

# St. William of York R.C. Church



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**The Sacrament of Confession**  
 Father Michael is available every Saturday morning 11am – 12 noon – outside the Parish Hall, in the car park. The free gift of God's mercy.

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24/25 October 2020**

Saturday 24th October

5.30pm Gerry & Jim Duffy RIP  
 (Anniv)

Sunday 25th October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Mr & Mrs James McDermott  
 (Anniv)

10am For victims & for a vaccine

Monday 26th October

9.30am Stephen Jones Intention  
 Tuesday 27th October

9.30am Paul & Bernie Keogh RIP  
 (Anniv)

Wednesday 28th October  
 Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

People of the parish  
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 29th October  
 Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

NO LITURGY

Friday 30th October

7pm Nicholas Dias RIP (Anniv)

Saturday 31st October

5.30pm Annie Sorohan RIP

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
 All Saints

8am O'Hara Intention

10am Bernie Kenny RIP  
 (de Souza)

## **This weekend-**

In the first reading - these are the words of God in the book of Exodus and to us TODAY - "I will listen, for I am full of pity". Though we may not always realise it - God is listening to us daily. He hears us; He really does. The Lord wraps us in his heart and in the words of the Psalm response we reply: 'I love you, Lord, my strength'. During this coming week - take the opportunity to 'waste time' with our Saviour. Turn off the screen or whatever - give God time and space. We will receive many blessings. (Father Michael)

## **The month of November - remembering the faithful departed**

November is a deeply Catholic month. It starts with the feast of ALL SAINTS; that day when we remember and honour, not only the officially canonised saints in the Church's calendar - but also the vast army of 'anonymous' saints. We have all known and met saints. They include family members and relatives, friends and loved ones, neighbours and parishioners, clergy and others; those many good people of all ages who, having completed their time on earth, have now taken their place in the heavenly kingdom. We turn to them in our daily lives and they are able to accompany us. The whole remaining month of November is dedicated to

**the faithful departed** who are still, after death, completing their journey into the full presence of God. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> - we keep **ALL SOULS DAY** and begin a month of Masses for our remembered dead. Our long Catholic tradition gives us an opportunity to prepare our HOLY SOULS LISTS. At the back of the church - there are blank sheets and special Holy Souls envelopes. In these COVID times - is it best to take a list home, write out the names, place it in the special envelopes, with the option of including an offering, and then return it to the church? Perhaps by dropping it into the baskets in the porch, the collection containers or through the letter box of the parish house?

The HOLY SOULS lists will be placed near the main altar - with many Masses offered for them together with our works and penances, undertaken for the **faithful departed**.

**Monday 2 November- All Souls Day**

**Masses will be at 9.30am and 7pm**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Obviously - in these COVID times, things are different. Our bishops have been prevented from visiting for many months which means that the

Cardinal has given all Parish Priests the faculty to administer the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Father Michael contacted all our candidates offering a choice, either to wait hopefully for a Bishop next year or to go ahead in 2020. The following seven..... Emilia Acuti, Isabella Borgese, Emer Fadian, Josh Ioannou, Olivia Ioannou, Caitlyn Pereira, Amelia Willoughby ..... have chosen to receive the Confirmation this year. Father Michael will celebrate the Sacrament on the feast of Christ the King - 22 November at 12noon. COVID requires that each candidate may have only 7 guests including their SPONSOR. There will be three preparation sessions in the church - all on Sundays at 12noon. Each will last approximately 40 minutes. The dates for the preparations are **THIS WEEKEND** plus Sunday 1 November and Sunday 8 November. Please ring the parish house or email - for further information.

### **The Repository is open**

Many people have been asking! It will now be open on Saturday mornings between 11am and 12noon (while Father Michael is hearing Confessions in the car park). It will also be open after the 10am Mass on Sundays. It will be strictly one person in/one person out. Masks must be worn and sanitiser is of course available. If you have any queries or difficulties getting to church to purchase, please call Sue Mason on 020 8954 0090 to make arrangements. RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

### **SUNDAY MASS OPPORTUNITIES !!! - a widespread invitation!**

At this time and trying to respect guidelines and social distancing - the available Sunday Masses are

**Friday 7pm; Saturday 5.30pm**

**Sunday 8am and 10am**

**Monday 9.30am**

**Additional weekday Mass on Tuesday 9.30am : no public Mass on Wednesday or Thursday**

### **Supporting the parish**

'So many of you, dear parishioners, have been so thoughtful during this time; remembering to regularly donate for the support of the parish - using weekly envelopes, standing orders or cheques - and other means. It really helps. As you can imagine - after all this time - the parish resources are really stretched and the bills continue. Please know that the Lord sees such generosity.' (Father Michael)

### **Our stewards**

May the good Lord bless those volunteer parishioners who reliably act as stewards at all Masses. May they be blessed for their willingness - assisting with arrival in church and particularly the sanitising after each Mass. Thank you, also, to the willing souls who simply join in with the sanitising. It really helps. In addition - special gratitude to the 'holy folk' who assist with church cleaning on Fridays.

### **SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> 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 of 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Counters Rota**

**25 October** Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese

**1 November** Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

**8 November** Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Richard Wong