

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

The Helper, the Paraclete.

Next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit. On Thursday we said goodbye to the earthly presence of Jesus as He ascended to His Father.

Jesus told us that He is sending us a helper - The Helper, called The Paraclete in some translations.

The Paraclete in the ancient Rome tradition was someone who was sent into a difficult situation to help. Sometimes they're described in much the same way as a lawyer - but the reality was rather more complex and interesting.

When a soldier was accused of doing something wrong or was in any sort of trouble or strife the Paraclete was sent in to help.

Sometimes that would mean advocating on behalf of the soldier, or it may mean giving advice, or perhaps pointing them in the right direction when they may not be able to see the path in front of them.

That's one of my favourite ways to think about the Holy Spirit - that when I'm in trouble (and perhaps I don't even know I'm in trouble) the Holy Spirit will speak to me, advocate for me, give me advice and point me in the right direction.

Now, I may not like that advice, but the important thing is that I listen to it.



Because when we're in trouble, when we're walking the wrong path or we're in a spot of bother The Paraclete is there to give us some clarity and only has our best interests at heart.

We would be foolish not to listen to the advice of The Holy Spirit.

So spend this week listening and being open to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you in this moment.

Fr. Matthew

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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

For +Lusa and the Area Team.

For +Jonathan and all parishes of The Society.

Worship focus

+Lusa will be coming to St. Anselm on Thursday as part of his Area pilgrimage. We will pray for him before Evening Prayer & Mass.

This Sunday

Sunday 29th May

7th Sunday of Easter ●

10am - Parish Mass & Sunday School

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year C(II)

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Notices

Thank you very much for Fr. Leslie who is covering Parish Mass for us whilst Fr. Matthew is away with his family on half term break. Please do pray for Fr. Leslie and give him the usual St. Anselm welcome!

There will be a bring and share lunch after the Pentecost service next Sunday - come to mass wearing red and be prepared for a great party afterwards.

We are lucky enough that five people have volunteered to be leaders for our summer holiday club. We're now looking for people who can commit to a few hours to help with things like making tea & coffee, tidying up at the end of each day and other assisting tasks. Please speak to Fr. Matthew or Julie Estep (Sunday School Leader).

I'm still looking for volunteers for the 12th July to meet with Priests applying for our new Mission Priest job (interviews with +Jonathan on the 13th July). If you'd like to meet the applicants or help with showing them around the parish please be in touch.

Years Mind

30th - Herbert Mendham

31st - George Thomas Ware

1st June - Fr. Kenneth Toovey

2nd - Edith Morris

3rd - Sue Jackson, Brian Bolton

Pray This Week For

Helen Holman, Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell, Anthony, Gleta & family, Norma Piggott, H & family, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Kevin Riley & Family, Pauline Job, Gemma, Val Jones, Fr John Metivier & Family, Rita Ford, Fr Michael Bedford, Mary & Terry.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 30th May

Monday of the 7th week of Eastertide ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 31st May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 1st June

Saint Justin, Martyr ●

[Offices said privately]

12pm - 2pm - Foodbank

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 2nd June

Thursday of the 7th week of Eastertide ●

3:50pm - +Willesden Pilgrimage welcome and prayers

4:05pm - Evening Prayer followed by Mass

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 3rd June

Saints Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 4th June

Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 5th June

Pentecost ●

10am - Parish Mass & Sunday School

Bring & Share lunch and celebration!

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year C(II)

Confessions are heard by appointment with Fr. Matthew