

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Baptism, *renewed.*

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It celebrates the moment that Jesus was baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist and what many call the start of his adult and public ministry in the world.

It is a moment of affirmation of who He is - as he comes up from the water the heavens open and a voice speaks,

‘This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.’ (Matthew 3,17)

There is no question here about who Jesus is - the Son of God - and we see

one of the clearest depictions of the Holy Spirit in Scripture.

God the father in voice from heaven, God the holy spirit descending as a dove and God the son in the person of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate this moment each year, as Christmas moves into Epiphany, as a stark reminder that we are called to go out in the world as Jesus did and are empowered to do so through our baptisms.

Our baptisms are not just a one-off event that we may or may not remember.

They are not just a day in the diary that our Godparents send us a card - or it we're lucky a present, to remember that special day.



They are not just an excuse for a party!

They are the moment that we are given everything we need to in our lives to serve God.

They are the moment that we are made ready to proclaim His Gospel to the world.

And every time we do... there is a voice from heaven proclaiming His favour on us.

Pray for the strength to step out in His name and proclaim Him anew.

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Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible. We are

Prayer focus

For people to sign up and come to our Alpha course starting on the 19th January.

www.stanselm.co.uk/alpha

Worship focus

Rosary is back on Wednesday evenings. It's a wonderful point in the week to come for peace and calm. 20 minutes of prayer and focus on God.

This Sunday

Sunday 8th January

The Baptism of the Lord, Feast ●

10am - Parish Mass

with guest preacher, The Ven. Catherine Pickford,
Archdeacon of Northolt.

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year A(I)

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Notices

Alpha starts next week! (19th Jan) If you're interested, or know someone who you think may be close to becoming Christian, given them a flyer or point them to our website at www.stanslem.co.uk/alpha

You'll have noticed our new coffee bike is now in place alongside our new cafe area. We'll be advertising shortly for somebody to come and run the cafe on our behalf for a set daily fee - if you know of anyone who may be interested please speak to Fr. Matthew.

Fr. Josiah is organising our first family mass at the end of this month. If your child would like to take part, please speak to him. We're very keen for children to lead the readings and the prayers - we have much to learn from them!

Parent and toddler group will return in January, details to be confirmed but look out for posters and leaflets to share.

Sunday School also makes a comeback from the first Sunday in February.

Our foodbank has been severely depleted by a significant rise in use over the new year. Please, please, please consider bringing some tins of meat, veg and pasta / rice to church.

Years Mind

8th - John McKie

11th - Tony Bernard

13th - Bill Keyte

14th - Violet Hall

Pray for the souls of Frank Adams & Stephanie Hansen.

Pray This Week For

Yolanda De Gale, Wayne Campbell, Beryl Higgs, Kevin Riley & Family, Norma Piggott, Gemma, Deborah Ann Potts, Adrian Calliste, Jim Kissane, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Desmond, Dorothy Shirley Gordon, Alan & Vida, Elijah and his family, Andrew, Sarah, Harrison Turner, Jan.

Monday 9th January

Monday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 10th January

Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 11th January

Wednesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 12th January

Thursday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Persecuted Christians

Friday 13th January

Friday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

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

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 14th January

Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary ●

[Offices said privately at home]

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 15th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year A(I)

Confessions are heard by appointment
with Fr. Matthew or Fr. Josiah