

# 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

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

12/13 June 2021

Saturday 12th June  
The Immaculate Heart of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

5.30pm Michael O'Shea RIP

Sunday 13th June  
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Thanksgiving to  
St Anthony of Padua

10am William Hannafin RIP  
(1st Anniv)

Monday 14th June

9.30am Joseph Dias RIP  
(de Souza)

Tuesday 15th June

9.30am Andrew Fernandes  
(Special Intention)

Wednesday 16th June

9.30am Fred Pereira RIP  
(Wadood)

Thursday 17th June  
NO LITURGY

Friday 18th June

7pm Mark O'Grady RIP  
Saturday 19th June

5.30pm Liam & Shyan  
(Wedding intention)

Sunday 20th June  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Michael Wilson RIP  
(Moody)

10am People of the parish

**brothers and sisters, friends and visitors - WELCOME!**  
**currently the floor of our church sanctuary is being taken up for repair and restoration**

## **The Kingdom of God? The Lord throws seed on the land!**

Of course there is a proper place for preparation and planning. We have experienced this truth all through the COVID journey. In our personal and family lives, each of us have responsibilities which require us to be organised and forward-thinking. Yet, this weekend, the gospel parables illustrating the KINGDOM OF GOD, are about the Lord's spontaneous abundance and generosity. A man THROWS seed on the land! These parables remind us that the Lord is 'wild and extravagant' Using the smallest of seeds yet producing the biggest shrub of all! To follow Christ, a wise Abbot used to say - 'requires less planning and more passion - Gospel passion'. Truly it is good to give you thanks, O Lord. (Father Michael)

## **After the 8am and 10am Mass- A PLANT SALE!**

Take a look! Something for everybody! An extra item for your garden. Thank you to Martyn and friends.



## **Our First Holy Communion 2021**

Even with all the setbacks of the last year (and longer) God has blessed our parish with 7 families whose children will be receiving Our Lord for the first time over the next few weeks. Akunna, Ama, Kian and Liliana will have the own special Mass on 26 June. Allegra, Daniela and Lacey will have their own special Mass on 10 July.

## **The Cross outside the church**

It was there throughout Lent and Eastertide. Many people and passers-by

commented on it. For now, it has been taken down but it will return. Thank you to Pat (and Margaret) plus helpers. Much appreciated.

### **Our recent patronal celebration**

On the feast of Corpus Christi, we also remembered Saint William of York - a celebration which included a 'take away' for everyone (after the Sunday morning Masses). Once again - Claudette and Nory did the honours - for which we are grateful.

### **A real live in-person Deanery meeting**

Yes, after more than a year of ZOOM monthly meetings - on Monday 14 June the clergy and pastoral workers of Harrow will meet at Harrow-on-the Hill parish!! A joy at last!

### **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.*

### **From Tony Murphy (Property)**

*Work has begun in the Church with the Sanctuary stripped of both Altars, Pulpit and Communion Rails, which are all safely stored in the Nave of the Church. The 2 Icons and the Statues of the Sacred Heart and Blessed Virgin have all been specially protected and again safely away from the working area, as are the Stations of the Cross. Next week will see the Baldacchino work and then the removal of the floor tiles and opening up of the flooring below.*

### **What is going on inside the church?**

***There are photos floating around, including on the parish website. Have a peep!***

### **From Pope Francis – Let Us Dream**

Jesus did not found the Church as a citadel of purity nor as a constant parade of heroes and saints – although thank God we do not lack these. It is something much more dynamic: a school of conversion, a place of spiritual combat and discernment, where grace abounds along with sin and temptation. Like its members, the Church can be an instrument of God's mercy because it needs that mercy. Just as none of us should reject other people because of their sins and failures but help them be what they are meant to be, Christ's followers should love and listen to the Church, build her up, take responsibility for her, including her sins and failures. At those moments when the Church shows herself to be weak and sinful, let us help her get up again; let us not condemn or disdain her, but care for her like our own mother.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

Come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever.

Amen

### **Counters Rota**

13 June Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

20 June Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

27 June Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese