

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Happy Birthday!

to St. John the Baptist.

Did you know that in the church calendar we only celebrate three birthdays?

Jesus (we all know that one), Mary (clearly a case of a bit of birthday bash) and... John the Baptist.

Jesus and Mary are obvious choices - but why on earth do we celebrate the birthday of St. John the Baptist? Surely it would make more sense to celebrate his death (as we do with the other saints?)

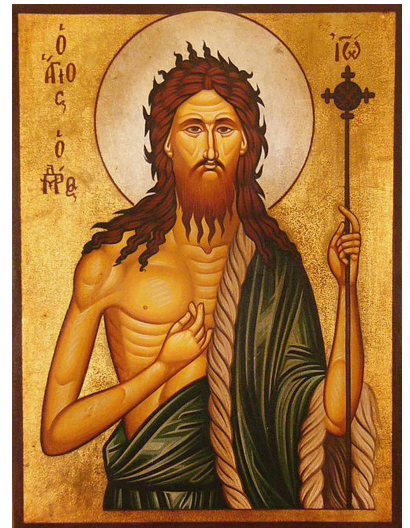
The reason is amazing - it's because whilst he was in his mother's womb he encountered Jesus.

The encounter with Jesus was so great that he leapt for joy, which must have come as quite a surprise for his mother!

In the catholic church we believe that in this moment - in this encounter - his original sin was washed away and that he came into this life without that stain.

This early encounter with Jesus had the same effect for him in the womb as baptism would have had after he was born. It wiped away his sin so that from the day of his birth until the day of his death he was united with God - he was - from the moment of his birth - holy.

What was that holiness? It was his ability and mission to point to Jesus in all things. He prepared for the coming of Jesus by retreating the desert and living on honey and locusts, he recognised Jesus in the flesh and baptised Him, he gave us



one of the greatest sayings of all history... one of the greatest lessons in how to follow Jesus,

'He must increase, I must decrease.'

He tells us, 'Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!'

So this week let's think about how we can decrease so that He can increase.

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

How can I be less so that God can be more?

How can I decrease so that God may increase?

Worship focus

A special sung mass for the birthday of St. John the Baptist on Thursday evening at 6pm

(evening prayer at 5:45pm)

This Sunday

Sunday 20th June

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10:00am - Parish Mass for Fathers

11:15am - A special after service tea & coffee to say thank you to our fathers.

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

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Notices

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the tea & coffee rota (Ruth) and the reading rota (Susan). There are still some places to fill so please do say hello and get signed up

The Rosary Mission in the parish will run from the 4th July to the 18th July (when the Bishop will join us). Planning is now well under way and if you have an idea of how you could contribute please speak to Fr. Matthew

There will be a sung mass on Thursday evening (no services in the morning) for the birthday of St. John the Baptist.

We welcome a new church into the church hall on Sunday afternoons as they seek Gods call in their lives. If you see them (2-4pm) please do say hello and wish them well.

Help fund an organist - please 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 or visit our website www.stanselm.co.uk/giving

Years Mind

20th June - Sheila Margaret Mills, John Harrowell

24th June - May Hackett

25th June - Thomas Fever, William Fletcher

Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Sr. Angela, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, Rene Holman, June Bougton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Ivor, Maxine & Megan, Gary Saville, Anthony & Greta.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 21st June

Monday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 22nd June

Ss. John Fisher & Thomas more, Martyrs - Feast ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: +Jonathan and parishes of The Society

Wednesday 23rd June

Wednesday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

12pm-2pm - Foodbank

6pm - Evening Prayer with Rosary

Prayer focus: Foodbank users

Thursday 24th June

The Birthday of St. John the Baptist ●

5:45pm - Evening Prayer

6pm - Sung Mass

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 25th June

Friday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: The sick

Saturday 26th June

Saturday of week 11 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Families

Sunday 27th June

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10:00am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(I)

Confession is available on Tuesday evenings after Evening Prayer or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Matthew for details.