

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### St. Monica

Sometimes praying for one person to come to know Jesus is the most powerful prayer there is.

As I sit to write this weeks newsletter we celebrate the life and work of St. Monica. She is one of the lesser know saints - which is a huge shame because the example of her life and her prayers are vital to our understanding of what being a christian is all about.

She was born in Africa to a Christian family and married quite young to non-Christian family. She retained her faith and had several children. One of those children was called Augustine.

Augustine was a very intelligent child, but as he grew his morals came more from his father than his mother. He was... shall we say... wayward.

Monica watched her son and cried for him. Through those tears she prayed that her son would come to know Jesus and would leave his wayward life behind.

She didn't just pray for a short while. She didn't pray for him during lent or advent. She didn't offer a novena for him. She prayed for him each and every day, several times a day every day of his life.

Shortly before she died Augustine came to her and offered himself to Jesus. He converted to Christianity on her



deathbed and in that moment her prayers were answered.

Thanks to her unceasing prayer for the conversion of one man The Church was given one of its greatest thinkers, theologians and apologists. Without her love for her son and her faith in prayer we would be so much poorer.

Who are you praying for?

Fr. Matthew.

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*Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible. He is available*

### Prayer focus

For those people we know whose hearts are closed to Jesus and can not hear His call and Love.

That their hearts are opened and the come to Him in Love & Faith.

### Worship focus

Our weekly Wednesday mass is a focal point of the week.

Remember to say the Our Father every morning and evening.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 28th August

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year C(II)

## Keep in Touch



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## Notices

Thanks to everyone who helped with the parish BBQ. We had a lovely afternoon with much food consumed, much conversation, and lots of fun. We're looking forward to the next one, perhaps a harvest supper?

The prayer list will be refreshed for next Sunday. If you'd like someone to stay on the list or someone you'd like to add, please speak to Susan.

We are very short of plastic bags / paper bags for the foodbank. Can you please bring some in on Sunday. Thank you.

**2nd October at 4pm** - we will be licensing and commissioning Fr. Josiah into St. Anselm at a special service of Evening Prayer & Benediction with Bishop Jonathan. I'd like to throw a huge party for him afterwards - can you please let me know if you'd like to help organise it - it would be great to have a huge spread and make him and his family feel really really welcome.

We continue in our light August model as we take a breath ahead of a new term next week. We'll return to the normal timetable next week alongside the standard streaming schedule.

## Years Mind

28th - Robert Troughton Jackson, Brian Ronald Young Lewis

29th - Mary Ellen Jones

SEPTEMBER

1st - Albert Mills

2nd - Alice Bacon, Amelia Tansley

3rd - Nellie Robbins

## Pray This Week For

Helen Holman, Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell,  
Anthony, Beryl Higgs, Norma Piggott, H & family,  
Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Kevin Riley & Family, Pauline Job, Gemma, Val Jones, Fr John Metivier & Family, Rita Ford, Fr Michael Bedford, Simone, Helen & Beth, Adrian Calliste, Christopher, Margaret Joseph and her husband Oliver, Deborah Ann Potts.

## Monday 29th August

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Our online family

## Tuesday 30th August

Tuesday of week 22 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

## Wednesday 31st August

Wednesday of week 22 in Ordinary Time ●

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

12-2pm - Foodbank

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

## Thursday 1st September

Thursday of week 22 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

## Friday 2nd September

Friday of week 22 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

## Saturday 3rd September

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor - Feast ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Children around the world

## Sunday 4th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year C(II)

Confessions are heard by appointment with Fr. Matthew