

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### The Bethlehem Candle.

#### On our way.

In the second week of Advent we light our second candle... the Bethlehem Candle. In lighting it we pray that we may join Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem.

Our journey this week is about preparation.

Mary and Joseph were preparing for the birth of their son. I imagine they were like any parents... planning and dreaming about their future as a family. Worrying if they've got everything ready.

I can picture them sat with family - smiling at the pictures in their minds as they dreamt of the future. I can see them as they wonder if they've got everything, talking with each other and

figuring out if everything is ready for the birth.

It's easy to picture because I've been there - as a father to Edmund - sat in the living room with Cathrine planning and worrying about nappies, about cots, about car seats and about hundreds of other things.

It's a picture of Christmas in so many ways. We run from A to B worried that we've missed something or some one. Worried about having enough food. Worried about COVID. Worried about money.

The journey is fraught with worry... but we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that the journey is



also rich with dreams of the future.

Mary and Joseph were bringing Jesus into the world. Our Saviour. It was not the birth they planned, but it was awesome none the less.

Perhaps in their journey we can see a path to peace in our own journey.

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 those suffering with COVID. For those caring for people with COVID.  
For all those suffering anxiety caused by COVID.

### Worship focus

Two masses for Our Lady this week - High Mass on Wednesday for the Immaculate Conception and on Friday for Our Lady of Loreto.

## This Sunday

### 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(1)

## Keep in Touch



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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).

Don't miss the Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday afternoon at 3pm with Mince Pies & Mulled Wine!

High Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the BVM on Wednesday at 10am. No Evening Prayer on Tuesday.

## Years Mind

5th December - Janet Wilson McKie, Frank Morrish, Ken Franklin

6th December - Dorothy Gargini, Catherine Diane Bowler

7th December - Joseph Christopher de Sousa, Kenneth Sibley

8th December - Emma Charlton, Harriet Harris, Hazel Audrey Keen, Robert Elliot

9th December - Mary Pinto, Ivy Florence Wickes, Sydney Keen, Michelle Stevens

10th December - Leslie Ian Sillett, Caroline Elizabeth Botley, Ethel Schemel

11th December - Amy de Sousa

## 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, Tasmin, Gleta & Family.

## This week at St. Anselm

### Monday 6th December

Monday of the 2nd week of Advent ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am  
(Mass intention: Ronald Newnam RIP)

10:30am - Parent and Toddler Group in Church Hall  
Evening Prayer 6pm

Prayer focus: Our online family

### Tuesday 7th December

St. Ambrose, Doctor ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | High Mass 10am

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

### Wednesday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | High Mass 10am  
12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Shop  
Evening Prayer & Rosary 6pm

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

### Thursday 9th December

Thursday of the 2nd week of Advent ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am  
Evening Prayer 6pm

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

### Friday 10th December

Our Lady of Loreto ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

### Saturday 11th December

Saturday of the 2nd week of Advent ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Souls of those torn from the womb

### Sunday 12th December

3rd Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(1)

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