

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### Peace, Peace, Peace.

#### A simple but powerful prayer.

As my father and I were driving across Poland to reach the Ukraine border it became very clear that things had changed.

We left Germany (and the very fast motorway) behind us, and slowed down to make sure we were within the new speed limit. As we slowed we started to notice more around us.

Instead of the blur of green we started to see small shrines dedicated to Our Lady. We saw bill boards at the side of the motorway dedicated to prayer and time and time again we saw this bill board (pictured).

It reads 'Peace, Peace, Peace' and had an image of Our Lady of Medjugorje on the left hand side.



This poster appeared time and time again. I stopped counting after 100 and started timing how soon it would be before I saw it again.

As I sat in my hotel room that night I turned on the TV and on their equivalent of BBC One was a live broadcast of the Angelus.

This public proclamation of prayer, of dedication to Jesus and to His Mother served as a constant reminder to pray and to live life within the boundless love of the Holy Family.

I found it deeply comforting and profoundly inspiring.

Just five miles from where this photograph was taken is a country plunged into war in the face of a relentless aggressor. But in the face of that relentless aggression and evil the response - first and last - should always be prayer.

So pray this week, pray Peace, Peace, Peace and consider how you can show your faith to the world and inspire others to know Jesus.

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 Fr. Josiah and his family as they prepare to move to Hayes and for the parishes he leaves behind.

### Worship focus

It will be tempting not to come to church over the next two weeks... avoid the temptation and come to church to support and pray for your family.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 24th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

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

### Sunday 31st July

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

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

## Keep in Touch



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## Notices

I will be away on holiday for the next two Sundays and Frs Leslie and Nigel will be here to look after you. Please do give them your usual warm and loving welcome.

BBQ at the vicarage on the 20th August, midday to 4pm.  
More details soon.

Thank you for all the foodbank donations, please keep them coming in whilst I'm away.

From Saturday 30th July the church (inside and out) will be being cleaned and cleared by the Community Pay Back teams - this will be every Saturday from now on.

## Years Mind

27th - Mary Rigby, Charles MacCalvin

28th - Irene Davis

30th - Norman Rudge

August

1st - Dorothy Redding

2nd - Margery Allen

4th - Rhydwen Williams, Julian Charles

5th - Harold James Harker, Jean Gwillim-Jones

6th - Owen Sears, Charles Howse, Rachel Keen

## Pray This Week For

Helen Holman, Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell,

Anthony, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, H & family,

Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Kevin Riley & Family, Pauline Job, Gemma,

Val Jones, Fr John Metivier & Family, Rita Ford, Fr Michael Bedford,

Simone, Susan, Helen & Beth, Adrian Calliste, Christopher.

### Monday 25th July

*Saint James, Apostle ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Tuesday 26th July

*Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the BVM ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Wednesday 27th July

*Wednesday in week 17 of Ordinary Time ●*

12-2pm - Foodbank

### Thursday 28th July

*Thursday of week 17 in Ordinary Time ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Friday 29th July

*Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Saturday 30th July

*Saturday of week 17 in Ordinary Time ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Sunday 31st July

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

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

### Monday 1st August

*Saint Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop, Doctor ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Tuesday 2nd August

*Tuesday in week 18 of Ordinary Time ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Wednesday 3rd August

*Wednesday in week 18 of Ordinary Time ●*

12-2pm - Foodbank

### Thursday 4th August

*Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Friday 5th August

*Friday in week 18 of Ordinary Time ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Saturday 6th August

*The Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast ●*

*[Offices said privately]*

### Sunday 7th August

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass & Sunday School

*Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year C(II)*