

# St. William of York R.C. Church



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Mass - Sunday  
Sat 5.30 pm (1st Mass of Sunday)  
Sunday 8 am & 10 am  
Weekdays  
Mass Monday Tuesday & Saturday 9.30 am  
Thursday As announced  
Mass on Friday 7 p.m.  
Confessions: Saturday 10 am – 10.30 am & on call

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**12/13 December 2020**

Saturday 12th December

5.30pm McCarroll Intention

Sunday 13th December  
3rd Sunday of Advent

8am People of the parish

10am Maureen Moloney RIP

Monday 14th December  
St John of the Cross  
Priest & Doctor

9.30am Danny de Lucia RIP

Tuesday 15th December

9.30am Evelyn & Shirley  
(Thanksgiving)

Wednesday 16th December

NO PUBLIC MASS  
Anne Roach RIP

Thursday 17th December

NO LITURGY

Friday 18th December

7pm Sylvia Ross RIP

Saturday 19th December

5.30pm People of the parish

Sunday 20th December  
4th Sunday of Advent

8am Maureen Ride RIP (Anniv)

10am Barbara Chandler RIP  
(Anniv)

## Rejoice Sunday – ROSE - our Christmas carol sing-a-long

The third Sunday of Advent is special. We use ROSE vestments - because of the creeping approach of Christmas and all the joy it will bring. 'Make a straight way for the Lord' John the Baptist proclaims in the gospel. Through the faithful readiness of Mary and the silent obedience of Joseph, God will shortly enter our world. This weekend - Sunday 3pm till 4pm we will have our Christmas Carol sing-a-long on ZOOM. This is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539625604> Wear a Christmas hat or other item and please sign in and do, at home, what we are currently prevented from doing in church - namely to SING at the top of our voices. See you there. Sing you there!



## 2020-2021 Christmas and New Year

### Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve

5.30pm (Vigil) – ticket required

Midnight Mass – ticket required

### Friday 25 December Christmas Day

8am – ticket required

10am – ticket required

### Saturday 26 December Boxing Day

10am Mass for St Stephen's Day

5.30pm Vigil Mass of the Holy Family

### Sunday 27 December

8am and 10am Mass of the Holy Family

### Thursday 31 December

5.30pm Mass for New Year's Eve

### Friday 1 January

10am New Year's Day Mass 2021



## All the tickets for Our Christmas Masses have now gone!

COVID number restrictions limit our numbers. Father Michael adds- "Heartbreakingly - it will probably be necessary to say – 'no entry' for those without tickets; a horrible prospect. Please pray."

## Preparing for Christmas 2020 - the Sacrament of Confession

Father Michael writes- 'Normally at this time, I would be announcing the visit of a number of priests and an opportunity for Confession. A little "house-clearing" and soul searching is the best way to get ready for Bethlehem. 2020 is different in so many ways, yet the Lord still invites us to

receive the gift of his mercy. **On Monday 21 December - 6pm – 8pm** I will be in the sacristy for anyone who wishes to receive the power of the Lord's forgiveness. Because of social distancing – we are not using the Confessional box. Simply enter the sacristy. You may sit facing me or BEHIND to respect anonymity. The important thing is to journey towards Christmas with an open and pure heart'

### **Our repository shop is open!**

On Saturday morning between 11am and 12noon and after all weekend Masses - our repository will be available; a chance to purchase religious Christmas cards and other seasonal items. Copies of the WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2021 are also on sale - with all sorts of information and details about our diocese. **Only £4**

### **Christmas offerings and donations**

Just a reminder from the diocese – “that all offerings at Christmas are for the direct support of the parish and diocese. If parishioners wish to offer something specifically for their priests - this has to be in a card/envelope with his name on the front, thereby making it clear that it a GIFT to a named individual.”

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to the nine young adult parishioners who recently received the Chrism anointing of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Christian maturity. It was a wonderful celebration for the young people and their families. They were admirably attentive and shared both with those in church and those on line. Some read; we had musicians and solo singing - including a very moving 'Shine Jesus Shine'. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and protect - these young disciples of Christ.

### **Church Safety Arrangements – A Reminder**

- Face Masks must be worn at all times whilst in the Church,
- Please observe safe distancing and the one-way traffic flow system that is in place,
- Please follow the direction of the Marshals on the seating arrangements, and stay in the assigned pew seat, a restricted number of 48 remains in place which will be adhered to.
- Holy Communion is distributed after the final Prayers and Blessing, with Parishioners expected to exit the Church, not returning to their seat,
- The Toilet facility remains out of use,
- Hand sanitizers are sited at the Entrance and Exit from the Church for personal use,
- The weekly newsletter will be available for collection on leaving, with baskets placed for the Offertory offerings,
- If you are feeling unwell, suffering from a cold or cough, please do not attend Church.

### **Pope Francis – Extract from a Meditation**

A Christian doesn't proclaim himself, he proclaims another, he prepares the path to another: to the Lord. He must know how to discern, he must understand how to discern the truth from what may resemble the truth but is not: he must be a person of discernment. He must be a person who knows how to humble himself so the Lord may increase in the hearts and souls of others.

<b><u>Counters Rota</u></b>	<u>13 December</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
	<u>20 December</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
	<u>27 December</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

