

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Praying for the dead,

what's the point?

Some will tell you that praying for the dead is simply an exercise in futility. The person you are praying for is already dead, they've lived their life and presumably made their own decisions about that life, their actions and most importantly – their faith in Jesus Christ. What more can we do now they are gone?

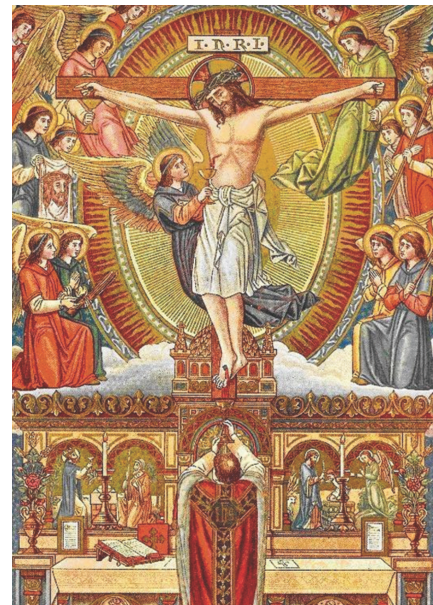
The simple truth is that we know God is merciful. In multiple parts of scripture we have seen how His heart has been turned towards mercy by the intercession of those who love Him. Who have called

out to Him and asked him to be merciful.

We know that God does not work on our timetable. The fact that someone we know and love is dead and gone in this world, doesn't mean they are dead and gone in the life of eternity. Our prayers reach God and He can easily put a new thought or direction in front of the person we are praying about.

Finally, our prayers comfort us here in this life. Praying for my Grandmother brings me peace and comfort – I know my prayers are heard and I pray that my Grandmother is now amongst the company of heaven – surrounded by all the saints and angels – and in turn I know that she will pray for me.

When we are at the altar we are surrounded by the whole company of heaven – angels and saints unite



around us as we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

If you could see that whole company of heaven surrounding the altar, if you could feel their presence, if you could hear their prayers – oh what a wonder it would be!

Pray for the dead, pray for your loved ones. Be at peace.

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

Prayer focus

For the souls of all those who have died before us and now sit in the firmament of Heaven.

Worship focus

The All Saints High Sung Mass is at 6pm on Wednesday and All Souls is at 10am on Thursday. These are perfect times to come and pray for the saints and dead.

This Sunday

Sunday 29th October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year A(I)

Notices



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There are lots of changes to the usual schedule this week due to Half Term and the solemnity of All Saints and the importance of the All Souls service. Please take a look!

No Sunday School this week as we are in Half Term.

No Thursday Fun & Fellowship this week due to Half Term.

The Christmas Tree and Town Lights turn on will once again take place at St. Anselm, this year on the 16th November at 4pm with a joint primary schools choir concert and the switch on at 4:30pm. The mayor will be with us once again.

Please sign up for Parish Giving (which is a wonderful way to support St. Anselm and helps us claim more money from the government) Go to www.stanselm.co.uk/giving or call the Parish Giving Team directly on 0333 002 1271 quoting our parish number, which is: 230 623 503.

Years Mind

30th - Fr James Bromley Bourne

31st - Sr Frances Mary

NOVEMBER

1st - Cordelia Sagay

2nd - Fr Edgar Bailey [priest], Louisa Santa Maria

3rd - Arthur William Bacon, Bessie Donald, Michael Spry

4th - Ambrozine Mayers, Ethel Dean

Pray This Week For

Wayne Campbell, Norma Piggott, Gemma, Deborah Ann Potts, Julie and her Mother, Mavis and Daniel Sibley, Susannah Mansa, J, Atlantik and family, Desmond and Yolande DeGale, C, Oliver Joseph, Nadifah, Omeeta Dunrad, Raj, Raman, June Boughton, Elijah, Josiah JR.

Monday 30th October

Monday of week 30 in Ordinary Time ●

[offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 31st October

Tuesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time ●

[offices said privately]

Prayer focus: For all religious

Wednesday 1st November

All Saints - Solemnity ●

NHS Drop In - 12pm - 3pm

6pm - High Sung Mass

NO FOODBANK TODAY

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 2nd November

All Souls ●

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

Prayer focus: The Dead

Friday 3rd November

Friday of week 30 in Ordinary Time ●

[offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 4th November

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop ○

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: HM King Charles III

Sunday 5th November

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year A(I)