

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### How to be wise.

#### Epiphany.

On Wednesday we celebrate Epiphany. The moment when the Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem to greet Jesus, Joseph and Mary.

I will be out and about in the parish blessing houses and marking them with chalk 20+C+M+B+21 as a special sign that this house is blessed. C - M - B are the initials of the Wise Men - Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar - there is much tradition and legend about these men who 'followed the science' (the star) and found their way to a stable in Bethlehem to pay honour to the Saviour of the World.

I love this tradition because it gives us an opportunity to remember that our



own homes are a special place of care, love, devotion and faith in which we grow the faith of those around us.

We don't have to be wise in the faith to be able to share it. We have to be child-like in our faith - we must have a child-like delight in sharing the joy, the love, and our excitement of being part of it.

We can so easily get caught up in worrying about being wise that we forget that sometimes the greatest epiphany moments are given to us by children and their delight in Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ.

If you would like your house blessed this year, drop me an email or call before Wednesday.

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

We pray this week for families as they look once again towards teaching children at home. We pray for teachers and all those with care of children.

### Worship focus

We have a new later time for daily mass of 10am. If you don't come to mass during the week why not try it one day during this first week of January?

## This Sunday

### Sunday 3rd January

2nd Sunday of Christmas | Epiphany

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

## Keep in Touch



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## Notices

Please note the new time of Daily Prayer & Mass - we're trying this new time until Easter.

If you would like your house blessed on Epiphany (6th Jan) please call Fr. Matthew to arrange a time.

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

A big thank you to our new sound and vision volunteers who had their training last Friday and take the helm on Sunday 3rd Jan!

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

6th January - Les Woolf (2006), Gladys Watkins (2015)

8th January - John McKie

## Pray This Week For

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

## This week at St. Anselm

### Monday 4th January

Weekday in Christmas

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

### Tuesday 5th January

Weekday in Christmas

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

& Confessions [or by appointment]

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

### Wednesday 6th January

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer

& Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

### Thursday 7th January

Weekday in Christmas

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

### Friday 8th January

Weekday in Christmas

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

### Saturday 9th January

Weekday in Christmas

Offices said privately, no public Mass.

Prayer focus: Families

### Sunday 10th January

**The Baptism of the Lord - Feast**

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)