

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Gaudete Sunday.

Joy.

The third Sunday in Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete simply means 'rejoice'.

It's taken from the latin introit for the day's Mass:

'Gaudete in Domino semper'

Or in English:

'Rejoice in the Lord always'

And so today we look at what we have to rejoice about. We have spent the last two weeks examining ourselves ahead of the coming of Jesus Christ.

We have received difficult news about COVID restrictions. We have peered into the dark ahead of the coming of The Light - so today - we lift our heads and remind ourselves that the coming of

Jesus Christ is something that we rejoice about.

The introit for the Mass continues:

'Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God'

Today we try to take our anxiety and we hand it over to God and in doing so we find a peace that only He can give us.

In that peace we discover the joy of loving God and in that joy - that gift - we should rejoice!

Sometimes it's hard to find that peace and when it is



difficult we must give God everything in prayer - and in opening ourselves to God in prayer we are changed.

That is the power of prayer, not that God changes the world for us, but that we are changed to be more like God.

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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 those making their Advent Confessions.

Have you booked yours?

Worship focus

Come and sing with the choir 1-3pm on Saturday at 'Carols for Shoppers' and encourage people to come to church over Christmas.

This Sunday

Sunday 12th December

3rd Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year C(II)

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Notices

This is your last chance to re-register for Gift Envelopes - even if you already have one. Sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact David Couling (number on the front of the pew sheet).

We're singing carols for the Christmas shoppers on Saturday 18th December outside church (and inside there will be mince pies & mulled wine). We hope to encourage people to come to church over Christmas through our welcome and love.

Don't forget to book a time to make your Advent confession. Fr. Matthew hears confessions after Evening Prayer on Tuesdays or by appointment.

Years Mind

12th December - Eric Rackley

13th December - Frederick Eades, Ellen Louisa Howse

14th December - Jane & John Hartley, Nora Simmonds,
Fr Albert Thomas Phyll (Vicar St Anselm's 1944-75)

15th December - Kathleen Collins, Terry Hamatton

16th December - Doris Evans

17th December - Olive Castle

18th December - Derek Cawston, Mary Lane

Pray This Week For

The Sisters at Walsingham, Yolande DeGale, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, Rene Holman, June Bougton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley, Wayne Campbell, Ivor, Maxine & Megan, Gary Saville, Anthony & Greta, David Millard, Caroline, Debbie Potts, H & Family, Huw and Val Jones, Pauline Wheeler, Simone, Helen & Nick, Tasmin, Gleta & Family, Cynthia.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 13th December

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am

10:30am - Parent and Toddler Group in Church Hall

Evening Prayer 6pm

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 14th December

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | High Mass 10am

Evening Prayer 6pm

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 15th December

Wednesday of the 3rd week of Advent ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | High Mass 10am

12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Shop

Evening Prayer & Rosary 6pm

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 16th December

Thursday of the 3rd week of Advent ●

Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am

Evening Prayer 6pm

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 17th December

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Morning Prayer 9:45 | Mass 10am

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 18th December

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[Offices said privately]

Carols for Shoppers - 1-3pm

Prayer focus: Souls of those torn from the womb

Sunday 19th December

4th Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year C(II)

Confessions are heard on Tuesday evening after Evening Prayer, or by appointment with Fr. Matthew