

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19/20 February 2022

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

Monday 21st February

9.30am Deceased members of Stanmore Parish

Tuesday 22nd February
The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 23rd February
St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

NO LITURGY

Thursday 24th February

NO LITURGY

Friday 25th February

7pm Maria Ritina Dias RIP(Anniv)
(Vena Dias)

Saturday 26th February

5.30pm

Sunday 27th February
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am

10am

Scripture Reflection “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

This is another Gospel of reversals as it challenges our human thinking about enemies and forgiveness. The words of Jesus in this gospel today are particularly difficult for us for, although we may be very familiar with this message, trying to live it may feel impossible for many of us.

We are called to go beyond loving our neighbours as ourselves, beyond loving only those who love us, beyond only loving nice people. We are to love our enemies, do good to them, pray for them, and wish them well. In other words, we are encouraged to treat others, not as they perhaps deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated, with love, kindness and mercy. His love embraces saint and sinner alike and our treatment of others, even those who take advantage of us, or who hurt us or are ungrateful or selfish towards us should be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God shows us.

Jesus is inviting us to act as he did – by loving and doing good, stressing that it is easy to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so but it is much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

What Jesus asks may seem very demanding for many of us, but what we need to recognise is that living in this new way of Jesus as outlined in this gospel passage is only possible with God’s help. Only by receiving the spirit that Jesus promises will we be able to display the love, forgiveness and peace of Jesus.

In order to obtain the reward that we are promised, that is to have life in its fullness, to inherit eternal joy, to have a place forever in heaven, we are invited to become Christ-like and loving in our attitudes and in our behaviour. *(MR)*

Visiting Priests

We thank Fr. Frank Waters and Fr. Tony Pellegrini for their support last weekend. This weekend, we welcome Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead, Parochial Administrator, for all our weekend Masses. Mgr. Jeremy’s main role is the Parish Priest of St. George’s in Sudbury and the Dean of Harrow.

Work in the Church

The work in the Church is virtually complete, with just a number of snagging and electrical work outstanding. The external structural work at the rear of the Church has also been completed. The heating system remains an issue (which falls outside of the Flooring Project insurance claim

remit) and may necessitate further work in the summer. In addition, it is intended to change all the lighting to LED which will entail each of the fittings being upgraded.

Covid Arrangements at the Church

Given the recent relaxation in Covid restrictions, it is intended that we maintain the wearing of face masks and observance of safe distancing for the good of our whole congregational family.

Message from Michael Goode – Farewell to Fr. Michael

Following consultations, we now plan our delayed Parish farewell for Fr Michael on Friday evening the 18th of March in the Hall, following the 7pm Mass. This will be an informal and joyous evening of finger food and light refreshments, where we can all express our gratitude to Fr Michael for his years with us. He has asked this to be just a Parish celebration, and I'm sure we all look forward to that. I know that some of you have already baked cakes as a thank you and, should you wish to assist on the night, or contribute to the catering, then please feel free to speak to one of the Hall Committee. Thank you.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

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>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		
<u>5 March 5.30pm</u>	John McIntyre	<u>6 March 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>6 March 10am</u>	Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Kulanthai Family		

Counters Rota

<u>20 February</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan
<u>27 February</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
<u>6 March</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>26 February</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah
<u>5 March</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
<u>12 March</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza