

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Hearing God

as we rest.

There is a statue and a devotion of St. Joseph that is said to be one of Pope Francis' favourites. It's one of mine as well.

It's the sleeping form of St. Joseph.

When I was growing up I was used to seeing St. Joseph working hard in his carpentry shop, lifting, cutting and shaping wood. This hard working man was the good family man who did the right thing when asked by God.

What I had missed in my youth was that each time God comes to St. Joseph he does so in his sleep.



No great announcement from an angel like Mary or the Shepard's, no burning bush as for Moses - no great fanfare - just a very simple and quiet instruction in those calm moments of sleep.

He comes to St. Joseph four times - all in Matthew.

First God instructs him to stay with Mary, then to leave Bethlehem and flee to Egypt, then to come

home when it is safe and finally to head to Galilee rather than Judea on his return.

St. Joseph listen each time with a quiet resolve to do what God has instructed him.

Do we listen to God in our times of rest? Do we hear that small voice in those small hours?

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Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible. He is available on the above number 24/7.

Prayer focus

Strength in continuing in our Lent journey. We may have called in our first week, but that doesn't mean we should give up!

Worship focus

Saturday 19th is the Solemnity (the highest possible celebration - and a day of Holy Obligation) of St. Joseph. There will be a High Mass at 11am.

This Sunday

Sunday 13th March ●

2nd Sunday of Lent

10am - Parish Mass

11am - PCC Meeting

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year C(II)

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Notices

A big thank you to the foodbank volunteers who rolled up their sleeves and gave the church a good clean this week.

Thank you also to Fr. Angus and to Susan for their sterling work and prayers this week.

Our Lent Course - Holy Habits - will start this Thursday (17th). You can take part in person on Thursday mornings after mass (with a lent lunch served afterwards) or online on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. More details on the website - www.stanselm.co.uk/lent

Lent is a very good time to make your first confession. If you've not come to confession before, or if you're worried about how it works and what it is for - please speak to Fr. Matthew.

Years Mind

13th - Caroline Johns, Marion Hunter

14th - Mary Martha Ware, Charlotte Ramsay, Alfred Palmer,
June Carter, Frank Norman

15th - Margaret Thoady, Veronica Murray, Surinder Soor,
Len Wheeler

16th - Ethel Adey-Moore, Maud Pearce, Leslie Robert Tuckwell,
Raymond Morris

17th - Jessie Barnes, Ella Hobbs, Roger Mann, Shane Gunnigle

18th - Jack Daniels

19th - Michael Lackner-Zemlin

Pray This Week For

Helen Holman, Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell, Anthony, Gleta & family, Norma Piggott, Ken Webb, H & family, Kevin Riley & Family, Mavis Sibley, Pauline & David Job, Gemma, Georgina Burstow, Val Jones, Fr John Metivier & Family.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 14th March

Monday of the 2nd week of Lent ●

10:30 - 1pm - Parent & Toddler Group

6pm - Evening Prayer followed by Mass

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 15th March

Tuesday of the 2nd week of Lent ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 16th March

Wednesday of the 2nd week of Lent ●

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

12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Help

4pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 17th March

Saint Patrick - Feast ●

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

11am - In person Lent Course followed by lunch

6pm - Evening Prayer

7:30pm - Online Lent Course

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 18th March

Friday the 2nd week of Lent ●

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

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 19th March

St. Joseph, husband of the BVM - Solemnity ●

11am - High Mass

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 20th March ●

3rd Sunday of Lent

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year C(II)

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