

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Light,

before and after the darkness.

Palm Sunday has always struck me as a delightful and fun day. I can so easily get caught up in the expectation and the joy of the people of Jerusalem as Jesus enters the city.

I can see and hear the children as they run to meet him. This great teacher, this man who is God, Jesus who has given us so many signs and such wonderful love.

The noise, the smells, the hands held high waving palm branches crying out 'Hosanna in the highest!'

But in the midst of that joy there is a deep darkness. It is harder for us to experience fully the joy of the people of Jerusalem because know the story, we know what comes next.

We know the agony that awaits Jesus and his disciples.

We know the darkness of the garden at Gethsemane (where we will join the Disciples in their Watch on Maundy Thursday).

We know the pain of the arrest and His condemnation. His struggle to carry the cross, His falls, the reversal of the joy of the crowds to jeers, hatred and spittle.

Palm Sunday marks the start of that journey of darkness.



It also, and this is the vital part of the story, marks the start of the journey towards the light.

We KNOW that Jesus will come again, that He will rise three days later, that He will save us all - and in that joy we share a large part.

This week, accept and see the darkness... then let the light destroy it utterly.

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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 all of those who have found Jesus in through the power of the Holy Spirit at the Alpha Course and who will be baptised over Easter.

Worship focus

The high point of Holy Week is the first mass of easter on Saturday night at 8pm. It's the high point of the Christian year and you should make every effort to attend.

This Sunday

Sunday 2nd April

Palm Sunday ●

9am - Confessions

10am - Parish Mass with procession

3pm-4pm - Easter Children's Activity

(building the Easter Garden)

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year A(I)

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Notices

On Palm 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 Holy Week 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.

Don't be late for mass this week! We start at 10am outside church and bless the palms, before processing to the altar.

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

2nd - Albert Rogers

4th - Cyril Henry Moore, Harry Miller, Elaine Wilkins, Kingston Murray

5th - Freddie Fiddler

6th - Charles Force

7th - Fr O. Griffiths

8th - Edward Baverstock, Joan Neighbour

and the Soul of Fr Colin Mattock

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, Fr. Robert Church & his family.

Monday 3rd April

Monday of Holy Week ●

7pm - Confessions

7:30pm - High Mass

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 4th April

Tuesday of Holy Week ●

7pm - Confessions

7:30pm - High Mass

Prayer focus: The evangelisation of England

Wednesday 5th April

Wednesday of Holy Week ●

3pm - Stations of the Cross

7pm - Confessions

7:30pm - High Mass

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 6th April

Maundy Thursday ●

8pm - High Mass of the Lord's Supper

*with washing of feet, stripping of the altars
and Watch until Midnight.*

Prayer focus: New Christians

Friday 7th April

Good Friday ●

11am - Walk of Witness in Hayes Town

Meet at the Roman Catholic Church

3pm - The Liturgy of the Passion

With veneration of The Cross

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 8th April

Holy Saturday ●

8pm - The Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter

THE GREATEST CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Prayer focus: Children around the world

Sunday 9th April

Easter Sunday ●

10am - Easter Sunday Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year A(I)