

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Heroes

Facing darkness

We can often think that the Saints are so far removed from our lives. They are heroes from a remote time, from a different place, from a different reality.

Yes, they have lots to teach us, but their heroic sacrifices and displays of faith are simply too lost in the mist of time to be relevant to us today.

In thinking this we miss the modern Saints. Those who have come before us whose shining example of faith and love will leave us floored and crying.

We have two such Saints to consider this week. St. Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Both these amazing people are not remote to us - they are very real - both being deeply involved with events in

the 20th Century. Saints we have photos and videos of. Saints we can see and almost touch.

St. Benedica was a Christian convert from a large Jewish family in Poland. She became a nun in the Carmel Order and given the political situation in Germany at the time she was moved to a convent in Holland.

When the Nazis invaded Holland she, along with her sister, was arrested and sent to Auschwitz where she died in 1942.

St. Maximilian also found himself at Auschwitz. Also from Poland he was ordained Priest in 1918 and set about promoting dedication to Our Lady in that country. He founded monasteries in Japan and India and when war came to Poland he staid to open



a hospital. He was arrested because he would not surrender to the German authorities and their ideals.

He ultimately gave his life in the place of a Jewish man with a family. He died a slow painful death in place of another.

These stories are real, they are not remote. They inspire us to be heroes in our day.

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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

Those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. Those who are imprisoned and killed for doing the right thing and the right time.

Worship focus

Fr. John Mothersole's Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday morning at 10am and will be taken by Bishop Michael Colclough.

This Sunday

Sunday 8th August

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

3pm - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(I)

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Notices

Thank you to Fr. Nigel Palmer for covering the mass last Sunday, he did a wonderful job and we look forward to welcoming him here again soon.

On Tuesday evening we will be welcoming Fr. John Mothersole back into the church he loved so much. His body will be received at Evening Prayer and will lie in church overnight. His funeral mass will be at 10am on Wednesday morning and will be taken by Bishop Michal Colclough. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall.

Congratulations to the bric-a-brac team with another wonderful Saturday morning and £30 raised for church funds! Thank you all for your sterling effort and hard work. It's wonderful to have the church open on Saturdays. The next sale will be on August 29th.

Next Sunday is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To celebrate this most special of days there will be extra treats (fizzy treats!) after Parish Mass and also Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6pm. Do consider inviting a friend along.

Years Mind

8th August - Ernest Clapton, Geoffrey Mothersole,
Joseph Kilminster

13th August - Annie Mendham, David Morgan Ellis

14th August - Clarence Wicks

And for the soul of Shirley Hammond

Pray This Week For

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

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 9th August

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) - Feast ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The dead

Tuesday 10th August

St. Laurence, Deacon - Feast ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Reception of Fr. John Mothersole

Prayer focus: The sick

Wednesday 11th August

St. Clare, Virgin ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer |

10am - Funeral Mass for Fr. John Mothersole

12pm-2pm - Foodbank

6pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Our online family

Thursday 12th August

Feria ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 13th August

Feria ●

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

Prayer focus: All mothers

Saturday 14th August

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: +Jonathan and all parishes of The Society

Sunday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ●

10am - Parish Mass

6pm - Evening Prayer, Benediction

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(I)

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