

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

27/28 March 2021

Saturday 27th March

5.30pm McIntyre Intention
(Thanksgiving)

Sunday 28th March
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

8am Phyllis Beasant Intention
10am People of the parish

Monday 29th March

9.30am O'Reilly Family
Tuesday 30th March

9.30am Bridget Doherty RIP
(Love)

Wednesday 31st March

9.30am Joseph Dias RIP
(Birthday)

Thursday 1st April
Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 2nd April
Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross
3pm The Passion Liturgy
5.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 3rd April
Holy Saturday

8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 4th April
Easter Sunday

8am Tommy O'Sullivan RIP
10am People of the parish

Holy Week 2021

Dear brothers, sisters and friends: once again an unusual Holy Week and Easter - though better than 2020 when we were closed. This year, by God's grace we are open. COVID restrictions mean a few differences and a couple of missing elements but we will celebrate the special days ahead with faith and joy - interceding for many other people and the hardships of lockdown. The religious opponents of Jesus and the Roman authorities wanted to end, not only the ministry, but also the life of Jesus. From their point of view - his crucifixion was a success story and his tomb was the end of the matter. Yet our observance of the days of this coming week eventually bring us, not to closure but literally to heaven. 'Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world'. He is truly Saviour of the whole of our suffering, COVID burdened world.

Monday 29 March: An opportunity for Confession - in the sacristy of the church: 6pm until 8pm.

Maundy Thursday - 8pm: The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with a short time of Eucharistic Adoration just before Holy Communion.

Those on-line will be able to – join with the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Maiden Lane (Covent Garden) – live Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8pm until midnight. <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

Good Friday: Please consider carefully - we have three 'in church' opportunities on Good Friday: **10am Stations of the Cross**

3pm The Passion Liturgy

5.30pm Stations of the Cross

Please try to spread attendance so that we respect our limit of 42 in church. Veneration of the Cross at each of the three services.

Traditionally on Good Friday there is a retiring collection for the 'Holy Places' supporting the people and shrines of the Holy Land. It will take place after all the liturgies.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil begins 8pm: Easter Sunday Mass 8am & 10am

Walk of Witness

Over the last few years, we have had our Good Friday Walk of Witness - gathering our local Christian brothers and sisters - usually starting from our parish church and ending in Saint John's with our Anglican friends. Let us pray for greater unity between all the followers of Christ.

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Many thanks to those who have dropped off items requested by the Friars for their day centre for the homeless. The only goods they need are track-

suit style trousers and tops (NB-**ONLY**). Presently everything is in the front hall of the house, with the box outside the front door to receive further generosity. May the Lord bless the generosity of this parish in so many different ways.

Westminster Cathedral

Our Cathedral offers choristers opportunities for Catholic boys with musical potential in years 2 or 3 to become part of the Cathedral choir as well as receiving an outstanding education at one of London's leading schools. Choristers board during the school week only - heading home to their families from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning at 9.45am. Speak to your Parish Priest if you would like to know more.

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.

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.

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



The Bible Timeline Course

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 2021** at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Counters Rota

28 March Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

4 April Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi De Silva

11 April Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan