

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26/27 February 2022

Saturday 26th February

5.30pm For vocations to the religious life

Sunday 27th February
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For peace in our world

10am For our Parish's future and its new Parish Priest

Monday 28th February

9.30am For peace in our world

Tuesday 1st March
St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 2nd March
Ash Wednesday

9.30am For the intentions of Pope Francis

7pm People of the Parish

Thursday 3rd March

NO LITURGY

Friday 4th March

7pm Sick & suffering people
Saturday 5th March

5.30pm

Sunday 6th March
1st Sunday of Lent

8am

10am

Scripture Reflection *Honest Christians reserve their strictest criticism for themselves*

In today's gospel we hear about a series of images through which Jesus was aiming to bring home to the people listening to him what it really meant to be one of his followers. He draws attention to the eye with two parables about poor vision. It is through our eyes that we see other people, what they do and how they behave, and this leads us to form judgements. We can be alert to the sins of others, easily noticing their flaws, failings or mistakes but really blind to our own and rarely realising that we commit the same mistakes. This is why Jesus talks about the log in our eye which we cannot see. He tells us never to set ourselves up as judges of others and uses the image of the blind man setting himself up as a guide. A blind, ignorant man leading another blind, ignorant man can only have one result, disaster. Jesus tells us that someone who does not look at their own faults and failings is utterly incapable of judging others and wholly unfit to be a guide to others.

He wants us to engage in and develop our capacity for self critical moral reflection. We cannot help others overcome their faults if we are blinded by our own faults and misperceptions. Just as a good tree bears good fruit, a good person lives according to moral truth with an upright character. As a bad tree bears bad fruit, an evil person's life is dominated by wrongdoing and falsehood. We can avoid unhealthy bad fruit in our lives if we are true to God, his word and the help he gives us so that we can turn away from evil. When it comes to sin, and developing a life of holiness, we must adopt a "Me-first" mentality and take an honest look at our own lives. Honest Christians reserve their strictest criticism for themselves. We need to see ourselves as God sees us, with our faults, weaknesses and strengths. (MR)

Visiting Priests

We thank both Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead and unexpectedly Bishop John Sherrington for their support at last weekend's Masses, and for the very welcome, good news they brought on the appointment of our new Parish Priest – Jonathan Goodall. Copies of the announcement made are in the Porch. Fr. Jonathan's first Mass in Stanmore is expected to be on Friday 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation.

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Eugene Curran, Parish Priest at Mill Hill, to all our Masses. Fr. Eugene has been with us before and is a member of the Vincentian Community.

Lent 2022 - "God never tires of loving us, we are the ones who tire of seeking His Mercy" – Pope Francis

With that thought in mind, our Lenten Pilgrimage begins on Wednesday 2nd March with the Blessing and distribution of Ashes at the 9.30am and 7pm Masses. Confessions will be available over each weekend from the visiting Priest(s). The Church is opened half an hour before Masses and it is suggested that Parishioners take that opportunity for devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

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. *In addition, the end pews will be assigned for returning online Parishioners to aid them in settling back into the Church and normal parish life. As the Cardinal has indicated in his Lenten Message (copies in the Porch), we need to encourage a return to the Church to those who, for whatever reason, have felt unable to attend Mass.*

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 14 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).

Restarting the choir

We are hoping to restart choir. For the moment the gallery is still out of action but depending on interest we hope to restart choir practice time soon. We welcome anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument. Email: dmca20@hotmail.com. (Daniela Amasanti-DeBono)

Roque Dias RIP

Vena Dias and family of the late ROQUE DIAS thank you all most sincerely for your kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Readers Rota

<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		
<u>12 March 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>13 March 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>13 March 10am</u>	Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		

<u>Counters Rota</u>	<u>27 February</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
	<u>6 March</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
	<u>13 March</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Church Cleaning Rota

<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
<u>19 March</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah