

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Where is God?

Has He abandoned us?

This is a question that was familiar to the writer of the psalms and this week it has been at the forefront of several conversations with people as they have come to church following the news of the fatal stabbing in Blyth Road on Friday morning.

As the air ambulance flew low over the vicarage and landed in the Navnat Centre carpark behind us I knew that something was very badly wrong.

Violence has been simmering on the streets of Hayes for a few weeks. Last week we stopped a knife fight outside the church on Saturday evening and I asked you all to pray for peace and calm.

We plan to walk the streets and cover them in prayer over the two weeks of

the Rosary Mission in July (4th-18th), we plan to hand people a rosary and give them an invite to come and find the peace that only Jesus can offer.

And it's in this Peace that we discover the truth behind the question, 'where is God?'

The truth is that His Peace is available to all, freely offered, but just like any gift it has to be freely received and accepted.

If that Peace is rejected - or worse - is not known about - then evil will dominate in that person's life.

It is our job as Christians in Hayes to ensure that EVERYONE knows about the Peace of Jesus Christ.

It is our job as Christians in Hayes to ensure that NOBODY walks these



streets alone, afraid and abandoned to evil because we have failed to let them know about Jesus.

So no, God has not abandoned us. His love is very real and very present - but just as with any gift it can be thrown aside and ignored. When that happens evil gets a foothold.

It's time to stop that evil entering the world. To bring people to Jesus Christ and to His Peace and love.

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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 the Mission Planning Committee that it may be steered by the Holy Spirit in all that it does and will share the Peace of Christ in Hayes.

Worship focus

Worship in action - please do consider joining the Mission Planning Committee who meet for the first time after Mass on Sunday 13th.

This Sunday

Sunday 13th June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10:00am - Parish Mass

11:15am - Mission Planning Committee

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(I)

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Notices

Thank you very much to Fr. Yaro for covering the Mass last Thursday at very short notice.

The Rosary Mission in the parish will run from the 4th July to the 18th July (when the Bishop will join us). I would like to form a mission committee to plan our outreach for the summer. Our first meeting will be after Mass on the 13th June, please do let me know if you'd like to come.

Next week we celebrate Fathers Day with a special mass for those people in our lives who have offered examples of fatherly love and care.

Safeguarding training is being re-arranged and details will be available soon.

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

Years Mind

13th June - Irene Guthrie

14th June - Rosina Whitely, Geoff Lawrence, Esmé Franklin

17th June - Jack Wheeler, Oliver Lloyd,

18th June - Sonia Newell

19th June - Gwen Yates

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 14th June

Monday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 15th June

Tuesday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer with Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayer focus: +Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 16th June

Wednesday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12pm-2pm - Foodbank

6pm - Evening Prayer with Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 17th June

Thursday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 18th June

Friday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 19th June

Saturday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 20 June

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10:00am - Parish Mass for Fathers

11:15am - A special after service tea & coffee to say thank you to our fathers.

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

Confession is available on Tuesday evenings after Evening Prayer or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Matthew for details.