

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
 Mass on Friday 7pm (this week)
 Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & on call

4th Sunday of Lent

13/14 March 2021

Saturday 13th March

5.30pm Esther Craigh RIP

Sunday 14th March
 4th Sunday of Lent
 Laetare Sunday

8am Peters Intention

10am Mary Danaher (sick)
 (Fahey)

Monday 15th March

9.30am Veronica Anne Mahon
 RIP (Anniv) (Goode)

Tuesday 16th March

9.30am Chris Taylor RIP (Cleary)

Wednesday 17th March
 St Patrick, Bishop
 Patron of Ireland

9.30am Peace in Ireland
 Thursday 18th March

NO LITURGY

Friday 19th March
 St Joseph, Spouse
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm Mass of St Joseph

Saturday 20th March

5.30pm Abigail Ukstin Intention
 (Monica)

Sunday 21st March
 5th Sunday of Lent

8am Chris Taylor RIP
 (Nuala O'Shea)

10am Martins Intention

This weekend – JOY – Laetare Sunday

Rose vestments and a gospel of joyful reassurance, “Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son” this is the assurance given to us from the Cross of Jesus. There is no ‘maybe’ about it; nothing provisional or contractual. Belief in Jesus Christ means that we are on the receiving end of the Father’s love. As Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading - ‘we are God’s work of art’. During these remaining days of Lent - let us try daily to place ourselves in the joy of knowing that we are truly LOVED by the Father.

Mothering Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Mothers’ Day - remembering and praying for all mums and all who ‘mother’ in different ways. May they all be blessed and remembered.

A grateful and blessed Priest!

“With all the COVID ups and downs - I have been so touched by the kindness I have received over these past months, from you the thoughtful parishioners of Stanmore. I have been on the receiving end of, in the first place, your prayers and consideration; but also your wonderful gifts, deliveries and support. I am the most blessed priest in the world - because of YOU” (Father M).

Church Flooring Works Update

There has been a delay in finalising the contractual details for the flooring works and a start date for the works has not yet been finalised. Once the works are in progress, the Church Hall will be used for Masses. The Hall itself will shortly be fitted out with broadband connections for that temporary use as well as for long term facility usage. A more detailed summary of the details and arrangements will be provided, once available.

Why not try a weekday Mass?

Understandably - people may be reluctant about attending Mass on Sunday. Yes, masks are still required and numbers are limited, but, up until now, we have never exceeded our attendance provision. With the Lord’s help we can begin to return to Mass in church. Of course our on-line service is a blessing, but at the heart of each Sunday is the community GATHERING of believers. As your Parish Priest, I encourage you in this - allowing for all suitable medical precautions and existing restrictions. To

observe extra caution - why not come along to a weekday Mass- Monday to Wednesday at 9.30am? A call, an invitation. An opportunity to meet and receive Christ directly in the Holy Eucharist. (Father Michael)

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us on the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen



From the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, *Patris Corde* – With a Father's Heart

First Holy Communion Programme 2021

This year there will be two groups of children preparing for their First Holy Communion, starting after Easter. Each of the groups will meet together for their lessons, carefully following Diocesan and Government COVID regulations. Although this year the Programme will have to be different from usual, it will still enable the children to meet each other in lessons and will provide a very special spiritual opportunity for all of the Families involved.

There will be the 2020 Group who began their lessons over a year ago and need to reconvene to finish their preparations. There will be a Parents Meeting: date/time/venue to be confirmed. Date of first lesson Sunday 9th May at 9am. First Holy Communion Mass will be on SATURDAY 26th June at 11am.

Also, there will be the 2021 Group. Children currently need to be in year 3 or above at school. A Registration form can be collected either from the church as you leave after Mass, or there are copies available from the porch of the Parish House. Final date for returning Registration forms to Father Michael is 10th April. There will be a Parents Meeting on the weekend of 17th/18th April, day/time/venue to be confirmed. Date of first lesson Sunday 25th April at 11am. First Holy Communion Mass will be on SATURDAY 10th July at 11am.

Another important date for attendance of both Groups, please put in your diary: SATURDAY 15th May at 11am.

Please note all the dates and times. Groups will receive more details from Carol-Anne.

Father David Kolo

Our special priest friend in Uganda remains in regular contact. He sends greetings and he has a new diocesan job, as a chaplain to a Catholic boarding school with more than 1000 pupils. Imagine! All boarding!

Planned Giving

Several parishioners who previously made donations by weekly envelopes have changed to standing orders during the pandemic. If this applies to you, please either ring or email the parish office to advise whether you intend to continue to donate by standing order or to revert to envelopes in the future.

Counters Rota

<u>14 March</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
<u>21 March</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>28 March</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam