

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Candlemass.

The Presentation of the Lord.

Traditionally Candlemass is the point at which Christmas decorations are taken down in the home. Certainly the crib is not put away until February 2nd - the date of The Presentation of the Lord.

It is the 40th and final day of the Christmas & Epiphany season (even though we have already entered Ordinary Time). It's a moment to look back at the joy of Christmas, the arrival of the Wise Men and the time of celebration that the new year brings.

But now, we face the year ahead. We - like Mary and Joseph - take our hopes and dreams for the coming year to God in prayer.

We gather in church and meet with our friends. We meet wise members of the



congregation who guide us, who offer us their hard learnt lessons and if we're lucky, bless us on our journey.

It's traditionally also a time when people bring their candles into church to be blessed.

We will be doing that this year on Tuesday evening at a special Candlemass

Holy Communion and blessing service.

We will gather at 5pm for Evening Prayer and then a special Mass for the Presentation of the Lord followed by blessing of the candles.

All of this will be in candle light - it will be very special indeed.

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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 struggle to see the light. Where darkness seems to push forward and where the light of Christ is needed most.

Worship focus

Come to the special Candlemass service at 5pm on Tuesday evening.

Bring your own candles from home to be blessed.

This Sunday

Sunday 31st January

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

Keep in Touch



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Notices

On Monday Fr. Matthew will be at St. Mary's in Kenton to assist with the reception of the late Lady Margaret (as we called her!) The reception is at 4:30pm and Evening Prayer will be streamed from St. Mary's immediately afterwards. Timing will need to be flexible.

<http://tinyurl.com/SMVKCAM>

On Tuesday for the Presentation of the Lord there will be a traditional Candlemass at 5pm after Evening Prayer. The services will be held in candlelight and you can bring your own candles in to be blessed. Morning Prayer will be said privately.

An enormous thank-you to all who helped clear the Walsingham Chapel ahead of our building work starting.

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

3rd February - Madge Geake

5th February - Eleanor Eades, Nellie Bennett, Maria Jones (2009)

Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, Rene Holman, June Boughton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Mary, Ivor, Maxine & Megan.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 1st February

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

4:30pm - Live Stream from St. Mary's, Kenton
(see notices)

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord - Feast

Morning Prayer said privately

5pm - Candlelit Evening Prayer & Candlemass Mass
with blessing of candles.

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 3rd February

Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer
& Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 4th February

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 5th February

Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 6th February

Ss Paul Miki & his Companions, Martyrs

Offices said privately, no public Mass.

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 7th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

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