

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Holy Hour,

desiring God.

Last week we began our Advent dedication of Holy Hour on Sunday evenings.

It was really lovely to share an hour of silence with you all before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray in earnest for the life of the parish.

As I sat and prayed I was moved by a prayer of St. Anselm that I commend to you all this second week of Advent.

“Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you; Let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you.”



Prayer is a DOING task. It is not something we do when all else fails, but something we DO expecting it the change things.

In praying we expect God to turn up.

I think a lot of people struggle with that part of prayer.

Prayer can sometimes feel like shouting into the void, but time and time again scripture shows us the great and real power of prayer.

The only way to understand the power of prayer - and the deep love that God has for you - is to DO it, and to DO it desiring what God has planned for you and those around you.

Holy Hour is not a time to sit quietly and collect your thoughts - good though that can be.

It is a time to concentrate on desiring God, of seeking God in your life and in that desire and seeking - in prayer - finding God's love (and plan) for YOU.

Fr. Matthew

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

Prayer focus

For all those who will sing out loud on TV on Thursday at the Ace Cafe. May their voices call out to those who do not know Jesus and call them to Him!

Worship focus

There are quite a lot of changes to the daily schedule of offices and mass so please do take a look at the times. Please come to mass for St. Lucy on Wednesday

This Sunday

Sunday 10th December

2nd Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Parish Mass

11:30am - Sunday School

5pm - Holy Hour

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(II)

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Notices

During Advent we will hold a 'holy hour' before the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday at 5pm (please note the time change).

NEXT week is our special mass led by our wonderful Children. They will offer the readings, the prayers and a little something especially for Christmas. Please do come along and support them, and maybe bring some new friends.

The Indian Orthodox church who use the church on Sunday afternoons have invited us to join them for carols by their children and some refreshments THIS Sunday 17th December, 3pm - 5:30pm. Fr. Matthew & Fr. Josiah will be in attendance.

As we move towards planting a new church at The Ace Cafe in the new year we've been asked to provide a choir for BBC News on the 14th December at 9am at The Ace to sing out the morning news with Hark The Herald Angels Sing. There will be a minibus leaving St. Anselm at 8am on Thursday and we will have breakfast together after the carols before returning to Hayes.

Years Mind

11th - Amy de Sousa

12th - Eric Rackley

13th - Frederick Eades, Ellen Louisa Howse

14th - Jane & John Hartley, Nora Simmonds,
Fr Albert Thomas Phyll (Vicar St Anselm's 1944-75)

15th - Kathleen Collins, Terry Hamatton

16th - Doris Evans

Pray This Week For

Wayne Campbell, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, June Boughton, Verity, Laura & her twins, Deborah Annabelle Potts, Susannah Mansa, Omeeta Dunrad, Elijah, Julie, Oliver Joseph.

Monday 11th December

Monday of the 1st week of Advent ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 12th December

Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: For all religious

Wednesday 13th December

St. Lucy, Virgin, Mary ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Thursday 14th December

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor ●

Carols at The Ace, Minibus at 8am

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: New Christians

Friday 15th December

Friday of the 2nd week of Advent ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 16th December

Saturday of the 2nd week of Advent ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: For Charity

Sunday 17th December

3rd Sunday of Advent ●

10am - Children's Parish Mass

3pm - Carols with the congregation
of the Indian Orthodox Church

5pm - Holy Hour

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(II)

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Advent through your giving.**
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