

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

God

Is God

Last Wednesday at the food bank, after the volunteers and I helped to give some food out to families and individuals who came around, we sat at our usual place (The café area at the back of the church) waiting for those who came in while having tea and coffee. Although we were low on food, after some appeals, more people donated to make the day for the families and those who came to the food bank. Many exciting topics arise every time we sit down for a hot drink. This time, we had about five volunteers.

One of the volunteers asked a question I cannot remember the number of times I have been invited, "Why did you become a priest?" my first statement was "Do you have the time?". After giving some reasons, Lou asked a very probing question: Isaiah 55:8-9 was the answer: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.". For Lou, it is difficult to understand why God sometimes hides himself so wondrously, as though he does not see when things go wrong.

It may be that a friend, sibling, mum, dad, or even



you are going through some struggles, heartbreaks, or challenges that are shaking your faith considerably. Is the constant streaming of alarming news about acts of evil going on all over the world making you afraid and begging to ask, "Where is our God in whom we trust?". We must always know that God is God, and he knows best, and we must also understand that "...for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

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Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible.

Prayer focus

God should choose volunteers for the work in the church especially for the Boys' Brigade

Worship focus

For all those going through challenging and difficult times, and all those who care for the suffering.

This Sunday Sunday 4th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(II)

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Notices

St. Anselm will be launching Boys' Brigade, if you would like to know more or volunteer, please speak to Fr. Josiah, ladies and gentlemen can volunteer.

We are all reminded to bring back the palm crosses we received on Palm Sunday last year to make the ash for Ash Wednesday.

We are very low on food at the foodbank, all are welcome to donate.

The Torfaen Male Voice Choir will be with us for another concert on the 9th March. This is a great fundraiser for us – we raised over £500 the last two times they came. Save the date, tickets available soon. Tell everyone!

Please support the church generously through your giving at www.stanselm.co.uk/giving

Years Mind

- 5th - Eleanor Eades, Nellie Bennett, Maria Jones
- 7th - Elizabeth Ann Shackles, Jane Elizabeth Barnard, Lily Daniels, John Faithfull
- 8th - Beryl Colclough, Ada Mary Groves, Audrey Rymill
- 9th - Emily Godfrey, Len Pagram
- 10th - Edward Read, Johnson Gidharry
- 11th - Connie Foster, Alwin Zinkl, Jean Dack

Pray This Week For

Mavis & Daniel Sibley, June Boughton, Verity, Laura & her twins, Deborah Annabelle Potts, Susannah Mansa, Omeeta Dunrad, Elijah, Julie, Oliver Joseph, Linda, Carmen Artrey, Freya, Naveed, Cynthia, Danny, Peter Scotchford, Jenny, Michael Appleby, Peter and Iris Leatherbarrow, and Kalaiselvi

Monday 5th February

St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 6th February

SS Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyr ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: For all religious

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday of Week 5 in ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: For Charity

Thursday 8th February

Thursday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

7pm- Thursday Fun and Fellowship

Prayer focus: New Christians

Friday 9th February

Friday of Week 5 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 10th February

St. Scholastica, Virgin ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Sunday 11th February

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(II)