

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### Here I am.

Speak Lord your servant is listening.

Our first reading this Sunday tells us of Samuel. A Prophet of God who was a little reluctant to hear the voice of God.

When God called him, 'Samuel!' he thought his master was calling him - Eli.

Three times God calls him - 'Samuel, Samuel!' and three times he goes to Eli and says 'Here I am!'

The third time Eli sees what is going on and tells him to lie down and if he is called again to say 'speak, for your servant is listening'. So Samuel does as he is told and listens.

God calls him once more 'Samuel, Samuel!' and Samuel answered, 'speak Lord, your servant is listening'.



Scripture tells us that Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him - and he let no word of his 'fall to the ground'.

How often does God call out to people we know and they fail to understand what is happening? How often have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in friends life and they've not seen it for what it is?

Perhaps, quite understandably, they're so

pre-occupied with the world around them that they fail to grasp the enormity of what is happening.

Sometimes we have to be like Eli and take our friend's hand and say to them;

"Listen! God is calling to you. Next time it happens whisper back 'Lord, your servant is listening' and see what He has to say to you."

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

For all of those suffering from the virus - and all of those who are struggling with anxiety about it.

For all to hear the voice of God in their lives.

### Worship focus

Come to daily mass if you feel that Sunday may be a little bit much.

There are very few of us, very well spaced out.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 17th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(I)

## Keep in Touch



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## Notices

We continue to pay very close attention to the latest guidelines and advice about keeping our church open. There is lots of evidence showing how safe churches are and we look forward to seeing you in person, or if you choose - virtually for the moment. Do consider coming to mass during the week if you are concerned there may be too many people on a Sunday.

Please keep hold of your stamps for the RNIB Christmas Campaign, a box will soon appear in church.

Don't forget to consider setting up regular giving with the Parish Giving Scheme. Call 0333 002 1271 with your bank details to hand and quote our Parish Code - 230 623 503

## Years Mind

17th January - Olive Hudson, Alan Ernest Hurst

18th January - William Duckitt, Damien Grove,  
George Challis

19th January - Robert Arthur Botley, Daphne de Gale

21st January - Violet Hall, Edward George Peverall  
David Cox

23rd January - Kathleen Robinson, Bob Hemmings

## Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Margo & her family, Margery, Annie Foo, On Yin Chang, Rene Holman, June Bougton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Mary, Ivor, Maxine & Megan.

## This week at St. Anselm

### Monday 18th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

### Tuesday 19th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Jonathan and parishes of The Society

### Wednesday 20th January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Midday - 2pm - Foodbank

5pm - Evening Prayer

& Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

### Thursday 21st January

*Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr*

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

11am - Refugee Support Group

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

### Friday 22nd January

Feria

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

### Saturday 23rd January

Feria

Offices said privately, no public Mass.

Prayer focus: Families

### Sunday 24th January

Sunday of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in OT)

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(I)

[During the national lockdown Confessions will only be heard by appointment. Please contact Fr. Matthew.]