

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Repent,

and believe in the Gospel.

This week I collected your palm crosses and burnt them to make the ash for Ash Wednesday.

There were only a few in the collection basket in church, and it's something I notice each year.

We are reticent to give up those beautiful palm crosses that we took home from church last Palm Sunday.

They adorn our halls, our studies, our offices, our bedrooms, and we become used to their reassuring presence.

Each time we walk past them we feel safe and soothed.

This is a wonderful and good thing.

But, they are transitory. They are given to us so that we may return them.



We must pick up our crosses and bring them to church so that they may be burnt and may act as a sign of our sin.

They must be burnt so that we can start Lent with our focus on the cross of our own sins.

It is uncomfortable. We don't want to remove them from our homes. They are OURS.

Sin is much the same. It is hard to put down, it is hard to put away, it is OURS and if we're not

careful we start to hold onto sin in much the same way as we hold onto our palm crosses.

But sin must be put down, it must be put away.

Don't keep it at home, bring it to church. Lay it down at the altar, lay it down in confession, lay it down in prayer, that it may be taken from you, that you may be forgiven, that you may know the full and awesome mercy and love of OUR God.

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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

As we start our first full week of Lent pray that it may be a good Lent - pray for the strength to give alms, to pray more, and for a good fast.

Worship focus

Focus on your worship at home this week. How do you worship God each day? How do you reach out and praise his name?

This Sunday

Sunday 6th March

1st Sunday of Lent

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year C(II)

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Notices

Thank you to all who helped with the concert last Saturday - we raised over £500 for the good works of the church.

Our Lent Course - Holy Habits - will start on March 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.

This week we've had the final go ahead to advertise and employ a Mission Priest for Hayes. It's very exciting news. We'll be advertising the role after Easter, interviewing in June and we hope to have the new Priest in post by September. If there is something you feel this new role should focus on, do speak to Fr. Matthew.

Years Mind

7th - Audrey Couling

8th - John Gargini

9th - Harriet Hall, Dorothy Marriott, Betty Daphne Childs

10th - Daisy Mary Peet, John Riches, David Ponsonby

11th - Jack Surman

12th - Frank May

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 7th March

Monday of the 1st week of Lent

10:30 - 1pm - Parent & Toddler Group

Offices said privately

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 9th March

Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent

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

12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Help

6pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 10th March

Thursday of the 1st week of Lent

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 11th March

Friday after Ash Wednesday

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

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 12th March

Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

Offices said privately

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 13th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year C(II)

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