

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Light

before & after the darkness.

Palm Sunday has always struck me as a delightful and fun day. I can so easily get caught up in the expectation and the joy of the people of Jerusalem as Jesus enters the city.

I can see and hear the children as they run to meet him. This great teacher, this man who is God, Jesus who has given us so many signs and such wonderful love.

The noise, the smells, the hands held high waving palm branches crying out 'Hosanna in the highest!'

But in the midst of that joy there is a deep darkness. It is harder for us to experience fully the joy of the people of Jerusalem because know the story, we

know what comes next.

We know the agony that awaits Jesus and his disciples.

We know the darkness of the garden at Gethsemane (where we will join the Disciples in their Watch on Maundy Thursday).

We know the pain of the arrest and His condemnation. His struggle to carry the cross, His falls, the reversal of the joy of the crowds to jeers, hatred and spittle.

Palm Sunday marks the start of that journey of darkness.

It also, and this is the vital part of the story, marks the



start of the journey towards the light.

We KNOW that Jesus will come again, that He will rise three days later, that He will save us all - and in that joy we share a large part.

This week, accept and see the darkness... then let the light destroy it utterly.

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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 all of those who have lost hope. Who see only darkness.

That light may enter their lives and this Holy Week will touch them.

Worship focus

Thursday after the mass we will sit in front of the altar of repose and pray. It's called The Watch. We wait, we hope, we stay with Jesus.

This Sunday

Sunday 28th March

Palm Sunday ●

10am - Parish Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer & Benediction

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

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Notices

Wear red! This Sunday we remember the throng at the gates of Jerusalem, calling out to Jesus 'enter the King of glory!' Join in with that throng and wear something red. Although we can't have a procession this year, we will have palm crosses and we will be blessing them at the start of the service.

The electoral roll is still open and will close next Sunday. Do take a form or contact Fr. Matthew to be added.

We'll be following a Polish tradition on Good Friday and blessing baskets of food. This is at the request of our builders and it would be lovely for our congregation to come as well with Easter Eggs and Easter Food to be blessed. Just bring it in a basket at 11am.

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

28th March - Ivy Bailey, Indra Hinds, Betty Hodgkins

29th March - Henry Hawkins

30th March - Charles Channon, Freddie Wilson

2nd April - Albert Rogers

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

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 29th March

Monday of Holy Week ●

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Holy Hour

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 30th March

Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent ●

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Holy Hour

Prayer focus: +Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 31st March

Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent ●

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

12pm-2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer & Holy Hour

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 1st April

Maundy Thursday ●

6:30pm - Mass of the Last Supper

7:30pm - Midnight - The Watch

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday ●

10am - Stations of the Cross

11am - Blessing of the baskets

3pm - The Liturgy of the Passion

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 3rd April

Holy Saturday ●

10am - 2pm - Prayer in front of the Altar of Repose

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 4th April

Easter Sunday ●

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

[Confession is available all week by appointment]