

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

December 15th, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

In our gospel today, we continue the narrative of John the Baptist's ministry in the desert. John makes it clear to the crowds who've come out to listen to him that he is not the Messiah, the Christ, and indeed that he is a much less important person than the Christ will be – "the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." John also talks about the Messiah's mission in very colourful language: the Christ will separate the wheat from the chaff in a most uncompromising fashion.

The usual penitential rite will be replaced with the Asperges today.

Throughout Advent, in addition to the collect for the day (overleaf) the traditional collect for Advent will also be used. Here it is:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

Entrance Hymn: 77 The race that long in darkness pined

Offertory Hymn: 522 Love divine, all loves excelling

Recessional: 6 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

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THIS WEEK:

Monday 16th: 3rd week of Advent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

Tuesday 17th: *O Sapientia!* Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000. No Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th: *O Adonai!* Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700. Warm Welcome Centre in the hall 1100-1400. All welcome!

Thursday 19th: *O radix lesse!* Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

Friday 20th: *O radix David!* Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

Saturday 14th: *O Oriens!* No services in church

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 2nd December: 4th Sunday of Advent. *O Rex gentium!* Mass at 1000 as usual. After mass there will be mince pies and mulled wine!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

24th December: Children's Crib Service at 1500

24th December: *Midnight Mass* at 2330

25th December: Family Mass at 1000

26th December: *St Stephen, First Martyr. Mass* at 1000

27th December: *St John, Apostle and Evangelist. Mass* at 1000

28th December: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. Mass* at 1000

1st January 2025: *Mary the Holy Mother of God. Mass* at 1100

5th January 2025: *Epiphany of the Lord. Mass* at 1000 and *Nine Lessons and Carols* at 1600

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

If you wish a name to be on the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

15th: Kathleen Collins, Terry Hamatton

16th: Doris Evans

17th: Olive Castle

18th: Derek Cawston, Mary Lane

19th: Margaret Hemmings

20th: John Houston, David George Loyns

21st: Annie Bryant, Emile Charles Leopald Van Lear, Ernest Jones

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. Come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During November, our income was £961.46, but our outgoings were £1,139.78. We must do better than this! Please consider if you are able to increase your contributions to the church, or to set up a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already do so.

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JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!