

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Not wanted.

There's no room at the inn.

Over the last few weeks I've been involved with several zoom video conferences about the plight of the refugees stuck in London.

In usual circumstances refugees arrive at the port (in this case Heathrow) and are housed in temporary accommodation (generally B&Bs) before being re-located to a more permanent home elsewhere in the country.

Since the start of the COVID outbreak and the subsequent lockdowns people have been trapped in B&Bs, temporary accommodation and now 'contingency hotels'. There are currently the better part of 3000 people housed in these

places in North West London alone.

It's hard not to draw a parallel with the nativity story and wondering what it must feel like to not be wanted. In North West London there are not enough school places, not enough give in the health system and not enough food, clothing and other essentials to go around.

Several charities have been doing their best to support the refugees but things are starting to break. People are going hungry, they are wearing their only set of clothes and they are isolated and alone.

We at St. Anselm can reach out of these people in the coming weeks of Advent. Indeed - it is a Gospel demand that we do



so. I'll be asking you for specific things (clothing, shoes, toys) next week to take to hotels near us. I'll be asking churches near other centres housing refugees to do the same and I know - without a shadow of a doubt - that our community will rally and that there won't be a single child who doesn't get a present this Christmas, who goes hungry, who feels alone and not wanted.

Fr. Matthew

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Please let Fr. Matthew know of illness or other need as soon as possible. He is available on the above number 24/7.

Prayer focus

The 2900+ refugees stuck in very temporary accommodation across London as COVID blocks their move to other more permanent homes.

Worship focus

We celebrate a very High Day in the calendar of Our Lady on Tuesday. A High Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, do try to come along.

This Sunday

Sunday 6th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00am - Parish Mass

11:15am - PCC Meeting

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

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Notices

The children's Christmas card's are now available to buy in church. They are £6 a pack of 12 (very reasonable!). You can pay in cash in church or via PayPal / Bank Transfer (ask Fr. Matthew for the details).

Please keep hold of your stamps for the RNIB Christmas Campaign, a box will soon appear in church to collect them. Please ask Susan Chick for details.

Years Mind

6th December - Dorothy Gargini, Catherine Diane Bowler

7th December - Joseph Christopher de Sousa, Kenneth Sibley (2017)

8th December - Emma Charlton, Harriet Harris, Hazel Audrey Keen, Robert Elliot

9th December - Mary Pinto, Ivy Florence Wickes, Sydney Keen (2010), Michelle Stevens (2018)

10th December - Leslie Ian Sillett, Caroline Elizabeth Botley, Ethel Schemel

11th December - Amy de Sousa

12th December - Eric Rackley

Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Sally, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Ash, Margo & her family, Margery, Annie Foo, On Yin Chang, Rene Holman, June Bougton, Roy Browne, Russell Hardy, Verity Thompson.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 7th December

Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

5:15pm - Confessions [or by appointment]

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 9th December

Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank Collection

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 10th December

Thursday of the 2nd Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer

10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 11th December

Friday of the 2nd Week of Advent

9am - Morning Prayer & Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 12th December

Of Our Lady

Offices said at home privately

[Fr. Matthew's rest day]

Prayer focus: The sick

Sunday 13th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(I)