

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Expectations.

A time of waiting and wanting.

When a family discovers the joyful news of a baby on the way everyone in that family, and perhaps most especially the mother, years to see the face of the child being born.

It's not a desire that can easily be fulfilled. There is waiting - nine months of it - where dreams are dreamt, desires uncovered, names discussed (and perhaps argued about), distant futures built.

This dreaming and desire cannot be put away. This excitement and joy cannot be stifled - and nor should it be.

It is this joy, excitement, patience and growing love that we experience most profoundly during Advent.

We await the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. We don't have to wait nine months - but a mere four weeks.

In that four weeks we can explore that desire, hope, joy, expectation, trepidation, fear and love that all newborns cause in their family.

We can start to glimpse - in a tiny tiny way - the joy and love that is coming our way. We can prepare our hearts to receive that awesome love in its fulness on Christmas morning.

This is a time for preparation, to get our house in order, to build



the crib, to get our lives in the right place and our hearts ready for the coming of Jesus in the crib.

How? We most fully do that in the Mass. Try to come a little more often during Advent and hold that small child in your minds eye.

Consider what you need to get ready for the arrival of this most special of children.

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

Thanksgiving for a relaxation in the lockdown rules and the reduction in COVID cases.

Worship focus

Our doors re-open for in-person worship from Wednesday 2nd at 9am.

Do try to come along to the 10am midweek mass on Thursday 3rd.

This Sunday

Sunday 29th November

1st Sunday of Advent

10:00am - Parish Mass (streamed)

11am - Church open for Private Prayer

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

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Notices

From Wednesday 2nd we re-open for our public services! This is wonderful news. From 9am on Wednesday the church will be open as usual during the advertised services - we will of course continue to stream as we have been. Do make a special effort to come to the 10am Mass on Thursday morning where we will offer special prayers of Thanksgiving.

Please do consider setting up Parish Giving which helps us more easily claim back tax from the Government. All you need to do is call 0333 002 1271 and quote our Parish Giving Code - 230 623 503.

Years Mind

30th November - Cherpine Howell, Peter Kalsi (2017)

1st December - Edmund Francis Day

2nd December - Albert Rever, Joseph Piggott

4th December - George Albert Simmonds, Charles Moore, Ada Bland

5th December - Janet Wilson McKie, Frank Morrish, Ken Franklin (2015)

6th December - Dorothy Gargini, Catherine Diane Bowler

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 Boughton, Roy Browne, Russell Hardy, Verity Thompson.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 30th November

Saint Andrew, Apostle - Feast

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass (streamed)

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 1st December

Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass (streamed)

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 2nd December

Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank Collection

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 3rd December

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9am - Morning Prayer

10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 4th December

Friday of the 1st Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 5th December

Saturday of the 1st Week of Advent

Offices said at home privately

[Fr. Matthew's rest day]

Prayer focus: The sick

Sunday 6th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)