ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for he will find her sitting at his gates.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and he who is vigilant on her account
will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R. 2b

R: ***For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.***

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R.**

4. When I remember you upon my bed,
on you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.
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> We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <
For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 24:42a, 44

R: ***Alleluia, alleluia.***
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
R: ***Alleluia.***

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Or

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

November 8th, 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, and Remembrance Sunday



Today is Remembrance Sunday when we pay our deep gratitude and respect to all those who have died as a result of war. Originally established to honour the dead of the First World War, and then later the Second World War as well, we must also remember all those who've been killed in the many wars and conflicts since the world wars of the last century. This year, we are particularly mindful of the deaths in Israel, Gaza, Russia and Ukraine. This Sunday is also the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, and only by chance is it also Remembrance Sunday this year. But it has a wonderfully appropriate first reading. "For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep," writes Paul to the Thessalonians. We do not need, Paul assures us, to "grieve as others do who have no hope." Whether we are mourning for our own loved ones who have died, or for the thousands killed avery day in conflicts around the world, we must not lose hope. Not only the personal hope that we will, in ways we cannot even begin to imagine, meet again "at the last day" those we love but no longer see, but also the hope that the world can be different, that thousands will not always needlessly lose their lives as a result of others' lust for wealth and power.

Entrance Hymn
533 O God, our help in ages past
Offertory Hymn
458 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round – *During this hymn the collection is taken. Please give as generously as you can.*
Act of Remembrance
Last Post, 2-mins silence, Reveille
623 God Save the King – vv 1&2
Recessional
502 Judge eternal throned in splendour

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THIS WEEK (Year A[2]; Psalm week 4)

ALL MORNING PRAYER SERVICES EXCEPT ON THURSDAYS, AND ALL EVENING PRAYER SERVICES INCLUDING ON THURSDAYS, ARE NOW ONLINE. To attend these online services, visit www.stanselm.co.uk, select 'Services and events', then 'Online Morning Prayer' or 'Online Evening Prayer' as appropriate, and click on 'MORE INFO'.

9th: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Morning Prayer 0900 online.
10th: St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church. Online Morning Prayer 0900. Online Evening Prayer 1700.
11th: St Martin of Tours. Online Morning Prayer 0900. Online Evening Prayer 1700.
12th: St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr. Morning Prayer 0945, Mass 1000 IN CHURCH. Evening Prayer online 1700.
13th: Friday of 32nd week in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0900 online.
14th: Saturday of 32nd week in Ordinary Time.

NEXT SUNDAY
15th November: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS
Eliz Asmar, Kathyan Fenton, Desiree Loderick, Mr & Mrs DeGale, Peter Wickham, Cora Freeman, and David Couling. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Fr Stephen.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Velsie Welch

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH
8th: Gwyneth Jane Sinfield
9th: George Hall
10th: Mabel Da Silva
11th: Iris Ellis Roderick
12th: Tyrone Greenidge
13th: Gloria James, Leonard Venner
14th: Aldyth Moore, Mary Shadbolt

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 at the end of mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During October 2026 our income was £1,277.90, and our outgoings were £1,206.40. Another better month, but it doesn't compensate for all those months where we spent more than we received! Could you help us by making a small increase in your contribution to St Anselm? Please flash this QR code to get started!

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