

St. William of York R.C. Church



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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30/31 January 2021

Saturday 30th January

5.30pm John McIntyre Intention
(Monica)

Sunday 31st January

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Father Jim Duffy RIP

10am Ellis Sammarco RIP

Monday 1st February

9.30am Nulla McHale RIP

Tuesday 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Chris Taylor RIP

11am Funeral–Bridget McGowan

Wednesday 3rd February

Ss Laurence, Dunstan
& Theodore
Archbishops of Canterbury

NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 4th February

NO LITURGY

Friday 5th February

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7pm Chris Taylor RIP (Moody)

Saturday 6th February

St Paul Miki & Companions
Martyrs

5.30pm Bridie Giblin RIP (Fadian)

Sunday 7th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Chris Taylor RIP (Austin)

10am People of the parish

The Presentation of the Lord in the temple: Candlemas Day

This weekend in the readings we will hear about the power of Jesus. Let's listen carefully and receive this Word which comes to comfort and at the same time to challenge us. On Tuesday 2 February at the 9.30am Mass - when we as a parish accompany Mary and Joseph carrying the child Jesus in to the temple - blessed candles will be available at the back of the church.

Part of the Parish family and supporting the life of the Parish

If you are 'new' to the parish - you will find registration forms at the back of the church. Fill in the details and either hand it to one of the stewards or pop in through the letter-box of the parish house. THANK YOU-THANK YOU-THANK YOU to all who contribute money or planned giving envelopes to the door collection as your leave after Mass. For everyone these are financially challenging times. If you would like to donate by gift aid/standing order - it is very helpful for the parish. Again - there are special forms in the church porch. God blesses a generous heart.

Bishop Pat O'Donaghue RIP

The funeral of Bishop Pat took place on Tuesday in Cork, Ireland where he was living in retirement in Nazareth House. He was ordained as a priest of our Westminster diocese in 1967. Father Michael writes: "always known as POD – Bishop Pat was a much admired priest of Westminster - where he was a Parish Priest, Pastoral Director and later Rector of Allen Hall seminary. He was also Administrator of the Cathedral and a close adviser of the late Cardinal Hume. His gentle voice tone, good humour and pastoral heart enclosed the powerful energy of an apostle. He was one of those pastors - who was greatly respected by his fellow priests. Area Bishop in West London, he was eventually named as Bishop of Lancaster where he served the diocese with his customary energy. Pat was a man of God and deep prayer; it shone out of him! May he receive the reward of his Master whom he served so well. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord"

Doorstep deliveries

Father Michael: "it remains the case that often when I open the front door of the house I find 'goodies' waiting to fatten me up further. To the known and anonymous givers - please accept my sincere gratitude".

Our parish sympathy and prayers - forthcoming funerals

Bridget McGowan RIP

On Tuesday - the Feast of the Presentation - the funeral of Bridget will take place; a woman of faith surrounded by a loving family of faith. Bridget was a quiet witness to trust in God. On the feast of Candlemas – may she complete her faithful journey into the place God has prepared for us. Bridget’s funeral at 11am will of course be with COVID restrictions

Chris Taylor RIP

Father Michael writes - “the death of dear Chris is not only a great loss for his wife Peggy and the family, it is also a real sadness for the parish. In countless ways Chris was deeply involved in the life of Saint William of York for many years. Over time, there was hardly a rota on which Chris’ name did not occur. Working alongside various priests and parishioners, organising Christmas Fairs and Summer events, social gatherings in the hall and in the old wooden hall which used to stand behind the church - Chris did an immense amount of unseen pastoral work. He visited people and helped out where he could, always with generosity and discretion. Above all, Chris was a man of faith and prayer. Daily Mass was part of his regular practice in later years. From my point of view, as one of the Parish Priests who had the privilege of knowing him - I found him respectful and good humoured. He was wise and willing! He will be greatly missed. Chris had a holy and peaceful death; again I was blessed to be able to administer the Last Rites. The whole parish extends our sympathy and prayers to Peggy, the family and all who mourn his passing. Dear Chris, ‘well done good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord.’ Funeral: 11 February at 11 am under COVID restrictions.

James O’Reilly RIP

Jim and his wife Kathleen - long term parishioners - were very much part of the parish. Regular in their practice of the faith - Jim spent the last few years at home, looked after by Kathleen and the family as well as visiting carers. There was almost always an O’Reilly / Boyle bench full at Mass. Truly Jim was a good, decent and honest man. Now- may he know the bright light of heaven. The funeral of James O’Reilly will take place on Tuesday 16 February beginning with Mass in the church at 10am - with COVID restrictions.

In addition - in the next two weeks

Father Michael will be performing four COVID funerals; individuals NOT from Stanmore but simply where undertakers telephone trying to find an available Catholic priest for graveside or crematorium services. Lord have mercy.

Church Safety Arrangements

- Face Masks must be worn at all times whilst in the Church,
- Please observe safe distancing and no intermingling between households,
- Follow 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,
- If you are feeling unwell, suffering from a cold or cough, please do not attend Church.

Counters Rota

31 January

Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

7 February

Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese

14 February

Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe