

# St. William of York R.C. Church



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14/15 November 2020

Saturday 14th November

The Holy Souls

Sunday 15th November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maria Smith (Birthday)

10am Healy Family RIP

Monday 16th November

St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

Valerio Sequeira RIP (Anniv)

Tuesday 17th November

The Faithful Departed

Wednesday 18th November

Rodney Fernandes RIP (Pereira)

Thursday 19th November

Friday 20th November

The Holy Souls

Saturday 21st November

The Presentation of  
 the Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention (Monica)

Sunday 22nd November

Our Lord Jesus Christ  
 King of the Universe

Ronald Yep RIP

10am Belinda Fernandes  
 (Birthday) (Pereira)

## The woman who is wise is the one to praise

These words from the first reading this weekend (the Book of Proverbs) are very profound in a world where too often (still) it can seem to be appearances that really count! From time to time, young people (often girls though not exclusively) have shown me how, on their phone, they can reconfigure their appearance, alter their 'look' and 'glamorise' themselves. Of course I smile gently. God the Father who made us, Jesus who saves us; the Holy Spirit who inspires us - ensure that our beauty and value is not based on passing fads or fashions. Each of us have an intrinsic value and calling - unrelated to appearance. The gospel this weekend even reminds us that it is not a question of how many talents we have received. It is what we DO with the gifts/talents God has given us.

Nobody has been left out in God's distribution of talents. It may take time and prayer to really recognise all that the Father has given. Nevertheless we can be courageous and fearless, allowing the power of God's grace to have its full effect in our lives.

### Important details

*We will continue to live-stream the 10am Sunday Mass. The deep desirable call is to return to Mass in church, but there remain pastoral circumstances which are well-served by the on-line liturgy. Let us all remain united in faith and prayer - especially for those who suffer in any way. God bless you. Father Michael*

*This is the link for our 10am Mass each Sunday. Please share details with others and maybe help them with the technology.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539625604>

### Church open for Private Prayer

**Following the introduction of Lockdown 2, the Church is no longer open for Mass but is open for short private prayer only, between the hours of 11am and 12pm on Saturdays and Sundays.**

**Numbers are restricted to just 15 at any one time. Face masks must be worn at all times, and you will be expected to sign in as before. Cleaning wipes will be left by each of the pews for your cleaning of the seat occupied, on your leaving.**

### **May Stevens: Happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!**

Yes - it is true - May celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on 22 November. Amazing! May is still active, alert and faithful. She looks forward to getting back to our parish choir. Father Michael writes- 'I join with the whole parish May - in wishing you God's blessing on such a special day. Heartiest congratulations and prayerful good wishes'. From the parish family.

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

All things being equal - Father Michael will celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit on Sunday 6 December at 12noon. Our candidates (Emilia Acuti, Isabella Borgese, Emer Fadian, Josh Ioannou, Olivia Ioannou, Chiemezue Nwamba, Caitlyn Pereira, Cameron Tabarrok, Amelia Willoughby) will be marked with Oil of Chrism blessed by the Cardinal in the Cathedral. 9 candidates will mean 6 guests each under COVID restrictions. Importantly there will be a final meeting of the candidates in the church on **Thursday 3 December at 5pm - including a short rehearsal for the ceremony.** Please pray for our young parishioners on such a special day.

### **Linda O'Brien RIP**

The daughter of Michael O'Brien died recently. A long term, life-long parishioner - Linda's funeral will take place on Tuesday 24 November at 10am - under COVID restrictions. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2020 at 3pm**

The Christmas Carol sing-a-long will be going ahead this year but will be moving to ZOOM. As you know, we are not allowed to sing together in church, however holding this event on Zoom will allow us to sing to our heart's content in the safety our own homes. I hope many of you will be able to join and if you are able to lead a carol (in a similar way to what our musicians do on Sunday) then please let Janice know on Pereira\_janice@hotmail.com. Similarly if you need any help connecting on Zoom, either over the internet or phone, please let her know. Further details to follow but in the meantime, save the date and time – Sunday 13th December between 3pm and 4pm and don't forget to start baking those mince pies. It will be a lovely way for us all to be "together" before Christmas.

### **The United States of America**

A new President and Vice-President face many challenges; a nicely contrasting pair who hopefully will be able to REPAIR a very divided nation. God bless America.

### **Father Michael's FRONT DOOR!**

'Currently of course the church is mainly closed. Inside I continue to follow our regular schedule of Masses and prayer. Just a reminder, though, that it means that the newsletter, though available on the parish website, is not easily accessible for the paper version. As in the previous LOCKDOWN, I usually leave copies of the newsletter in the porch outside the front door of the **house**. If you are passing, feel free to collect either for your use or for parishioners who may be less mobile. For the month of the Holy Souls - you will also find, outside the front door of the house, the lists and envelopes for names of deceased family, friends and others. When the lists are complete - please place in the envelope and drop through my letter box. Thank you'.

**A quote from Pope Francis-** "We are not put on earth to guard a museum, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life"

### **With a heavy heart- Father Michael writes**

'While I thank the Lord for the good news about a possible vaccine - the media has also reported on scandals involving an American, former Cardinal, as well as the failings of our own bishop - Cardinal Vincent, to adequately deal with horrific cases of abuse involving clergy and church volunteers. Victims and survivors have suffered greatly over many years. Those of us who are trying to lead the people of God in holiness and faith - we bow our heads in shame.'