

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### Passiontide.

*The final two weeks.*

This Sunday is called Passion Sunday and it marks the start of the last two weeks of Lent.

This is a very special time within our church calendar and is marked by the veiling of the statues, icons and crosses in church.

It marks the two weeks before Christ's Passion and our liturgy at morning prayer and evening prayer shifts to recognise this starker last period of lent.

It is in this time that the darkness feels greatest, we know what is to come on

Good Friday and we know the events of the next two weeks only too well.

In the old lectionary (our diary of readings) the readings for this Sunday focused on the eighth chapter of John - where Jesus is accused of blasphemy and even possession and where people started to reach for stones to throw at him.

"So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple." John 8:59

Just as Jesus hid himself He is now hidden in church behind veils and covers.

His images and statues are taken away and perhaps we find ourselves holding stones ready to throw.

In these final weeks of lent we are called to see the



stones we are carrying and to recognise where we were planning to throw them.

We are called to examine ourselves in the starkness of the darkness ahead.

It is in that examination and that darkness that we will most clearly see the coming glory and bright light that is Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Matthew

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*Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible. We are available on the above numbers 24/7.*

### Prayer focus

For those coming to the end of the Alpha Course, that in discovering Jesus they may now be baptised.

### Worship focus

Come to Morning and Evening Prayer as much as you can this week to immerse yourself in the readings of Passiontide.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 26th March

5th Sunday of Lent ●

9am - Confessions

10am - Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year A(I)*

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## Notices

**Next Sunday children are invited to come and help build the Easter Garden in the Lady Chapel. It'll be a hands-on activity where we re-create the garden of gethsemane, calvary and the tomb. The garden will form the centre piece of the altar of repose over Easter.**

During Lent there will be a Priest available for confessions for an hour before each mass. Make your way to the statue of Jesus and the Priest will hear your confession or will help you make your first confession.

**It's Palm Sunday next week so don't be late for Mass - we'll start our procession outside at 10am and you'll be able to receive your blessed palms to take home.**

From the 30th April we'll be launching a new Evening Prayer & Benediction service on the last Sunday of each month at 6pm.

**Julie, Susan and Fr. Josiah are advancing plans for a new Sunday afternoon children's service and club - 4pm to 6pm on the last Sunday of each month. The first service will be on the 30th April. If you'd like to be involved, please speak to Fr. Josiah.**

## Years Mind

24th - William Henry Smith, John Livy, Eileen Jones  
Derek Holman

25th - Kath Mark

26th - Fr. Clive Pearce, George Richard Hearne

27th - Fr. Anthony Burge, Betty Patricia Hodgkins

28th - Ivy Bailey, Indra Hinds, Betty Patricia Hodgkins

29th - Henry Hawkins

30th - Charles Channon, Freddie Wilson

## Pray This Week For

Wayne Campbell, Kevin Riley & family, Norma Piggott, Gemma, Mark, Deborah Ann Potts, Chantal & baby Wynter-Rose Calliste-Jimu, Adrian Calliste, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, Rene Holman, Desmond DeGale.

## Monday 27th March

Monday of 5th week of Lent ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: Our online family*

## Tuesday 28th March

Tuesday of 5th week of Lent ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England*

## Wednesday 29th March

Wednesday of 5th week of Lent ●

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

12pm - 2pm - Foodbank

6pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

*Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society*

## Thursday 30th March

Thursday of the 5th week of Lent ●

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

6pm - Evening Prayer

7:30pm - Alpha Course ([www.stanselm.co.uk/alpha](http://www.stanselm.co.uk/alpha))

*Prayer focus: New Christians*

## Friday 31st March

Friday of the 5th week of Lent ●

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

*Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers*

## Saturday 1st April

Friday of the 5th week of Lent ●

[Offices said privately]

*Prayer focus: Children around the world*

## Sunday 2nd April

Palm Sunday ●

9am - Confessions

10am - Parish Mass

3pm-4pm - Easter Children's Activity

(building the Easter Garden)

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year A(I)*