

St. William of York Catholic Church



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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions Saturday 11.00-12.00 in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

Palm Sunday – see Parish Mass book pp. 190-197

9/10 April 2022

Saturday 9th April

5.30pm John Mascarenhas

Sunday 10th April
Palm Sunday

8am Intentions of Pope Francis

10am For the Parish
and its needs

Monday 11th April

9.30am Sam Wadood RIP
(1st Anniv)

Tuesday 12th April

9.30am For the Cardinal and the
work of the diocese

Wednesday 13th April

9.30am Rachel Smith (poorly)
(Maureen Ruane)

Thursday 14th April
Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 15th April
Good Friday

9am Stations of the Cross

10am Ecumenical Walk
of Witness

12pm Children's Stations
of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday 16th April
Holy Saturday

8pm The Easter Vigil

Sunday 17th April
Easter Sunday

8am For the intentions of
Pope Francis this Easter

10am People of the Parish

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**"God didn't send His Son into the world to condemn it,
but so that the world could be saved by Him!" St John 3.17**

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is the three most solemn days of the liturgical year; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These most holy days celebrate the Paschal Mystery: first, the passion, suffering, and death of the Lord Jesus, followed by his resurrection, the triumph of the holy cross, and Christ's decisive victory over sin and death. So this three-day celebration is a single feast, of 'the Paschal Mystery', and they are the three holiest days of the entire liturgical year – from which all other celebrations flow. If there were ever three days that Christians should want to go to church to pray, it would be the Triduum.

These days rank at the head of the liturgical calendar of the Church. They celebrate the most sacred mysteries of our faith, and they ought to be celebrated with the community at liturgy. The Jews have three high holy days, three pilgrimage feasts, Passover, Pentecost, and Booths, and those who lived outside of Jerusalem made pilgrimage to the Temple to celebrate these solemn occasions. The three days of the Christian Triduum are our "high holy days," our "pilgrimage feast," and we ought to make pilgrimage from our homes to church to commemorate and honour the ways in which the Lord – willingly, deliberately, freely – laid down his life for us, poor sinners, for our salvation making us with him heirs of the kingdom of the Father.

Please make it a top priority to come together in church to celebrate the Triduum this year – the first real opportunity since 2019! Reserve the time. Rearrange your diary if necessary. Take some personal time off from work. Suspend errands, or jobs around the house. Drop everything! Plan to attend the 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the 3pm Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and the 8pm Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday – details overleaf. Enter into the mystery of your own salvation! *Fr JMG*

Confessions

Please note the many opportunities in the Holy Week schedule for confession. I shall be in church at all those times. Even if it has been a long time, make a start. The Lord wants to put away our sins, lift the load, but, like the prodigal son, we must come to Him!

Maundy Thursday Washing of the Feet

Please could I encourage the men among you of all ages to volunteer, please, for the foot washing at the 8pm Mass on Thursday. We need twelve of you. The disciples were, of course, all young men – and this is therefore an especially good opportunity for the young men of the congregation to participate in the church's traditional rites. It means nothing more serious than removing your shoes and socks and allowing your feet to be washed in public. Life has many other greater challenges. Please do volunteer – direct to me. *Fr JMG*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST WILLIAM'S	
9 April Vigil of Palm Sunday 16.45–17.15pm Confessions 17.30pm Vigil Mass with Blessing of Palms	14 April Maundy Thursday 7.00–7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>with watch before the Altar of Repose until 10.00</i> 9.45pm Night Prayer <i>"Let the Paschal Fast be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, throughout Holy Saturday also, so that the joys of Easter Sunday may be reached with a ready and clear mind." SC 110</i>
10 April Palm Sunday <i>Every effort should be made to attend the main Mass</i> 8.00 Mass 10.00 PALM PROCESSION and MASS	15 April Good Friday Fast Day 9.00 Stations of the Cross 10.00 Ecumenical Walk of Witness <i>Beginning here at St William's and ending at St John's</i> 12.00 Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00pm LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY <i>The church will remain open until 6.00</i>
11 April Monday of Holy Week 8.45–9.15 Confessions 09.30 Mass	16 April Holy Saturday Fast Day 10.00–11.30 Confessions 8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL
12 April Tuesday of Holy Week 8.45–9.15 Confessions 09.30 Mass <i>12.00 Chrism Mass in the Cathedral</i>	17 April Easter Sunday 8.00 Mass 10.00 MASS OF EASTER
13 April Wednesday of Holy Week 8.45–9.15 Confessions 09.30 Mass	

Walk of Witness

This ecumenical event – beginning at **10am on Good Friday**, and moving **from St William's to St John's Anglican Parish Church** – is a good opportunity for us as Catholics to share with other Christians in witnessing to the work of Christ which gives *visibility* to our shared and mutually recognised Baptism, which is in turn the basis of *all else* that separated Christians can and should do together. I encourage you to make this part of your Good Friday offering to the Lord.

Stations of the Cross for Children

After that, **at noon on Good Friday**, we shall have a short devotion for children in St William's, which I will lead. Parents, please consider bringing your children to share in this opportunity for age-appropriate prayer.

A Day with Mary

On the notice board in the church narthex you will see details of **A Day with Mary** at Our Lady and St George, London Road Enfield EN2 6DS on **Saturday 23 April**, 9.30 to 3.30. It is a day of instruction, devotion and intercession—led by Fr Daniel Humphreys and Fr Serafino Lanzetta, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917, a part of which gave rise to the Holy Father's recent decision to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I encourage you to consider attending. See the board for details.

Easter Offering

Outside the envelope scheme all offerings at Easter (as at Christmas) are for the support of the parish and the wider diocese. If however parishioners wish to offer something personally for the support of our parish priest, as was the old way with these festal offerings, it must be in an envelope with Fr. Goodall's name on it (thereby making it clear that it is a personal gift).

Readers Rota 9 April 5.30pm Martin Rush & Noretta Reece 10 April 8am Georgina Martins & Freda Adzinku
10 April 10am Readings Monika Tabbarok & Carol-Anne Chandler, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane
17 April 8am Freda Adzinku
17 April 10am Readings Robert Chandler & Patrick Arthur, Bidding prayers Ray Kulanthai
Counters Rota 10 April Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
17 April Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Church Cleaning Rota

16 April Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
23 April Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza