

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

The Vicar

Writes ...

For it is when I am weak that I am strong

First, let me thank all of you for the warm and friendly welcome you extended to me and Coleen at my collation and installation a couple of weeks ago. It was a lovely service, and a fitting start to my time among you.

In this week of the general election – and as I write this, I have no idea what the result will be – it’s appropriate that our second reading should include St Paul’s famous comment on the strength that comes only through what the world sees as weakness.

Lord Acton, a 19th century Roman Catholic politician and historian, wrote that *“power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”* Whoever has, on Sunday, turned

out to be our next Prime Minister will do well to remember this.

But it’s not just politicians who need to be mindful of power. And, indeed, it’s not just those with power on a grand scale who need to recognise the corrupting tendency that power always, and everywhere, brings with it. We probably all know, and have experienced, the tinpot dictatorships of big fish in small ponds!

To be installed as the vicar of a parish is hardly to have been vested with limitless power, yet priests are by no means immune to the dangers and temptations that even small-scale power can provoke.

Priests may not be immune from, but they should most certainly strive to be resistant to, these temptations since they are called to represent Jesus Christ not only at the altar, but in all their ministry. Jesus *“came not to be served but to serve”* and told his disciples that “whoever wants to be first



must be last of all and servant of all.”

As I begin my work in this parish, it is my fervent prayer that I will, with God’s grace, always be your servant and never your self-appointed bossy-boots. But if, heaven forbid, I should ever forget these good intentions, I hope you will all feel free to tell me so in no uncertain terms!

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

Prayer focus

For The Ministry of Fr. Stephen as he officially starts his role as Vicar in this Benefice

Worship focus

Our new Church Wardens will serve this Parish through the reliance on the Promptings and Direction of the Holy Spirit

This Sunday

Sunday 7th July

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (G)

10am -Parish Mass

Barbecue After Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(II)

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Notices

We are still appealing for support for the Foodbank, We currently need the following items: Tin Fish, Cereals, Long Life Milk, Sugar, Rice, Biscuits, Tea, Coffee etc.

Please be reminded that our Brigade will be launched in September, so please sign up for your child who is 4yrs Six Months Old up to 11yrs. Please take note that it is for both boys and girls. To register your child, please contact Fr. Josiah.

We will be updating the Prayer List at the end of the Month so please contact Susan if you want a name to be added.

We are grateful to all those who joined us at All Saint Hillingdon, for the Induction of our Church Wardens, Nicholas and Ruth.

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

Years Mind

- 7th - Margaret Canfield, Fr Ernest Hudson [priest],
Dame Magdalene (Mother Mary),
- 9th - Sidney Sadler
- 11th - Henry Fletcher, William Ramsay
- 12th - Robert Mothersole
- 13th - Edith Dale, Christine Elaine Mortimer

Pray This Week For

Mavis & Daniel Sibley, June Boughton, Verity, Laura & her twins, Debra Ann Potts, Linda, Jenny, Rob, Margaret, Chris Gomez, Freya, K, Gary, Silvy, Ruth, Ato, Omeeta Dunrad, Susaana Mansah, Frances Fenton, Mary, Tiziana Fiorillo, Lennard, Gloria Carr, Lou, Terence Campbell, Lillie Ann and Alki.

Monday 8th July

Monday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time (G)

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: St. Anselm Parish

Tuesday 9th July

Tuesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time (G)

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: For all religious

Wednesday 10th July

Wednesday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time (G)

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12pm - Angelus | 5pm - Evening Prayer

FOODBANK - 12pm - 2pm

Prayer focus: Priest and Bishops of the Society

Thursday 11th July

Saint Benedict, Abbot (G/W)

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: New Christians

Friday 12th July

Friday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time (G)

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12pm - Angelus and Rosary

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers and Fathers

Saturday 13th July

Saturday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time (G)

[Offices said Privately]

Prayer focus: Charity

Sunday 14th July

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (G)

10am -Parish Mass

Sunday School -11:30 - 12:30

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(II)

