

St. William of York Catholic Church



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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am

Weekdays
Mass Monday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12/13 February 2022

Saturday 12th February

5.30pm Jennie & Daniel
(Maria Smita)

Sunday 13th February
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Barbara Kowin RIP
(Birthday)

10am Eric Chandler RIP
(Birthday)

Monday 14th February
Ss Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,
Bishop, Patrons of Europe

10.30am Funeral of
Angela DeBono RIP

Tuesday 15th February

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 16th February

NO LITURGY

Thursday 17th February

NO LITURGY

Friday 18th February

10am Funeral of
Anne Teresa Murray RIP

7pm Private intention (Monica)
Saturday 19th February

5.30pm Deceased members of
the parish

Sunday 20th February
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am People of the parish

10am For peace in our world

Scripture Reflection “Are you storing up treasure on earth or in heaven?”

“And they all lived happily ever after.” We all enjoy stories with a happy ending, but as adults we know that living happily ever after only happens in the world of make believe. Or, does it?

In this gospel Jesus highlights the qualities that make for a happy or blessed “life ever after”, that is, eternal life. It does however feel like a gospel of reversals as Jesus pronounces a blessing on those who are poor, hungry, weeping, and hated. From the world’s standards those are the very people who are not blessed. We would say that it is the rich, full, happy and those who are liked who have been blessed, but Jesus goes on to pronounce woes on those people

It’s difficult to feel blessed when we have pain, sorrow, loss and confusion in our lives. At these times we may feel lost and let down by God but Jesus promises his disciples that the joys and reward of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world

As Jesus overturns the values we would normally consider desirable for a happy life, he sets out the values and ideals of the Christian Life in the Kingdom and he is asking us to realise that we are not living simply to be happy in this life but in the eternal life to come. When he says, “Blessed are you who are poor,” Jesus is referring to those who have recognized that their greatest need in life is spiritual, not material. These people are rich because they are laying up treasures in heaven.

If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts, and instead allow our lives to be guided by service to God.

Ultimately, the question is...Will you be happy with the world’s riches or will you hold out for the greater treasure, that is, Jesus Christ? (MR)

Visiting Priests Support

We thank Fr Graham Stokes and Fr. Axcel Soriano from St John Fisher Church, North Harrow for celebrating Mass last weekend. We have been extremely grateful for the willing support of the neighbouring Parishes of Mill Hill and Burnt Oak, and now North Harrow. This weekend, we welcome local retired members of the Clergy – Fr. Frank Waters and Fr. Tony Pellegrini.

Funerals this week

Angela DeBono RIP

Angela DeBono's funeral will take place in this church on Monday 14 February at 10.30am and will be conducted by Fr Michael Munnelly. Committal will be at 1pm at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone.

Anne Teresa Murray RIP

The funeral of Anne Teresa Murray will take place in this church on Friday 18 February at 10am. Committal will be at 11.30am at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

Jean Gabriel RIP (1940-2022)

Also on Friday 18 February the funeral of Jean Gabriel will take place at 10am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 191 High Road, Harrow Weald HA3 5EE. Burial at Carpenders Park, Oxhey Lane, Watford WD19 5RL. In lieu of flowers, donations to St Luke's Hospice. A tribute page for donations, stories and memories can be found at muchloved.com – search for Jean Gabriel.

Ongoing Covid Arrangements and Stewarding Arrangements

We intend to maintain, for a further time at least, the wearing of face masks and observance of safe distancing for the good of our whole congregational family. Also, the Statues of the Blessed Heart and Our Lady will soon be reinstated and it is asked that veneration does not include the touching of Statues.

During the last two years, the Stewards have played a significant part in the safe Covid management of Masses. Their support and commitment during that period has been greatly valued. Whilst restrictions have relaxed, we do need ongoing support to ensure that normal good arrangements are maintained – opening / closing of doors, support to those elderly and frail needing assistance on attending Mass and the welcoming of all to the Sunday Masses, plus assistance on the Offertory Collection. It is hoped that the current Stewards will be happy to continue to support the Parish in this (slightly changed) role, and we thank them in anticipation.

Prayer for our Parish and its future

God our Father You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Parish Priest for this parish, that we receive him with joy and that he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with hope, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readers Rota

<u>12 February 5.30pm</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>13 February 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>13 February 10am</u>	Readings Robert Chandler	Bidding prayers	Maureen Ruane
<u>19 February 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>20 February 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>20 February 10am</u>	Readings Daniela Amasanti-DeBono,	Bidding prayers	Derrick and family
<u>26 February 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>27 February 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>27 February 10am</u>	Readings John McIntyre,	Bidding prayers	Georgia Nwawulor

Counters Rota

<u>13 February</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>20 February</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan
<u>27 February</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>19 February</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza
<u>26 February</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris and Beatrice McAdam
<u>5 March</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby and Vere Massy

Some additional people to clean the church would be very welcome