

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Feast or Lament?

Celebrating with joy.

This Sunday we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday. It is a very old feast and comes on Laetare Sunday - a time in Lent when we take a moment to remember that we are already an Easter People, that we have already been saved, that we have already seen the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We take a breath and view the hard work we have undertaken so far, before girding ourselves for the coming weeks of sacrifice and pain.

Even our liturgical colour shifts from deep, dark purple to the lighter and more joyful rose vestments.

It is important to enjoy the feasts when they come. It is tempting to see in a

feast the pain that being joyful can cause.

There are many moments of lament and hardship in our liturgical calendar - when we remember the pain and hurt that we as a community and as individuals have suffered.

But, on days such as this Sunday we should lift our hearts heavenward and whatever our personal circumstances, whatever our particular pains and hurt we should ask God to help us find joy and hope in our lives.

That joy and hope can be hard to find for some on Mothering Sunday, especially when one doesn't easily have a model of motherly love, or where that earthly model is no longer with us.



That gives us even more reason to cry out in joy for those gifts we have received.

For the women in our lives who have lifted us up, for the women in our lives who have cared for us, loved us, held our hands, smiled at us, taken us to church, held us before God in prayer.

Mothering Sunday is a day of celebration and of joy. Lift people up in that joy and love.

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


Mothers all over the world who struggle to care for their children for whatever reason.

Worship focus

There will be two special high masses for St. Joseph on Friday 19th - try to come along to one of them.

This Sunday

Sunday 14th March

4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday 

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

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Notices

Church will be closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for building work. Fr. Matthew is taking the opportunity to have a few quiet days of rest.

With children back at the altar from this Sunday (14th), do come along and encourage them. There will be a special present and blessing for all mothers - offered by the children.

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

14th March - Mary Martha Ware, Charlotte Ramsay, Alfred Palmer, June Carter, Frank Norman

15th March - Margaret Thoady, Veronica Murray, Surinder Soor, Len Wheeler

16th March - Ethel Adey-Moore, Maud Pearce, Leslie Robert Tuckwell, Raymond Morris

17th March - Jessie Barnes, Ella Hobbs, Roger Mann, Shane Gunnigle

18th March - Jack Daniels

19th March - Michael Lackner-Zemlin

20th March - George Burton, Gladys Skinner

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, Gary Saville, Claire, Anthony & Greta, Fr. Rob Church, Francesca & Clarissa, Desmond Penk, Les Robinson, Crew & Families of HMS Westminster.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 15th March

Monday of the 4th week of Lent ●

Offices said privately

[Fr. Matthew on leave]

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 16th March

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Lent ●

Offices said privately

[Fr. Matthew on leave]

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 17th March

Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary - Feast ●

Offices said privately

12pm - 2pm - Foodbank

[Fr. Matthew on leave]

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 18th March

Thursday of the 4th Week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 19th March

Saint Joseph, husband of the BVM - Solemnity - ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

4:45pm - Evening Prayer | 5pm Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 20th March

Saturday of the 4th Week of Lent ●

Offices said privately.

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 21st March

5th Sunday of Lent

10:00am - Parish Mass

11:45am - 1pm - Confirmation Class 1

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

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