

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Our Lady of Lourdes.

Healing, comfort and love.

On Thursday we offer a special memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France.

Mary appeared to this poor, 14 year-old girl to call us to change our lives for the better. To pray the rosary and to offer ourselves in service of the poor and the sick.

A couple of years ago I had the chance to go to Lourdes on pilgrimage. I must admit I wasn't expecting very much. Lourdes has a reputation as the 'Disney Land' of the Roman Catholic church.

Lots of tawdry statues, lots of shops, lots of people pushing and shoving to be first in the line for this attraction or



that display. Not really my thing.

But I was surprised. Lourdes turned out to be a very special place indeed.

Much like Walsingham, the appearance of the Blessed Virgin has left the place rather 'thin'. You often find this in places where prayer is constantly offered. It somehow becomes easier to talk to

God in these thin places, aided by the prayers and the appearance of our Blessed Mother.

It turned out to be a very special pilgrimage indeed. I discovered a peace and comfort that I had been missing. Perhaps in better days, we shall all go together as a parish.

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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 seek healing, wholeness, love and comfort. For those most in need of Our Lady's prayers.

Worship focus

A high mass will be offered at 10am on Thursday morning for Our Lady of Lourdes.

This Sunday

Sunday 7th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

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Notices

Work will start in earnest on the church hall on Wednesday 10th. A temporary wooden wall is to be built to screen the vestry and the hall whilst work is underway. The works will take approximately 3 months to complete.

The Archdeacons Visitation and our planned Vision Day on the 23rd February has been postponed until after Easter.

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

31st January - Noel Fenton

7th February - Elizabeth Ann Shackles ,

Jane Elizabeth Barnard, Lily Daniels, John Faithfull

8th February - Beryl Colclough, Ada Mary Groves, Audrey Rymill

9th February - Emily Godfrey, Len Pagram

Edward Read, Johnson Gidharry

11th February - Connie Foster, Alwin Zinkl, Jean Dack

12th February - Jamie Portman, Ophelia Campbell

13th February - Philip Morgan, Ann Grove, Fred Peverett

Pray This Week For

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

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 8th February

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 9th February

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 10th February

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer

& Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 12th February

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 13th February

Feria

Offices said privately, no public Mass.

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 14th February

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

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