

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### Martyrs

#### of the Church.

Standing up for what is right is not always an easy thing. It is perhaps easy to say, but somewhat harder to do. Especially when standing up for what is right can cost you your life.

This is exactly what happened to St. Charles Lwanga and his Companions in Uganda in the late 19th Century.

The king of Uganda executed Christians 'for praying from a book'. He killed an Anglican missionary for this simple thing and would carry out dreadful acts on those in his court.

St. Charles rebuked the king and refused to carry out the dreadful acts demanded of him and his fellow Christians. They were burned alive in a group after being subjected to horrendous torture.

Within a year of their deaths - and their example of defiance to evil - the number of those coming to Christ quadrupled.

Through their example young men and women of Uganda found the courage to say, 'no, not in our name'.

St. Charles is now the patron saint of black African youth and his feast day is a public holiday in Uganda.

The reason this day resonates so strongly with me is that it reminds us so powerfully that the stories of the martyrs are not distant or unrelatable - they don't exist in the distant past - no - the martyrs of our faith are still out in the world



saying 'No!' to evil, saying 'Not in my name!' to the worst excesses of evil, they are still being persecuted for being Christian.

And so we must pray for them and for a world in which their heroic sacrifice is no longer needed.

Thy Kingdom come.

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 those who stand up for the weak, the poor.  
For all those who stand up for their faith in the face of overwhelming opposition and oppression.

### Worship focus

On Thursday a special Mass will be offered by Fr. Angus for St. Charles Lwanga and his Companions. Brave Martyrs.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 30th May

*The Holy Trinity - Solemnity* ●

10:00am - Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)*

## Keep in Touch



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## Notices

Thank you very much to Ruth who has offered to run the tea & coffee rota for after church. Please speak to her if you can offer help.

I'm still keen to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the summer holiday Rosary Mission. If you'd like to know more please come and speak to me.

The church is looking absolutely wonderful, all down to the amazing efforts of a dedicated and small team - thank you all very much.

It's half term (again!) so Fr. Matthew is away this week taking advantage of the more relaxed rules. There is Mass and Morning Prayer as usual on Thursday which will be covered by Fr. Angus, please make him welcome.

**Help fund an organist** - please 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 or visit our website [www.stanselm.co.uk/giving](http://www.stanselm.co.uk/giving)

## Years Mind

30th May - Herbert Mendham

31st May - George Thomas Ware

1st June - Fr. Kenneth Toovey

2nd June - Edith Morris

3rd June - Sue Jackson, Brian Bolton

## Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, Rene Holman, June Boughton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Ivor, Maxine & Megan, Gary Saville, Anthony & Greta.

## This week at St. Anselm

### Monday 31st May

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* ●

[Offices said privately]

*Prayer focus: The dead*

### Tuesday 1st June

*Saint Justin, Martyr* ●

[Offices said privately]

*Prayer focus: +Jonathan and parishes of The Society*

### Wednesday 2nd June

*Wednesday of week 9 in Ordinary Time* ●

[Offices said privately]

12pm-2pm - Foodbank

*Prayer focus: Foodbank users*

### Thursday 3rd June

*Saints Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs* ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer

10am - Mass

*Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians*

### Friday 4th June

*Friday of week 9 in Ordinary Time* ●

[Offices said privately]

*Prayer focus: The sick*

### Saturday 5th June

*Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr* ●

[Offices said privately]

*Prayer focus: Families*

### Sunday 6th June

*Corpus Christi* ●

10:00am - Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)*

Please join Fr. Edward & Mike at St. Mary's in Kenton for this weeks masses and offices online.

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