

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Worn out.

How much longer must we wait?

This week we had the wonderful reading from Genesis giving us the first few chapters of the story of Joseph. (Genesis 37). It's worth going back when you have a moment this week and reading the whole story (Genesis 37-46).

It is a story where you can easily imagine Joseph asking the question 'how much more of this can I take?'

First he was sold into slavery by jealous brothers, then he was put in prison for a crime he did not commit - but each time Joseph managed to turn the bad into good.

He took the evil that others had done to him and made it good.

When he was sold into slavery he ultimately become the chief servant in the house of Potiphar.

When he was accused by Potiphar's wife of taking advantage of her (although the situation was really the other way around) he found himself in prison where he was put in charge of the other prisoners because 'the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love'.

Finally he interprets the dreams of two supposed enemies of the Pharaoh and those interpretations turn out to be true.

He is called to serve the Pharaoh and again he doesn't just serve but becomes second only to the Pharaoh himself.



In each of these situations it would have been easy for Joseph to give up, to let his faith fly away, to give into dejection and despair.

But his resilience and steadfast love of God got him through some very very difficult times - and that steadfast love and that same resilience that is a product of that love can get us through this hard time.

All will be well.

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

For all of those who are so close to falling into despair. Who need to be assured of the steadfast love of God.

Worship focus

Find some time this week to come to a mass at 10am on weekday. It's a very special time when the church is quiet and mass takes on a different look and feel.

This Sunday

Sunday 7th March

3rd Sunday of Lent ●

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(I)

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Notices

We continue to clean the church each Saturday at 11am - with lots of people it doesn't take long and the really big clean has now happened - we just need to keep on top of the dust.

The building work is continuing really well with new walls now up for the kitchen and toilet, the toilet will be available upon special request on Sunday.

Children will be back serving at the altar on Mothering Sunday - March 14th! Please make a special effort to come and encourage them.

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

7th March - Audrey Couling

8th March - John Gargini

9th March - Harriet Hall, Dorothy Marriott, Betty Daphne Childs

10th March - Daisy Mary Peet, John Riches, David Ponsonby

11th March - Jack Surman

12th March - Frank May

13th March - Caroline Johns, Marion Hunter

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

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 8th March

Monday of the 3rd week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 9th March

Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 10th March

Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 11th March

Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 12th March

Friday of the 3rd Week of Lent ●

9:45AM - Morning Prayer | 10AM Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 13th March

Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent ●

Church cleaning at 11am.

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 14th March

4th Sunday of Lent - Mother's Day 💕

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

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