

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3/4 July 2021

Saturday 3rd July

5.30pm Smyth intention (Curran)

Sunday 4th July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am John & Bridget Hartnett RIP
(Anniv)

10am Dorothy Fahey RIP

Monday 5th July

9.30am Jesuina Mendes RIP
(Anniv)

Tuesday 6th July

9.30am Alessia Nigrelli
(Thanksgiving)

Wednesday 7th July

9.30am Veronica Mascarenhas
Intention

Thursday 8th July

NO LITURGY

Friday 9th July

7pm Annie O'Reilly Intention

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

This weekend : Saint Paul – ‘making his weaknesses his special boast’

“Dear brothers and sisters - Oh the recurring mistake we all make, when we imagine that God only cares for us when we are ‘good and perfect’. It is a big mistake. Pope Francis recently wrote that the Eucharist/Holy Communion is not just food for saints - it is also nourishment for the weary and broken. Another quotation comes to mind – ‘every saint has a past: every sinner has a future’. What a relief! A very powerful second reading this weekend and a much loved passage from Saint Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians.

Of course we should read the scriptures daily - perhaps a short passage from one of the Gospels (Mark to start!) Please, though, don’t miss out on Paul writing to the Corinthians - particularly letter 2. This weekend - the gospel offers a challenge! It is faith that must grow in each one of us, in our parish community and in your priest. Let us pray for each other. With my blessing on you all”. Father Michael

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.

Inside the church - the work continues

Take a look at the photographs at the front door - we can see the major dismantling and removal. With God’s help – it will all be worth it, once we are ‘back home’ in our beautiful church. Father Michael has been leading the appeal for the finance involved. £20k is the parish part in the main cost- the rest is covered by the insurance. Of course - there are always ‘hidden extras’ already emerging. Many thanks to those parishioners and friends who have already responded to the appeal. Up until now £9,140 has been donated; a tremendously generous total. Many thanks indeed- for such an amount thus far!

Update from Tony Murphy

Work has now been completed on Phase 1 of the flooring work, which entailed the safe removal of both Altars, Pulpit, Communion Rail and other fixtures, as well as the secure suspension of the Baldacchino on steel

girders. In addition, the electrical and public address system has been stripped out. The next phase is the breaking out and removal of the ground in the Sanctuary area, prior to the laying of the new, reinforced floor. This is the longest phase with an expected 10 - 12 week timeline.

'If war is the answer - it must be a very stupid question?'

These words found on a wall in war-torn Yugoslavia linked with a recent address given by Pope Francis - 'never give up the dream of a world without wars. At present we are living in a third world war fought 'in pieces' with crimes, massacres and destruction. Migrant refugees are the witnesses of war, the sorrowful 'ambassador' of the unheard demand for peace.... Indifference is complicit in war. Today unfortunately deadly and sophisticated armaments are being made. War (Pope Francis concludes) can be abolished as was the case with slavery.'

Peter's Pence - supporting the charities of Pope Francis

Currently most of the 'extra' door collections are not being taken up - but the annual collection for Peter's Pence is surely a worthy exception. It usually occurs approximate to the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (29 June). Our parish contribution will take place next Sunday 11 July at the end of Mass. Though our current parish emphasis is on the work in the church - we do not forget the many needy places who turn to our Pope for spiritual and material assistance. (Father Michael)

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.

Other rotas!

Some have lapsed at the moment - for example, the church cleaning list, the wider altar servers' details etc. Thankfully the reliable counters continue as well as the willing helpers preparing for and ensuring banking. Huge thanks are due to those who prepare and organise the 10am on-line Mass. It is now a wonderful heartbeat of prayer, song and liturgy.

From the teachings of Saint Anthony of Padua

Humility, poverty, patience and obedience are the four who bring the soul, as it lies helpless, to Jesus. The roof is a fourfold one: of pride, avarice, stubbornness and anger. Covering and obscuring the face of the soul so that it cannot see the light of justice, this roof is opened by the four virtues mentioned. Thus they let down before Jesus, trusting in his mercy, both soul and body. No-one can come to Jesus unless he is carried by these four virtues.

We ask you, then, Lord Jesus Christ, to put away the lying of our pride, to drive out our avarice by poverty, to break our anger with patience and to crush our disobedience by the obedience of your Passion. By this may we be presented to you, receive the forgiveness of our sins and be made fit to rejoice with you forever. Grant, this, you who are blessed forever and ever. Amen. Beloved, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to make us rise from sin, take up the bed of our flesh and return to the house of heavenly blessedness.

Counters Rota

4 July Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

11 July Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

18 July Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva