

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

Ashamed

Of The Gospel?

During a short meditation on Romans 1:16, which says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek”. Several thoughts came to mind regarding our willingness as Christians to share the word of God with people. Are we naturally shy or ashamed of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ? Why is it that we are never shy when sharing, for example, our holiday experiences, exciting achievements, an interesting movie we watched in the theatre, a new recipe we prepared, a

football match we watched, etc., with friends and family and yet when it comes to proclaiming the Good News to people, we instantly become uncomfortable?

Charles Darwin explained shame through its physical expression as ‘casting the eyes downward, lowering the head, blushing and a slack posture’. Do these expressions apply when preaching the salvific message to friends and family? We should see the proclamation or sharing the Good News with people as a privilege and an opportunity to move angels to celebrate in heaven because a soul has been won for Jesus. We must, therefore, feel proud, bold, and joyful whenever we get the opportunity to talk



about Jesus to people. Instead, we should be ashamed when we do things that do not glorify God and not when we proclaim the Good News.

Christians are to announce the Gospel unashamedly because it brings hope, comfort, love, peace, joy, healing, deliverance, and eternal life to those who believe. “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...” (Isaiah 52:7)

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

Prayer focus

For the young men and women in Hayes, their holistic growth and development under the protection and direction of Christ.

Worship focus

That The Word of God be proclaimed throughout the world, that all will accept it as the Good News

This Sunday

Sunday 21st January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

(Sunday of The Word of God)

10am - Parish Mass

PCC Meeting after Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(II)



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Keep in Touch Notices

We have PCC meeting after Mass today in the Church Hall.

Thursday Fun and Fellowship every Thursday in the Church Hall from 7pm to 8:30pm.

If you are interested in serving on the Altar, please speak to Fr. Josiah or Susan

We would like to improve the participation of children and young people in church activities so If you've got ideas on what we can do to encourage children to be fuller members of our family, please be in touch with Fr. Josiah or Susan Chick.

Next Sunday, we will have a visitor from the Boys' Brigade, National to do a short presentation about Boys' Brigade.

Please support the church generously through your giving at www.stanselm.co.uk/giving

Years Mind

- 22nd - David Cox (2009)
- 23rd - Kathleen Robinson, Bob Hemmings
- 25th - Tom Bishop, Volodymyr Kharyk
- 26th - Gertrude Bray
- 27th - Cyril Upshon, Brian Hyde
- 28th - Joan Mary Sadler

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, Khuan, Linda, Carmen Artrey, Rajkaran, Permit, Freya, Naveed, Cynthia and Danny.

Monday 22nd January

Monday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 23rd January

Tuesday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: For all religious

Wednesday 24th January

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor ○

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: For Charity

Thursday 25th January

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle - Feast ○

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

7pm- Thursday Fun and Fellowship

Prayer focus: New Christians

Friday 26th January

SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops ○

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 27th January

Saturday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Sunday 28th January

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

Sunday School - 11:30 - 12:30

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year B(II)