

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Passiontide

Veiling the statues.

This Sunday we enter a period of time in the church calendar called Passiontide. It starts the Sunday before Palm Sunday and ends on Holy Saturday.

We'll keep the crosses covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (3pm), but we'll keep the statues veiled until the start of the Easter Vigil (in our case that means we'll remove them during the Gloria at the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday).

But why do we do this? Why cover those things that draw us to Christ the rest of the year?

Partly we do this because it serves to heighten our experience in church in

the last two weeks of Lent - calling us physically to the importance of this period of time and pulling us towards the inevitability of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We do that by covering the statues so that we're physically reminded to pay attention to the words that are being spoken in mass.

We are denied the pleasures of our eyes so that our ears may more fully engage with the Word.

The point is that it pulls us into a new state of excitement and anticipation - we are denied the beauty of the statues, the security of the crucifixes and we're edged towards the reality of what is to come.



Then, beautiful - the veils are removed and we are thrown back into the richness of our faith.

During Passiontide we should pay close attention to how our feelings draw us to - or push us away from - God.

Listen, watch, pray, He will soon be gone, only to return in Glory.

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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

The children, teachers and staff of Bishops Ramsey school and the Veritas Trust as we interview once again for a new CEO.

Worship focus

The Annunciation of the Lord is on Thursday - a proverbial High Day!

There are two masses - please do try to come to one of them.

This Sunday

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)

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Notices

We welcome Fr. Yaro to preach this Sunday - he joins us from St. Martin's in Ruislip where he is the Assistant Curate - I know you'll make him feel welcome.

The Electoral Roll is now open ahead of our APCM on May 9th. The Roll is open for 14 days. If you wish to be added to the Roll take a form at the back of church or speak to Fr. Matthew or Gleta Murray.

If you can't get to this Confirmation Class, then another will be run on April 11th.

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

21st March - Doris May

24th March - William Henry Smith, John Livy, Eileen Jones
Derek Holman

25th March - Kath Mark

26th March - Fr. Clive Pearce

27th March - Fr. Anthony Burge, Betty Patricia Hodgkins

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 22nd March

Monday of the 5th week of Lent ●

6:30pm - Mass

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 23rd March

Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer then Stations of the Cross

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 24th March

Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

12pm - 2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer then Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Sung Mass

4:45pm - Evening Prayer | 5pm Sung Mass

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 26th March

Friday of the 5th Week of Lent ●

8:45AM - Morning Prayer | 9AM Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 27th March

Saturday of the 5th Week of Lent ●

Offices said privately.

Church Cleaning 11am

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 28th March

Palm Sunday ●

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

Holy Week & Easter Services details are now available on a separate sheet / poster in church and on the website.