

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 4.30-5.15pm in church or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

Fourth Sunday of Advent

17/18 December 2022

Saturday 17 December

Advent feria of the day
No morning Mass
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Lawrence (sickness)

SUNDAY 18 December

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr A)
[Daily Office Psalter week 4]
8.00 **Mass** People of the Parish
10.00 **Parish Mass** and **Angelus**
Barbara Chandler RIP (Anniv)

Mon 19 Dec *Advent feria of the day*
9.30 **Mass** Maria Shukla (Thanksgiving)
5.30-6.30 **Adoration & Confessions**

Tues 20 Dec *Advent feria of the day*
9.30 **Mass** Sr Rosanna O'Grady
(90th Birthday)
5.30-6.30 **Adoration & Confessions**

Wed 21 Dec *Advent feria of the day*
9.30 **Mass** Maureen Ride RIP
5.30-6.30 **Adoration & Confessions**

Thu 22 Dec *Advent feria of the day*
No Mass day

Fri 23 Dec *Advent feria of the day*
From 3.30-6.30pm
Adoration and Confessions
7.00pm **Mass** Martha Fahey RIP

Saturday 24 December **Christmas Eve**
9.30 Christmas Eve Morning Mass
John Okenabirhie
(Thanksgiving for 80th birthday)
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Christmas
James Balfe RIP (Anniv)
11.00pm Carols and Readings
followed by Christmas '**Mass during the Night**' Malcolm & Chrissie Cussell

SUNDAY 25 December

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Year A)
8.00 Christmas '**Mass at Dawn**'
Tricia & John Annessa
10.00 Christmas '**Mass during the Day**'
People of the Parish

Monday 26 December

St Stephen's Day [Boxing Day]
10.00am **Mass** Nora Balfe

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME.

PREPARATION BEFORE MASS 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.

DURING MASS Last week we began using other congregational responses provided in the Missal.

At the Greeting:

Priest Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation And with your spirit.

During the Eucharistic Prayer:

Priest The mystery of faith.

Congregation Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free!

At the Dismissal:

Priest Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Congregation Thanks be to God!

AFTER THE 10am MASS ... refreshments (often cakes!) and chance to connect in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT *The Order of Mass* can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book – **first from p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers – **from p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer – **p.56**. (New Mass cards, far simpler to follow, are in preparation.)

The **Readings** for today's Mass are to be found in the gold Parish Mass Book on **pp.91—93**.

Today's psalm response is: **Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.**

HAVING FOCUSED our attention for several weeks on the second coming of Jesus as Lord and Judge, the Church invites us now to focus our attention and our prayer on the events surrounding his coming among us in Bethlehem a little over two thousand years ago. Today the scripture readings remind us, through the prophet Isaiah, of God's *long-term* preparations for the sending of Messiah, and, also, the *immediate* preparation for Mary's pregnancy through the angelic revelations to St Joseph. Eight centuries before that birth, a specific promise came from the mouth of Isaiah: a descendent of the royal house of David, a sign that henceforth God *dwells-with* his people,

