

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

**Ye Lord we greet thee,
born this happy morning.**

Peace has arrived. Not just in our homes as the rushing & preparing for Christmas subsides and we rest with feet up - full of turkey and stuffing! But with the arrival of the baby Jesus in us.

I've talked a great deal about the arrival of Jesus IN US rather than outside us over this Advent and this year I think it's more important than ever to consider what that means in practice.

We will sit this week and say goodbye to 2021. In some cases with great joy... I think we are all praying for a better 2022... but in other ways with sadness - Anthony leaving us is incredibly sad for us, but is the right thing for him (and for his future patients!)



We must use this time to reflect on the past year and what the arrival of Jesus in us causes to be different in the coming year.

What practical changes will you make in your life to more closely follow Jesus?

What practical changes will you make in the pattern of daily living to more closely follow Jesus?

What practical changes will you make in the way you think about people, Hayes and the world that will help you more closely follow Jesus.

These are challenging questions, there are no easy answers. But, as you approach them know you have a home from which to pursue them - St. Anselm.

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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 a good start to a new year. For forgiveness of sins. For peace everlasting and for the love of Christ in each and every one of us.

Worship focus

Please come along to a High Mass on Saturday 1st January at 11am for Mary, Mother of God - a solemnity of the church.

This Sunday

Sunday 26th December

The Holy Family ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year C(II)

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Notices

A very quiet week in the Octave of Christmas as Fr. Matthew spends some time with his family in Wales. Do note a high mass for the solemnity of Mary Mother of God on the 1st January and that the Foodbank is open as usual.

Sunday 26th December is Anthony's last day with us, do make a special effort to come and say goodbye to him after mass where we will share some drinks and nibbles.

Some of you may be aware I was planning drinks & nibbles at the vicarage after the carol service on Christmas Eve - I have decided to postpone this until the new year when we pray things may be a little better and we may relax a little more about mixing in small spaces.

Church remains open, clean and daily sanitised with all possible precautions in place. We will never close, we will never abandon those in need, we will always be here praying for and serving the people of Hayes.

Years Mind

29th December - Beatrice Barnes

31st December - Frederick Bedford, Joan Nicola (2017)

1st January - Fr Robert Willaim Burnie, Anthony Gregory

Pray This Week For

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, Debbie Potts, H & Family, Pauline Wheeler, Simone, Helen & Nick, Gleta & Family, Cynthia, Beth.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 27th December

St. John, Apostle, Evangelist ●

Offices said privately

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 28th December

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs ●

Offices said privately

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 29th December

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr ●

Offices said privately

12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Shop

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 30th December

6th day within the octave of Christmas ●

Offices said privately

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 31st December

7th day within the octave of Christmas ●

Offices said privately

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 1st January

Mary Mother of God - Solemnity ●

11am - High Mass

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 2nd January ●

2nd Sunday of Christmas

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year C(II)