

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Exaltation of the Cross

Why?

In many ways it is an odd thing for Christians to exalt an instrument of torture. The very instrument that was responsible for the death of Our Saviour.

An instrument that has killed so many people and continues to be used as a way to kill Christians around the world today.

The first reason we rejoice in the Cross is because it was transformed from an instrument of torture and death into the path of redemption for the whole human race.

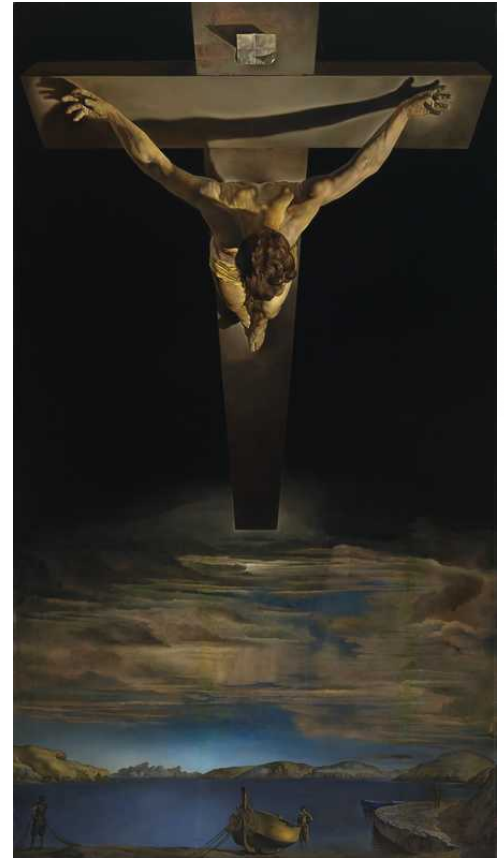
The second reason is because it is so viscerally an image of the reality that our faith is not an abstract one - not somewhere 'out there' - but a real and

physical faith that has consequences in ours - and others - lives.

It symbolises God's real intervention in the world - a real historical event with real people in the real world with a real execution on a real cross.

We can sit and read books about it, we can sit in adoration before it, we can theorise about it, we can discuss it, we can meditate on it... but ultimately none of these things impact on the reality of the history in which it is built.

The Cross is the most real symbol of our faith. It should drag us back to our faith when we waiver, it should bring us up short when we start to spend



too much time in our head thinking about our faith. It should drag us down in to the mud of our real faith.

The consequences of that understanding may take a lifetime to understand.

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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 volunteers to come forward to help run the Sunday School.

Worship focus

High Mass for The Exaltation of the Cross on Tuesday morning & for Our Lady of Sorrows on Wednesday morning.

This Sunday

Sunday 12th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

11:15am - PCC Meeting

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

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Notices

You'll notice some changes to daily mass and evening prayer on Monday and Tuesday. For the next few weeks I have agreed to cover the mass at St. Martin's in Ruislip as they continue in vacancy. So daily mass here will shift to the evening and there'll be no public morning prayer. Next Tuesday is the Exaltation of the Cross - no Evening Prayer here but there is a concelebrated mass at St. Thomas in Kensal Town which you are warmly invited to attend. Mass as usual here that morning.

I am in **desperate need for a volunteer** to help with the new parent and toddler group for the coming month as I need to cover masses elsewhere. Cynthia can open up etc, but I really need someone who can make tea & coffee and help set up / take down with the children.

I'm still **looking for volunteers** to help with the **Rosary Mission** (keeping the church open, providing tea & coffee etc) 10th - 24th October and to help run the **Sunday School - we can't start a Sunday School until I have some volunteers.** Please be in touch.

Years Mind

12th September - Edgar-Holder Beckles, Mary Chick
13th September - Frank Llewelyn Barnes, Hugh Phelps
14th September - William Dymond
15th September - Sheila Kelly
16th September - Lydia Clapton, Bernard Banks
17th September - Emily Shackle

Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, Rene Holman, June Bougton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Ivor, Maxine & Megan, Gary Saville, Anthony & Greta, David Millard, Caroline, Debbie Potts, H.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 13th September

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor ●

11am - Parent and Toddler Group in Church Hall

6pm - Evening Prayer followed by Mass

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Cross ●

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

7pm - Concelebrated Mass at

St. Thomas, Kensal Town

Prayer focus: Priests of the

Wednesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows ●

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

12pm-2pm - Foodbank

6pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Our online family

Thursday 16th September

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 17th September

Feria ●

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

Prayer focus: All mothers

Saturday 18th September

Feria ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: +Jonathan and all parishes of The Society

Sunday 19th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

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