

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Comfort.

Being afraid.

We're starting to come to the hard realisation that this pandemic is not going away any time soon. We're starting to understand that this new variant is incredibly easily transmitted and this new knowledge is scary.

That fear is understandable. For many, we're starting to see quite how close this virus is getting. We are - perhaps for the first time - starting to see people sick first hand

The Prime Minister has assured us that the vaccine roll out is going well, indeed I saw this morning that one hospital in London did 6000 vaccinations in one day. We can take comfort in that knowledge and in those



figures. But somehow, that cold knowledge doesn't always lessen the fear and anxiety.

It is a very great thing to reach beyond the figures and the reality of the world around us - and after contemplating it - reach the unchangeable love of God.

But it is in that contemplation and in that prayer that we most fully

start to find God's inexhaustible love and comfort for us.

God speaks to us not with facts and figures, not from a podium, but through the centre of our beings. He reaches out through time and space and embraces us so fully that we can not fail to feel His love and comfort. Be comforted.

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

Reach out to God in prayer. Call on Him to embrace you and to comfort you. Ask Him to let you feel the depth of His love for you.

Worship focus

If you've not yet joined us online why not try Morning Prayer & Mass each day at 9:45am via our website?

This Sunday

Sunday 10th January

The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

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Notices

With the new variant of the virus rife in Hayes we must take as much care as possible in church. It is being cleaned everyday - but you must do your part as well. Always wear a face covering, make sure you sign in and keep at least 2 metres away from others at all times - especially at communion and after mass.

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

You can now donate online via PayPal (click 'giving' on our website). This is a great way to give a one-off gift and helps us claim the Gift Aid.

Don't forget to consider setting up regular giving with the Parish Giving Scheme. Call 0333 002 1271 with your bank details to hand and quote our Parish Code - 230 623 503

Years Mind

11th January - Tony Bernard (2001)

13th January - Bill Keyte (2005)

14th January - Violet Hall,

15th January - Harriet Attwood, George Lipscomb

Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Margo & her family, Margery, Annie Foo, On Yin Chang, Rene Holman, June Boughton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Mary, Ivor, Fr. Sam, Nicholas, Josie, Jenny..

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 11th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 12th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 13th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer

& Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 14th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

11am - Refugee Support Group

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 15th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 16th January

Weekday in Christmas

Offices said privately, no public Mass.

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 17th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

[During the national lockdown Confessions can only be heard by appointment. Please contact Fr. Matthew.]