



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WITH CONFIRMATIONS & ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

A very warm welcome to St. Anselm.



A SPECIAL DAY

Today marks a significant step in the journey of faith for several of our congregation. Some were baptised at Easter, some have been baptised for a year - or many years, some were baptised as adults, some as babies.

What they all share is a desire to make their own declaration of faith. A declaration of their love in Jesus Christ and His action in their lives.

We join with them today in celebrating that decision and we call to mind our own decisions - our own baptisms, our own confirmations.

In that recollection we re-affirm those promises - we re-affirm our desire to know Jesus Love and His action in our lives.

Today is also special because it is the first time since that short window last summer where we have been able to invite our dear Bishop Jonathan. I know that we will give him - and his Chaplain, Fr. James - a good St. Anselm welcome - all suitably socially distanced of course!

It won't be very long now until our building works are complete and we will be inviting Bishop Jonathan back again to bless them and to open them for the use of this parish. Hopefully, if we are very lucky, we'll be able to have a proper party.

Please do pray before mass today for those being Confirmed and those being admitted to Holy Communion. Pray that their journey of faith will lead them into a deeper love of Jesus, a deeper understanding of His love for them and for a deeper commitment to live out His love in the world.

With all my love and continued prayers.

Fr. Matthew

As the bell rings, please stand.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you

And with your Spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters,

let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

You came to call sinners:

Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world’s.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, ‘I know him’,
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES.

The candidates come forward as indicated.

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you also strength to continue in the Way.

All: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with these candidates
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

CONFIRMATION

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
All: now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
All: Amen.

The bishop addresses each candidate by name

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid

All: Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The confirmation candidates may now take their seats.

ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Those being admitted to Holy Communion should move to the front with their family.

As the people of God in this place, we share the responsibility of encouraging one another in our worship and supporting one another in our discipleship, by our example and our prayers.

Christine, we welcome you in Jesus' name to receive communion with us.

Brothers and sisters, today we are welcoming *Christine* to Holy Communion. As parents and godparents, and as the community of St Anselm's, we share the responsibility of encouraging them in their worship, and of supporting them by our friendship, our example and our prayers. Will you help them to grow in faith and love?

All: We will.

Christine, you love God, you follow Jesus, and you live the Christian life. Do you wish to receive Holy Communion?

Yes.

As *Christine* receives today the sacrament of the body of Christ, let us pray that we may all know and reflect the love of Christ.

God of life,
you invite us to eat at your table;
may we know your love
as we share your heavenly food,
and shine with your light
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The assembly welcomes those confirmed and admitted to Holy Communion with applause.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Holy Mary, St. Anselm, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The congregation stands and the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

*Please come forward to receive the Body of Christ.
If you would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms over your chest.
Please remember to keep social distancing in place as you come forward.*

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

St Alphonsus Liguori



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.


THE CONCLUDING RITES

Notices

BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO ST. ANSELM?

We've loved having you with us today and would love to see you again. Visit our website at www.stanselm.co.uk where you can sign up to receive updates on the life of our family.

Our building work is due to be completed at the end of April when we'll also be launching our new Sunday School. By July we'll be able to share a drink and some food each week after mass and we're planning a new Sunday Praise service on Sunday afternoons.

There's lots going on and we'd love you to be part of it. Come back and see us again soon.

In love, & with all my prayers

Fr. Matthew

DAILY SERVICES

MONDAY - FRIDAY

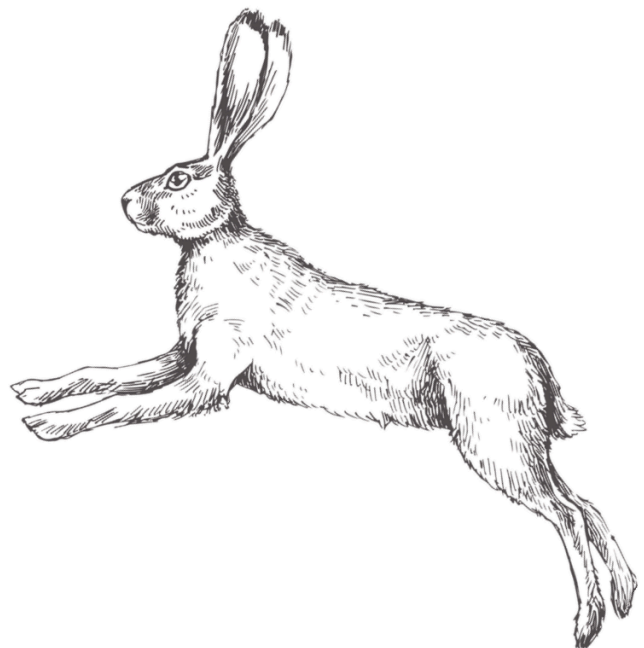
Morning Prayer 9:45am

Mass 10am

Evening Prayer 6pm (except Fridays)

SUNDAY

Sung Parish Mass 10am



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on our website

www.stanselm.co.uk

Or by speaking to a member of the congregation who would be
happy to help you in any way we can.

Be assured of our prayers, be assured of Jesus love for YOU.

