

St. William of York R.C. Church



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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm
Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

25/26 December 2021

Welcome dear parishioners and visitors

A very warm welcome to everyone over these Christmas days. Together we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour. At Easter we make present and celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ - which we renew at every Mass. At Christmas we recall an historical event at Bethlehem. Born for us- Jesus opens up eternal life through his death.

I have received so many cards and Christmas remembrances. Thank you to each and every one. **Father Michael**

Christmas 2021 - New Year – New Year 2022: Solemnity of Mary

Thursday 23 December The Sacrament of Confession with a visiting Priest:
5pm till 7pm

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Carols beforehand

11pm Solemn Mass of Christmas ending at Midnight - Carols before Mass

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

8am and 10am - Christmas Masses

Sunday 26 December - The feast of the Holy Family

8am and 10am - Feast day Masses

Friday 31 December - New Year's Eve

7pm - Vigil Mass to welcome the New Year 2022

Saturday 1 January 2022

5.30pm - Solemn Mass of the New Year 2022

Sunday 2 January 2022

8am and 10am Masses

Thursday 6 January - The Feast of the Epiphany

9.30am and 7pm Masses of the Three Kings

**** See website for details of Masses on Zoom ****



Saturday 25th December
The Nativity of the Lord

8am People of the parish

10am People of the parish

Sunday 26th December
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

8am Sister Teresa Nolan

10am People of the parish

Monday 27th December
St John, Apostle & Evangelist

9.30am Sister Rosanna O'Grady

Tuesday 28th December
The Holy Innocents

9.30am Abby Driscoll Intention

Wednesday 29th December
St Thomas Beckett
Bishop & Martyr

9.30am Anne Hampshire

Thursday 30th December

NO LITURGY

Friday 31st December

7pm John & Bridgett Hartnett

Saturday 1st January
Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God

5.30pm Margaret Goode RIP
(Anniv)

Sunday 2nd January
2nd Sunday after the Nativity

8am Norah Balfe Intention

10am Kwarteng Intention

Sunday 26 December - a pastoral letter

Cardinal Vincent has sent a pastoral letter to all the parishes of the diocese, drawing together the different elements of the Christmas season. There are copies available at the church entrance.

Cleaning of Church – New Team

With the move back into the Church, we need to put in place a new cleaning team that will weekly undertake the necessary cleaning tasks on Saturday mornings. Past members of the cleaning team and new team members are sought – please sign up on the sheet in the porch or email the Parish your interest in keeping our Church clean and tidy.

Stewards

Could the former Church Stewards resume their service on return to the Church, including Offertory Collection? Your assistance is greatly valued.

Christmas Day Mass Offering clarification - Finance Committee

Traditionally the Christmas Day offerings were for the Parish Priest but, under revised Inland Revenue rules, such offerings need to be in an envelope addressed to the Parish Priest, otherwise the offering will go into the normal Parish funds.

An early morning phone call!

A few days ago Father David Kolo called from Uganda; it was great to hear from him. He enquired after the parish and people. He faces challenges at home, where the school where he is Headteacher will open in the New Year – after a closure of eight months. He sends blessings to Stanmore and we continue to pray for him and support him.

Project Update - Tony Murphy

Welcome back into the Church. There still remains work to be done and the Contractor returns in the New Year to complete the final elements including the reinstatement of the Baldacchino, Pulpit and Altar Rails. It has been important to the Project Team that the Church was available for Christmas services, albeit without use of the Choir Loft and Our Lady's Side Altar. It has been a difficult year with these works undertaken in the midst of a pandemic, and I thank you for your patience and understanding on such, and sincerely hope that the Church return will aid in your celebration of this joyful occasion and celebration of Our Lord's Birth.

In returning to the Church, the following Covid arrangements apply:

- Face Masks to be worn,
- Hand sanitising stations will be in place for Parishioner use, and encouraged to do so,
- Social distancing measures to be adhered to and Parishioners to be respectful of others,
- Church will be ventilated throughout all services, and Parishioners should consider wearing suitable warm clothing,
- Access will be via the 'Door of Welcome' with both end double doors used on exit
- Also, Parishioners are reminded that they should not attend if feeling unwell or awaiting a Covid test result.

Father Michael's departure

On Sunday 9th January – Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the 10am Mass to ask the Lord's blessing on Father Michael as he moves into retirement. The following weekend 15/16 January (the feast of the Baptism of our Lord) Father Michael will make his goodbye to the parish before moving to Bushey in the following days.

Readers Rota

24 December 5.30pm Noretta Reece

24 December midnight Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers Derrick Pereira Family

25 December 8am Daphne Byron

25 December 10am Readings Zachary Shonibare, Bidding prayers Janice Pereira

26 December 8am Freda Adzinku

26 December 10am Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Monika Tabarrok

1 January 5.30pm Lily Meghji 2 January 8am Daphne Byron

2 January 10am Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger

8 January 5.30pm Martin Rush 9 January 8am Audrey Da Costa

9 January 10am Readings Tim & Mel Goodger, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler

Counters Rota

26 December Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

2 January Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

9 January Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva