

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Happy Christmas.

Have a blessed, merry and joyful Christmas.

There is much to say. There is much that can be written. I could start with writing about this unusual year, about how we face Christmas in a way we have never done before. But, we have done no more than the Holy Family did all those years ago. We have journeyed through the darkness, without any understanding of the light that waits for us at the end. Now, we get to discover the light and in that discovery find a joyful path forward - whatever may happen next.

I can do little more this week than offer you the beautiful words of the Gospel of Luke.



“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And

while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

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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

All those who do not have the luxuries and comfort we may have this Christmas.

Those stuck far from home.

Worship focus

Midnight Mass is always a joy. That moment, in the darkness, when we welcome the birth of Jesus Christ. They joy. The calm. The love.

This Sunday

Sunday 20th December

4th Sunday of Advent

O clavis David!

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

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Notices

Christmas services: Christmas Eve, 5pm - Evening Prayer | 11:30pm Midnight Mass. Christmas Day, 10am - Mass of Christmas Day.

Thank you for all the food, clothing and toys for the refugees in hotels in Hayes and West Drayton.

Please keep hold of your stamps for the RNIB Christmas Campaign, a box will soon appear in church.

Years Mind

20th December - John Houston, David George Loyns

21st December - Annie Bryant, Emile Charles Leopold Van Lear, Ernest Jones

22nd December - Mildred Canfield, Mary Titchmarsh, Minnie Mabel West, Kenneth Roy Tupman (2016)

23rd December - Hannah Harding, Nigel Esquick

24th December - Bernard Harper, Christopher Brown (2014), Dorothy Edna Borrowdale (2010)

25th December - Florence Upshon, Reg Bacon, Annie Gull, Nellie Duckitt, Irene Bullock, Hazel Smith, Norma O'Brien, Christine Lewis-Hall, Patricia Fox

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 Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Mary.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 21st December

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 22nd December

Weekday of the 4th Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

5:15pm - Confessions [or by appointment]

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 23rd December

Wednesday of the 4th Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank Collection

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve

9am - Morning Prayer

10am - Mass

5pm - First Evening Prayer of Christmas

11:30pm - Midnight Mass

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day

10am - Parish Mass of Christmas Day

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 26th December

St. Stephen, the first Martyr

10am - Mass for St. Stephen

Prayer focus: The sick

Sunday 27th December

The Holy Family

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)