

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

March 9th, 2025
The First Sunday of Lent



The first reading this morning is a call to all of us to give back to God in proportion to all the blessings we receive from him. As you will see from the 'financial position' section of the pew sheet today, this could not have come at a more opportune moment! We must all search our consciences and ask ourselves whether we are giving back to the church, the Body of Christ, as much as we should be. During this season of Lent, when we prepare ourselves for the passion of our Lord on the cross, and remember the sacrifice he made for us, what are we prepared to give back in gratitude for such great gifts?

Entrance Hymn

88 Forty days and forty nights

Offertory Hymn

97 My God, I love thee, not because

Recessional

84 Be thou my guardian and my guide

THIS WEEK

10th: Monday of 1st week of Lent. No services in church; Offices said privately.

11th: Tuesday of 1st week of Lent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade meeting 1700; Lent Course first session 1830 at church, or on Zoom.

12th: Wednesday of 1st week of Lent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; There is no Warm Centre this week as we welcome +Lusa and his team to St Anselm for the 1000 mass followed by a team meeting; Evening Prayer 1700

13th: Thursday of 1st week of Lent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Stations of the Cross 1030; Evening Prayer 1700

14th: Friday of 1st week of Lent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening prayer 1700

8th: Saturday of 1st week of Lent. Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 16th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Mass at 1000 as usual.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Desiree Loderick; Adeline and Leila; Tom Shipman (If you wish a name to be on the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Twilight Bae; Bonnie Macey

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

9th: Harriet Hall, Dorothy Marriott, Betty Daphne Childs

10th: Daisy Mary Peet, John Riches, David Ponsonby

11th: Jack Surman

12th: Frank May

13th: Caroline Johns, Marion Hunter

14th: Mary Martha Ware, Charlotte Ramsay, Alfred Palmer, June Carter, Frank Norman

15th: Margaret Thoady, Veronica Murray, Surinder Soor, Len Wheeler

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. If you have requested a blessing, please come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During February 2025, our income was £696.21, but our outgoings were £3,195.70. This is clearly unsustainable. There were some specific things that made it difficult during the month, notably over £1,000 spent on gas. But this does not explain the very low giving during February. We cannot run this church on £700 a month! Please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church or set up a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already do so.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: If you would like to help us by sponsoring votive candles, sanctuary lights, incense, or wafers for communion, please do sign up! A sanctuary light costs £3.50, votive candles (next to the statues of the saints) are £1.00 each, and 100 communion wafers are £1.50. Please talk to one of the clergy or to Susan. We'll be delighted to receive your sponsorship.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Please join the roll as it determines how our parish is perceived, and how much support we get from the deanery and the diocese!

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!