

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### **A new beginning, a fresh start.**

As much as that sounds like the title of a new Star Wars movie(!) we are starting a new year together and inevitably that prompts us to look back at the last year as we consider what needs to shift and change in the coming months.

For some, peering back at the past is painful and difficult - either because things outside their control have hurt them, or because they have acted in a way that they are ashamed of now or find difficult to imagine themselves doing.

This is why the Advent confession is so important - and opportunity to put those things in the past before moving forward. But even if you've not been to confession you have an opportunity

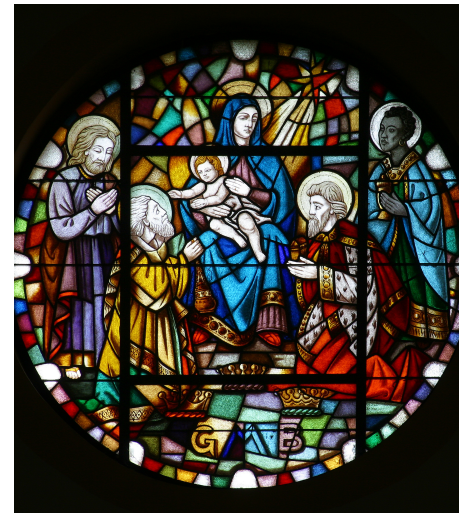
before you now to look afresh and start anew.

So why do we do that at this point in the year?

Yes, we do it because the calendar shifts, but we also do it because just a few short days ago Jesus was born once again in each and every one of us.

For many of us we are closer now to Jesus than at any other time of year and in that closeness we have the strength to look anew at those things we should not have done and to face the new year with renewed vigour and determination to live a better life.

We don't do this on our own of course - but in the sure strength of Jesus Christ. Not only do we have Jesus on our side as we start to walk a new



path but we have each other as well.

That powerful encouragement of a friend at church who will pray for you as you face the coming year - whatever that is.

That powerful love of one friend for another as you set out on your next journey.

Pray for each other, and pray for me too.

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 all those preparing or considering baptism.

That more people may come to know Jesus Christ through St. Anselm.

### **Worship focus**

There is a high mass in the morning and the evening for the Epiphany of the Lord on Thursday - please make a special effort to come to either.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 2nd January ●

*2nd Sunday of Christmas*

10am - Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year C(II)*

## Keep in Touch



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## Notices

This Sunday Anthony will be with us one more time - not to play - but for us to give him his card and present - a moment to give thanks for all that he has given to us over the last year or so. He has lifted us up on high in music - he has encouraged us in our worship and he has loved us as we have loved him. Make a special effort to come and say thank you.

On Thursday we'll have High Mass at 10am AND 6pm. The Epiphany of the Lord is a Solemnity - the highest of feasts - and in the old church these days were obligatory. Do try very hard indeed to be at one or other of the masses.

The new foodbank is up and running at St. Anselm. We no longer work with the Hillingdon Foodbank so are more reliant than ever on your donations of food or money. Please bring food to mass on Sunday - we are short of meat, tinned fish, pasta and rice.

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

2nd January - Vera Kate Bonnett

6th January - Les Woolf, Gladys Watkins

8th January - John McKie

## Pray This Week For

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

## This week at St. Anselm

### Monday 3rd January

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus ●*

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

10:30 - 1pm - Parent & Toddler Group

6pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: Our online family*

### Tuesday 4th January

*4th January ●*

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England*

### Wednesday 5th January

*5th January ●*

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

12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Help

6pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

*Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society*

### Thursday 6th January

**The Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity ●**

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

6pm - Evening Prayer | 6:30pm - High Mass

*Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians*

### Friday 7th January

*7th January ●*

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

*Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers*

### Saturday 8th January

*8th January ●*

Offices said privately

*Prayer focus: Children around the world*

### Sunday 9th January ●

**The Baptism of the Lord - Feast**

10am - Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year C(II)*

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