

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Shrove Tuesday,

why must we be shriven?

We start lent by being shriven of our sins. It is a moment of weakness and as St. Paul tells us, ‘..when I am weak, then I am strong’. (2 Cor’ 12:10)

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our fragility gives us strength. Our willingness to expose our ugly sins to Christ, renews us.

Reconciliation is the sacrament of love and of mercy, it is a moment to die to sin and to our own desires that we may know Christ better, that we may be more open to what He calls us to in this world.



I know that it can be hard to come to confession - especially if you have never been before.

But we are not called to the easy things, we are not called to get caught up in our own feelings, we are called to trust in God and in His infinite mercy and love.

I understand that some of you may find it difficult to come to me and express your sins - but please do

know and be assured that the seal of the confession is absolute. You will find your parish priest in jail long before I would ever break the seal - to anyone for any reason.

I hope this reassurance will encourage more of you to come to confession this Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) and to start lent as you mean to go on.

Fr. Matthew

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

Prayer focus

As we start lent pray for forgiveness of your sins, pray that you may be shriven of them as you prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Worship focus

Ash Wednesday is a special and Holy Day. There are two opportunities to come to mass and receive the blessing of ash.

This Sunday

Sunday 27th February ●

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year C(II)

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Notices

A Welsh Celebration Concert on Saturday night will really be a great last blast before Lent - tickets will be available on the door for £5.

Our Lent Course - Holy Habits - will start on March 17th. More details on the website - www.stanselm.co.uk/lent

On Ash Wednesday there will be two opportunities to come to Mass - please make a special effort to get to one of them.

On Shrove Tuesday I will be hearing lent confessions, please book a time or just come to Evening Prayer.

We'll be renewing the Prayer list with a new list for next Sunday. If you would like to remain on the list, or if there is someone you would like to add please speak to Susan.

Years Mind

27th - John George Harris

28th - William Bayley, Freda Irene Boddy

2nd March - Freda Simson, Gertrude Sarrell, Nellie Lipscombe,
Winifred Hamatton

3rd - Joan Middleton, Jack Middleton, Hannah Middleton,
Peter Robert Botley

4th - June Rosalie Harper

Pray This Week For

Yolande DeGale, Helen Holman, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott,
Rene Holman, June Boughton, Verity Thompson, Daniel Sibley,
Wayne Campbell, Ivor, Maxine & Megan, Anthony & Greta,
Debbie Potts, H & Family, Pauline Wheeler, Simone, Helen & Nick,
Gleta & Family, Helen & Beth, Ken Webb, Sarah Thomas,
Kevin Riley & Family, Gemma, Mavis Sibley, David & Pauline Job,
Georgina Burstow, Val Jones, Fr. John Metivier & Family.

This week at St. Anselm

Monday 28th February

Feria ●

10:30 - 1pm - Parent & Toddler Group

6pm - Evening Prayer followed by Mass

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 1st March

St. David, Feast ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

6:15pm - Lent Confessions Heard

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday ●

9:45am - Morning Prayer

10am - Mass with Ashing

12pm-2pm - Foodbank & One Stop Help

5:45pm - Evening Prayer

6pm - Mass with Ashing

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday after Ash Wednesday ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 4th March

Friday after Ash Wednesday ●

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

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 5th March

Saturday after Ash Wednesday ●

Offices said privately

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 6th March ●

1st Sunday of Lent

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year C(II)