

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

The Arrival.

Part 1.

Advent is a very important season in the Christian calendar because it is the beginning of the liturgical year. It is from Latin 'Adventus' which is translated as 'coming' or 'arrival' in Greek it is 'Parousia' and is used in the New Testament as 'the second coming'. This is a season to prepare for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas. The liturgical Colour for this season is purple or violet. Advent is a four-week period in the church's calendar, gives us four Sundays in Advent, and Christmas comes after Advent.

What To Expect During Advent

Advent Wreath/Advent Crown

This is a Christian tradition, and the wreath is made with assorted green leaves which signifies continuous life. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. The prickly leaves also signify and reminds us of the crown of thorns. The circle of the wreath symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Jesus Christ. Pinecones, nuts or seed pods used to decorate the wreath also symbolizes life and resurrection.

The Four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The tradition is that each week represents 1,000 years making 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the birth of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Out of the four candles, three are purple and one is rose, and the purple



candles symbolizes prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices, goods and work done at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday called Gaudete Sunday and, on this Sunday, the liturgical colour is rose. This third Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing because we have reached the mid-point of Advent. The light signifies Christ who is our light. In this modern era, a white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath which signifies Christ, and it is lit on Christmas eve.

(from <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-history-of-the-advent-wreath.html>)

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Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible. We are available on the above numbers 24/7.

Prayer focus

For a good Advent. That we may be focused on the coming of Jesus Christ and we may prepare our hearts and souls for His arrival in the stable.

Worship focus

Our Advent Course 'Holy Nudges' begins this Thursday at 10:30am (after Mass at 10am) in person, and online at 7:30pm. Details on the website.

This Sunday

Sunday 27th November

1st Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

11am - PCC Meeting

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year A(I)



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Keep in Touch Notices

There will be a PCC meeting this Sunday (27th) immediately after mass. All are invited. It will be quite a long meeting so lunch will be provided and we may even go as far as turning the heating on! The accounts for 2021 will be presented.

Advent & Christmas Dates:

Advent Course, Thursdays after mass (10:30am)
and online via zoom (7:30pm)

1/12, 8/12, 15/12, 22/12

5th December - Ecumenical Carols at the Golden Disk, 7pm

18th December - 9 Lessons and Carols, 6pm

24th December - Crib & Carols Service, 3pm

24th December - Midnight Mass, 11:30pm

25th December - Christmas Day Mass, 10am

You can set up regular giving by direct debit with Parish Giving by calling 0333 002 1271 and quoting our Parish Giving Code - 230 623 503 (or online via www.stanselm.co.uk/giving)

Years Mind

29th - Edith Rose Darbin, Violet Pegg, Sybille Irma Anna Kulas (2016)

30th - Cherpine Howell, Peter Kalsi (2017)

DECEMBER

1st - Edmund Francis Day

2nd - Albert Rever, Joseph Piggott

Pray This Week For

Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell, Beryl Higgs, Kevin Riley & Family, Norma Piggott, Gemma, Deborah Ann Potts, Margaret & Oliver Joseph, Adrian Calliste, Fr. John & family, Jim Kissane, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Tom, Julie, Dorothy Shirley Gordon. Elijah and his family, Jan Sutherland, Judy, Alan & Vida, Andrew, Sarah, Harrison Turner, Jan.

Monday 28th November

Monday of the 1st week of Advent ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 29th November

Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent ●

6pm - Evening Prayer & Mass

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 30th November

St Andrew, Apostle. Feast ●

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

12-2pm - Foodbank

6pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 1st December

Thursday of the 1st week of Advent ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 2nd December

Friday of the 1st week of Advent ●

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

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 3rd December

St. Francis Xavier, Priest ●

Church open for private prayer, offices said privately

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 27th November

2nd Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year A(I)

Confessions are heard by appointment
with Fr. Matthew or Fr. Josiah