people up and dust them off can often do more harm than good. So, I remind myself to do the little things.

I don't throw my arms in the air in despair at the world, I don't protest in Parliament Square, I don't shout at those passing by ignoring the person in need. No, I sit next to them and talk, or perhaps I smile and ask their name. I ask if they'd like a warm drink or a warm meal. What is it they need right now?

Then, through that first small act there'll be another, and another and eventually something amazing will have



happened. We'll have achieved the impossible.

During this lockdown we may often find ourselves wondering how we'll get through it all.

So... do the little things. Pray when you wake, pray when you go to bed. Say hello to Our Father whenever you pass the church or walk past the cross in your home.

Do the small things, and the big things will surprise 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 all those struggling with the lockdown. Who are finding it difficult and who need an extra measure of God's Grace this week.

Worship focus

Pray the Our Father when you wake and your feet touch the ground - then pray it again at the end of the day as your feet leave the floor.

This Sunday

Sunday 15th November

Week 33 in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass (streamed)

11am - Church open for Private Prayer

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year A(II)

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Notices

The church is open everyday (except Saturday). The church will be open for Private Prayer for an hour after each streamed service. Jesus Christ will be present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. Come and find peace and calm as we face lockdown together. The foodbank and tutoring classes continue as usual on Wednesday & Fridays.

Parish Giving Code - 230 623 503.

Call - 0333 002 1271.

Years Mind

15th November - James Jones

16th November - Daphne Mildred Chandler (2013)

18th November - Winifred Hellmuth, Sam Hackett, Yvonne D'Unienville (2014)

19th November - Joan Robbins

20th November - Reg Wheeler, Walter William George Wing (2016)

21st November - Emma Lane

Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Sally, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Ash, Margo & her family, Margery, Annie Foo, On Yin Chang, Rene Holman, June Bougton, Roy Browne, Russell Hardy, Verity Thomas.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 16th November

Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass (streamed)

5pm - Evening Prayer & Mass (streamed)

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 17th November

Saint Hilda of Whitby, Abbess

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass (streamed)

5pm - Evening Prayer & Mass (streamed)

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 18th November

Feria

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass (streamed)

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank Collection

5pm - Evening Prayer & Mass (streamed)

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 19th November

Feria

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass (streamed)

5pm - Evening Prayer & Mass (streamed)

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 20th November

Feria

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass (streamed)

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 21st November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Offices said at home privately

(Fr. Matthew's Rest Day)

Prayer focus: The sick

Sunday 22nd November

Christ the King

10:00am - Parish Mass (streamed)

11am - Church open for Private Prayer

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year A(II), Week 34