

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26/27 September 2020

Saturday 26th September

5.30pm Leonora Ellis

Sunday 27th September
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Angela Piccioni RIP
 (Amandini)

10am People of the parish
 Monday 28th September

9.30am Balfe Family Intention

Tuesday 29th September
 Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
 Archangels

10am Funeral- Anne Holland RIP
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Wednesday 30th September
 St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 1st October
 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
 Virgin & Doctor

NO LITURGY

Friday 2nd October
 The Holy Guardian Angels

7pm Joshua Martins
 (21st birthday)

Saturday 3rd October

5.30pm Sandra Intention

Sunday 4th October
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Mary Juliet Fernando RIP

10am Sister Sarah Smith
 Intention (Murphy)

Important reminder- please arrive in church wearing a mask

Pope Francis speaking recently and this Sunday's Gospel

The words of the Holy Father often give us reminders and pointers in our lives. A few days ago, he quoted a familiar saying which we can return to often. Remember Pope Francis said - *every saint has a past and every sinner has a future!* Let us think about it! Let us think and pray about it - whichever category we believe we are in.

Another parable this weekend - again about working in the vineyard (like last Sunday). This time, two sons instructed by their Father to work in his field. The second son says the right words 'certainly sir'. But he did not go. The first son answered - 'I will not go'. Now for a very telling phrase in the gospel. Afterwards the son THOUGHT BETTER OF IT AND WENT. Being a disciple is not just a question of getting the words right. It is what we do that counts in following Jesus.

The Sacrament of Anointing

Though primarily a Sacrament for the sick - this healing anointing has wide application to the elderly, as well as for those who struggle in any way. The priest prays over each person and then anoints them. COVID presents some cautions around this Sacrament. Father Michael writes - "May I suggest that weather permitting - we have an opportunity for this Sacrament outside in the car park. Because of applying the Holy Oil, I am required to sanitise my hands after each person so it will take a little time. On Saturday 10 October, after Confessions (11am-12noon) I will be available for the Sacrament of Anointing between 12noon and 1pm. Remember this Sacrament is not only for older people. Anyone of any age, troubled in mind, body or spirit is welcome. Please take this opportunity to trust in and receive the healing of Christ."

Father David – UGANDA

Thank you for the kind donations to the work of Father David Kolo in his new ministry as a school Head and Chaplain. £150 has been sent to him from the generosity of Stanmore.

Bishop John Sherrington

Our local, north London Bishop will visit the parish on Sunday 11 October celebrating the 10am Mass. It will be good to welcome him and a blessing.

Anne Holland RIP

Anne lived latterly in Paxfold just behind the church. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 29 September at 10am in the church - under COVID provisos. Numbers are limited to 30 - no singing plus other regulations. It means that there will be no public Mass on Tuesday; a matter of regret. May Anne Holland RIP rest in peace and rise in glory.

An observation – Father Michael

I am deeply touched by the number of people who during the day stand in prayer outside the church. Of course it includes parishioners, but I have also noticed adherents of different faiths. It often means a special journey. Let us all be united prayer at this time. It is still my custom to say the Rosary in church at 5pm daily. From home please join me.

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 (EXCEPT THIS WEEK) : no public Mass Wed or Thu

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)

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 42 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.

First Holy Communion – 2020

After considerable prayer, discussion and consulting the current Westminster diocese and Government regulations, it is clear that this is not an appropriate time to restart preparation classes for our 6 children whose journey towards making their First Holy Communion was interrupted by the Lockdown in March. The good Lord will surely guide us to a safe and practical time in 2021 when the parish First Holy Communion Programme will be able to take place. We look forward to news of this sometime in the Spring in the Newsletter. Until then, please hold all the young children of the parish in your prayers that we will soon be able to welcome them and their families back into church for Mass and the sacraments. (Carol-Anne Chandler)

Counters Rota

27 September Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

4 October Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Martin Rush

11 October Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva