

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 on Saturdays 4.15-5.15pm in church, or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

20/21 August 2022

Saturday 20 August

4.15-5.15 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday

Elisa Sammarco RIP (Anniv)

SUNDAY 21 August

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 1]

8.00 **Mass** Alex Fernandes RIP

10.00 **Parish Mass**

Mrs Anastasia Anucha RIP

Monday 22 August

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass: Gospel – Matt 23.13-22

Tuesday 23 August

Feria 21st Week of the Year

No Mass: Gospel – Matt 23.23-26

Wednesday 24 August

St Bartholomew the Apostle
Feast

No Mass: Gospel – John 1.45-51

Thursday 25 August

Feria 21st Week of the Year

No Mass: Gospel – Matt 24.42-51

Friday 26 August

*Blessed Dominic Barberi, memorial
Friday abstinence*

No Mass: Gospel – Matt 25.1-13

Saturday 27 August

St Monica, memorial

No Mass of the day:

Gospel Matt 25.14-30

4.15-5.15 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday

David Blatt RIP (Birthday)

SUNDAY 28 August

22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 2]

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish

10.00 **Parish Mass**

Mary Brightwell RIP (Anniv)

NEW TO ST WILLIAM'S? Please, make yourself known to the priest and to others. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

BEFORE MASS BEGINS – A PRAYER OF PREPARATION ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this prayer, until the bell at the start of Mass, please pray in preparation for worship. It is a support to others' prayer if you keep quiet, young children excepted!

AFTER MASS Drinks, often homemade cakes, and chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our 'cenacle', our 'Upper Room' – after the 10 o'clock Mass.

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME The Order of Mass can be followed from p.7 in the red Parish Mass Book. (On Sundays Eucharistic Prayer 3 or 1 is used; and Memorial Acclamation A or C.)

The Readings for today's Masses are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on pp.127–30.

Psalm response: Go out to the whole world – proclaim the Good News.

The French cabaret singer Edith Piaf is best remembered for crooning 'Non! je ne regrette rien' – 'no! there is nothing I regret!' The irony is that Edith had anything but a happy life, she had made many mistakes, and it is precisely the sadness induced by memories of her past that added such touching pathos to her singing. Most of us, looking back, wonder how things would have turned out had we made different choices, had we *not* done certain things; had we responded to the prompting of our conscience and done what we felt we ought to at the time, but didn't. The list is long: the sick people we could have visited, the lonely people we could have spent some time with, the letters we did not write, the phone calls we did not make, the people we crossed off our Christmas card list. And yet the scripture readings this weekend remind us that as long as we are alive there is the opportunity to open ourselves to the promptings of God's grace. We may regret not doing it sooner, but the opportunity is never lost! The gospel urges us to be ever vigilant and alert to the graces of the present moment. While we may regret the mistakes of the past, the missed opportunities and the wrong moves we have made, the time for conversion *is now*. The Spirit is still knocking at the door of our hearts, the opportunities are *here* - we must just *recognise* them and *act* upon the promptings of divine grace.

First Reading (Old Testament): Isaiah 66.18 – 21 The exile, far away in Babylon, has passed. The time has come for the Hebrews to return to Jerusalem; the opportunity for a new beginning has dawned. Many of the people had been dispersed in foreign countries, they had let themselves be seduced by the worship of false gods. And yet the creation of a *new* society, like the re-construction of the great Temple in Jerusalem (one of the wonders

of the ancient world), is no easy task. The Hebrews who returned to the land of Israel lost heart, the task of creating a new society daunted them. And yet the prophet presents them with a vision which extends well beyond the hopes of the Jewish people alone. From the new Jerusalem he says, the glory of God will be revealed to *all peoples*. People will be drawn to it from the farthest-away islands. We are all included in the invitation to be embraced in the new Jerusalem by the all-encompassing glory of God.

Second Reading (New Testament): Hebrews 12.5–7, 11–13 The author outlines a philosophy of punishment, including corporal punishment, that is disagreeable to our ears. We hear debates about the death penalty, longer and stricter prison sentences, and corporal punishment: all seem to belong to a dark past. The issue here is the way in which God trains, instructs and guides each one of us. Like coaching for competitive sports or military skills, the coach's instructions involve exertion, discipline, even pain. But the point the author wishes to highlight is that, without being stretched, without suffering, we cannot – will not – grow.

Gospel: Luke 13.22–30 The question of who and how many will be saved – “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” – first articulated here by an anonymous question directed to Jesus, has dominated the history of Christianity. There have been liberal, generous views: everyone will be saved. Yet Calvinism (in the Protestant world) and Jansenism (in the Catholic world) provided a grimmer and much more restricted answer. Let us pay attention to what Jesus says today: “Strive to enter through the narrow door.”

SEPTEMBER DATES In place of the usual St William's Day lunch (which we could not have in early June this year because it clashed with Pentecost) there will be a **Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 18 September**, when the majority of us are back from summer break and schools are back in the swing. *Please note it in your diary, and plan to be there. Fr J*

Claudette writes: “Please feel free to bring *cooked food* to share. If you find it hard to decide what to bring, please take a peep into the suggestions folder. This folder will be displayed in the Church Porch. In another folder with it you are requested to write your name and the number of people who will be attending with you on the day. This will help for catering purposes. Both folders will stay out until 11 September. Thank you.”

The following Sunday, **25 September**, Bishop John Sherrington will be with us for Confirmation at the Sunday morning Mass. After that we will have a celebration too, but not a lunch.

THE BELLS, THE BELLS! You will have noticed that the church bell is back. But the chimes seem to have mystified some. Church bells are not there first to tell the hours of the clock. They can do that when they have nothing else to do. First they are there to call worshippers to the church for the Mass or another church service. So that is why the bell rings for 3 minutes 5 minutes before each mass. Second, they signal fixed times of Christian prayer: especially the Angelus ('The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary ...') at 8am, 12 noon, and 6 pm every day. (That is a pattern of 3-3-3-9 rings.) The bell will also toll slowly before funerals. When it doesn't clash with *any* of those, it will strike the hours between 8 in the morning and 8 in the evening.

DAILY MASSES For the next week, while Fr Jonathan is on leave, there will be no weekday Masses. In the calendar you will find the Gospel reading for Mass each day, which we could all use – not just those who attend daily Mass – as the centre of a time of prayer.

At the *weekend* Fr Graham Stokes the parish priest at St John Fisher, North Harrow, and Fr Axcel Soriano his assistant there, will generously come to St William's to hear confessions (please use them!) and celebrate the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. We are *immensely* grateful to them for this practical and prayerful support.

Readers Rota	<u>20 August 5.30</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>21 August 8.00</u>	Georgina Martins
	<u>21 August 10.00</u>	Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers	Tim & Mel Goodger	
	<u>27 August 5.30</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>28 August 8.00</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
	<u>28 August 10.00</u>	Readings Daniela Amasanti-DeBono, Bidding prayers	Derrick Pereira & family	
	<u>3 September 5.30</u>	Noreta Reece	<u>4 September 8.00</u>	Amalie Direkze
	<u>4 September 10.00</u>	Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers	Carol-Anne Chandler	

Counters Rota

<u>21 August</u>	Amal Graham, Marcello Borgese, Valerie Cihak
<u>28 August</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>4 September</u>	Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Church Cleaning

<u>27 August</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza
<u>3 September</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwanah
<u>10 September</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite