

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4/5 September 2021

Saturday 4th September

5.30pm Cihak Intention

Sunday 5th September
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am The faithful departed

10am Sammy Wadood RIP
(Martins)

Monday 6th September

9.30am Nial Colgan RIP

Tuesday 7th September

9.30am Sam Wadood RIP
(Birthday)

Wednesday 8th September
The Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Dennis Allman RIP

Thursday 9th September

NO LITURGY

Friday 10th September

7pm Anna & Vincent Rodrigues
RIP

Saturday 11th September

5.30pm Gertrude Charles
Intention

Sunday 12th September
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Harty Intention

10am Verediana Fernandes RIP

This weekend - readings that comfort and challenge

‘Amazing Scripture this week! Isaiah in the first reading is full of promise; eyes will be opened - ears will be unsealed. The Lord tells his people “courage! Do not be afraid”. Dear people of God/parishioners receive this Word with relish. The second reading is also powerful with a warning about judging others and their ‘status’. Receive this warning Word with caution. In the gospel - a deaf man is healed by Jesus. Receive this Word with joy! Trust and rest in these Scriptures. Trust and adore Jesus who stands among us at every Mass and feeds us.’ MM

September - new month - newsletter

It is said that we are slowly returning to ‘normal’ – even though life is still challenging. Nevertheless - it is currently back to school and back to the familiar. This newsletter covers a number of different aspects of information and guidance. In church we are going to continue to use masks! We will no longer have ‘sign-in’ lists at the door, though of course hand-sanitiser is still available before Mass. We are moving carefully.

An OPEN parish meeting - Wednesday 8 September : 7pm

‘Though announced as an opportunity to share about the experience of COVID which will be the MAIN reason to gather - I am sure there will be other topics to pick up on. This meeting in our hall/Church is for all who wish to attend. Welcome. Father Michael’

Prayer and fasting for Afghanistan

Yes, Pope Francis has asked the world-wide church to ‘cry out to God’ for Afghanistan. He suggests some serious ‘fasting’ for the country and its people. Prayer and fasting (together) are traditional ways to ‘cry out to God’ in any special need. We have all being following events - not just as a media message but with compassion for all involved.

Father David Kolo in Uganda

Father Michael writes- “Times are very tough in Uganda with limited supplies of the vaccine, schools and most institutions closed. Remember that Father David is now a Head teacher / Chaplain in a diocesan secondary/boarding school. Thanks to one or two kind donations I have been able to send him a little support from Stanmore, as well as our remembrance and prayers. May God bless and protect this good and holy priest.

Calling parents for our First Holy Communion Programme 2022

We will have our usual First Holy Communion Programme in 2022. This will be for children who are just now starting in year 3, or above, in school. If you would like more information at this stage, please make yourself known to Carol-Anne after the Sunday 10am Mass. Any of the stewards can point you in the direction of Carol-Anne to say hello. Father Michael will announce dates and provide application forms in a couple of months' time.

Anne Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Anne died, having recently received Holy Communion and the Last Rites from Father Michael at home. A well-known parishioner and family - her funeral will take place on Tuesday 14 September at **10am (NB)**. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Notification from the Bishops of England & Wales

At the beginning of the pandemic and lockdowns - the bishops announced that the 'Sunday **obligation** for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass had been lifted/removed for the time being'. We all understood the reasons for this. Now, our bishops have written to say that the obligation to attend Mass (preferably in person) will be re-imposed on the first Sunday of Advent - 28 November. Being physically together for the Eucharist, for us as Catholics is not just a requirement - it is also our weekly chance to meet and receive Jesus our Lord.

Help needed around the place!

Willing hands make such a difference in the grounds, garden and corners! Please have a word with Laurence or Father Michael - if you have a little time to spare. Thank you.

Help received in so many ways!

Thank you to so many parishioners whose support and involvement covers so many areas of parish life; readers, stewards, counters, altar servers, on-line Mass organisers, musicians, daily Mass folk, flower arrangers and countless others. May the Lord bless our parish family. Let me also mention the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Focus group and all who work alongside Tony Murphy during this time of work within the Church. Tony warrants a special mention. (Father Michael)

Flooring Works Update

Work on removing the Altar and Sanctuary heating pipes has been completed under controlled conditions with their safe disposal. The excavation work has now resumed and the end of October date for a return into the Church remains the target. A sample of the replacement floor tile is on the entrance table in the Church Hall and photographs of the works in progress are on the Church website and regularly updated.

Readers Rota

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| <u>11 September – 5.30pm</u> | Lily Meghji | <u>12 September – 8am</u> | Georgina Martins |
| <u>18 September – 5.30pm</u> | John McIntyre | <u>19 September – 8am</u> | Rosemary Chukwulobelu |
| <u>25 September – 5.30pm</u> | Noreta Reece | <u>26 September – 8am</u> | Daphne Byron |

Counters Rota

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| <u>5 September</u> | Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese |
| <u>12 September</u> | Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe |
| <u>19 September</u> | Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam |

