

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 & Wednesday 9.30 am
Thursday As announced
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & on call

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10/11 July 2021

Saturday 10th July

5.30pm Gaspar da Silva
(75th birthday)

Sunday 11th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Denny Smyth Intention

10am People of the parish

11.30am

Monday 12th July

9.30am Patience & Jerry Canty
Intention (Mary Lynch)

Tuesday 13th July

9.30am William Robert Austin
RIP

Wednesday 14th July

9.30am Carl O'Donnell Intention
(Taylor)

Thursday 15th July

St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

NO LITURGY

Friday 16th July

7pm Vena & Roque Dias
Intention

Saturday 17th July

5.30pm Liam & Shyan – Marriage
(O'Shea)

Sunday 18th July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am John & Mary Austin (Anniv)

10am Daisy DeBono Intention

11.30am

This weekend; Jesus sent them out two by two - 'travel light!'

At the end of every Mass - we are instructed to 'go in peace' to announce the Good News. It is simply part of the deal for us as followers of Jesus. He never wants us to privatise our faith. As his followers we are SENT! For most of us - our missionary journey is not to foreign parts and places; yet at the same time our discipleship is always something to be shared. Amos in the first reading was instructed by the Lord to –'Go, prophesy to My people'.

Amazing generosity: our church floor appeal

"I have been absolutely staggered by the donations received for the work in the church - all pushing towards that £20K target. What a parish! Dearest parishioners and friends - so far £13,260 has been received; may the Lord bless all who have donated and supported our parish. With heartfelt gratitude. Father Michael"

The Sacraments of LIFE!

*****Baptisms - since the beginning of May, the following have been christened in our parish: Zachary Fernandes, Miguel Panopio, Grace Smith. May they be blessed and protected as they grow up in their Catholic faith.
*****First Holy Communions - this weekend, on Saturday, we completed our celebrations. Thank you to everyone involved, the catechists, families and supporters; most of all - may Our Lord bless the First Holy Communion children who received Him for the first time in the Holy Eucharist.
*****An extra Sunday morning Mass at 11.30am. This will continue until the end of July.

Peter's Pence – supporting the charities of Pope Francis

Father Michael writes - 'It is a long time since we had a door collection at the end of Mass. Most of them are currently suspended - but I know that, notwithstanding our own fund raising at the moment, it would not be right to omit the Peter's Pence collection this weekend. After Mass today - a special basket will be held at the door for any contributions to the world-wide work of Pope Francis. Thank you for any support for this truly Catholic cause.'

Harrow Deanery meeting

The priests and pastoral workers will meet this Monday 12 July at 11am in Kenton - All Saints parish.

Saint Luke's Hospice - MIDNIGHT WALK - 24 July

There are details about this event at the front door. Of course for the vital work of the hospice this is an opportunity for practical support. www.stlukeshospice.org/midnight. Starts Byron Park 9pm!

Our parish readers - proclaiming the Word of God

The readers' rota is a little loose at the moment. Thank you to those who regularly and reliably share the Word of God. This, of course, includes individuals who were not necessarily on the pre-COVID rota. For those who were and are willing to continue - plus 'new readers' who have emerged over the past months (weekend or weekday) there will be a special time of 'dedication' in our hall/church on Saturday 17 July at 4pm. Reading the Word of God in the liturgy is a MINISTRY and there is a service of commissioning for Readers/Lectors. ALL readers are invited and expected. It will last about 45 minutes with official prayerful dedication at the end.

Yes- our church bell is currently out of sync!

The parish office has received emails, phone messages and reminders that because of the work going on in the church - our bell is running late! Apologies.

The Sacrament of Confession

Confessions are now available on Saturday mornings at 10.30am. This will of course be in our hall/church or even, weather permitting, outside. Please do not neglect this Sacrament. One of the psalms tells us to 'shake off our sins'. Confession frees the blockages in our hearts and allows the grace of God's mercy to flow. The priest (himself a sinner) is there to share the generous forgiveness of the Lord.

A funny story? (at least it put a smile on the Parish Priest's face)

A lady chatting to her friends - "my husband and I have such a lovely relationship. We decided right from the beginning of our marriage that we would go out for a meal once a week. He goes on Tuesdays and I go on Wednesdays."

The Spirit's Strength

Infinitely good Lord, you know my heart and my weaknesses. Do not abandon me. You are infinitely just and ask nothing of me that is beyond my strength. My happiness knows no limit when I contemplate your infinite righteousness and put all things in your hands. From experience I know that on my path, covered with innumerable obstacles, in the night of trial without exit, you, the infinitely righteous One, have never abandoned me. At those moments when I nearly fainted under the weight of evil, you did not abandon me, When I felt tempted to despair and to give up everything, when the storm raged without and within, when the winds of calumny buffeted against my good intentions and actions, Lord, you did not abandon me. It was at such moments that the Holy Spirit taught me what I should do and how I should speak. At such moments the Holy Spirit poured courage and hope into my weakened soul and comforted me. The Lord will never abandon me to my limitations!

Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận

Cardinal Nguyễn Văn Thuận († 2002) was imprisoned by the Vietnamese government from 1975 to 1988, during which time he secretly sent prayers and spiritual writings to his flock.

Counters Rota

11 July Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
18 July Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
25 July Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan