

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

The Advent Candles.

Growing light.

This Sunday we will light the first candle of five on our Advent Wreath. Our children will be making a mini-version of the candle wreath to take home and light with their families. But why do we do this?

Whilst lighting candles to represent the light of God in the world is a very old Christian tradition, the idea of an Advent Candle Wreath is a relatively modern one.

In fact it only goes back to the early 1800s and - no big surprise here - comes from Germany (as indeed most of our modern Christmas traditions).

In 1839 Johann Hinrich Wichern, a pastor in Germany, built a wreath out of an old cartwheel to help the children in

his mission school count the days until Christmas.

He added small candles to be lit every weekday and Saturday during Advent, and on Sundays, a large white candle was lit.

There is evidence of this practice going on much earlier in Germany - right the way back to the 16th century, but it wasn't until the 1800s that we saw what we may recognise as the modern wreath.

In many ways this was the precursor to both the Advent Calendar (no chocolate then!) and the Advent Candle Wreath that we light each Sunday.

We light the first candle for the Prophets which represent the Hope of the world. The second candle is for Faith, the third for Joy and the fourth - Peace.



The central white candle is lit at Midnight Mass on Christmas Day.

Each week I'll explain a little more about the candles and what they represent at the start of mass as one of the children light it.

I'm looking forward to travelling with you this Advent and preparing to meet Jesus on Christmas Day.

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

There is incredible pressure on people to spend so much over Christmas, pray for restraint and love.

Worship focus

We have a major feast this week as we celebrate St. Andrew, Apostle.

Don't miss the High Mass!

This Sunday

Sunday 28th November

1st Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

11:15am - 12:15pm - Choir rehearsal

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

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Notices

Don't forget to re-register for Gift Envelopes - even if you already have one. Sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact David Couling (number on the front of the pew sheet).

Choir rehearsal today, 28th November (and last one next week) for our Advent & Christmas Carol concert (NEXT SUNDAY!)

We have an Advent craft for the children this Sunday (28th November) - we will be making mini Advent Wreaths for them to take home - they can make several for friends and family, so get your order in now.

Fr. Matthew has two days training this week in central London so there are some changes to timings - especially on Wednesday and Thursday so please do check carefully.

Years Mind

29th November - Edith Rose Darbin, Violet Pegg,
Sybille Irma Anna Kulas

30th November - Cherpine Howell, Peter Kalsi

1st December - Edmund Francis Day

2nd December - Albert Rever, Joseph Piggott

4th December - George Albert Simmonds, Charles Moore,
Ada Bland

Pray This Week For

The Sisters at Walsingham, Yolande DeGale, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, Rene Holman, June Boughton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Ivor, Maxine & Megan, Gary Saville, Anthony & Greta, David Millard, Caroline, Debbie Potts, H & Family, Huw and Val Jones, Pauline Wheeler, Simone, Helen & Nick.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 29th November

Monday of the 1st week of Advent ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am

10:30am - Parent and Toddler Group in Church Hall

Evening Prayer 6pm

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 30th November

St. Andrew, Apostle ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | High Mass 10am

Evening Prayer & Rosary 6pm

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 1st December

Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am

12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Shop

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 2nd December

Thursday of the 1st week of Advent ●

Evening Prayer 6:45pm | Mass 7pm

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 3rd December

St. Francis Xavier, Priest ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 4th December

Saturday of the 1st week of Advent ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Souls of those torn from the womb

Sunday 5th December

2nd Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

11:15am - 12:15pm - Choir rehearsal

3pm - Advent & Christmas Carol Concert

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

Confessions are heard on Tuesday evening after Evening Prayer, or by appointment with Fr. Matthew