

St. William of York R.C. Church



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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm
Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

2nd Sunday after the Nativity

1/2 January 2022

Saturday 1st January
Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God

5.30pm Margaret Goode RIP
(Anniv)

Sunday 2nd January
2nd Sunday after the Nativity

8am Norah Balfe Intention

10am Kwarteng Intention

Monday 3rd January

9.30am William Fahey RIP

Tuesday 4th January

9.30am Frank McHugh (Coyle)

Wednesday 5th January

9.30am James Quigley RIP
(Murphy)

Thursday 6th January
The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30am Sick and suffering people

7pm People of the parish

Friday 7th January

7pm James O'Reilly Intention

Saturday 8th January

5.30pm Mark O'Grady RIP

Sunday 9th January
The Baptism of the Lord

8am Barbara Wensley RIP
(Dias family)

10am Barbara Chandler RIP

Beloved parishioners of Stanmore

On a personal level, I am living through a very challenging experience. Presently packing all my 'goods' and preparing for Bushey and the world of retirement; at the same time, I am heartbroken to be leaving YOU - the people of God in Stanmore. Your Christmas kindness and remembrance makes it all the more poignant. Ten years in Stanmore! It has flown by! As your Parish Priest - I hope you will understand if I say that it has been a total privilege to 'love' you with the priestly love of Jesus. Of course, I will not be far away - so perhaps we will bump into each other in Sainsburys. Always I ask your prayers and also pardon for my many shortcomings over the years. You have been so kind and you are so kind. All of you! All generations and 'flavours'.

Still no clear information about your new Parish Priest. Frankly there will be a bit of a GAP between my going and the arrival of your new priest. Of course he will be different and a good fellow! It is more and more difficult for the diocese to cover all pastoral corners. Recently, for example, Willesden Green Parish and Kensal Rise Parish have been 'twinned' under one Parish Priest. It means that arrangements and Mass schedules are stretched. It will require understanding and mutual support. With my respect and affection. Father Michael

This Thursday - 6 January - the Solemnity of the Epiphany

*The arrival of the Magi, the Wise men with their gifts, completes the 12 days of Christmas. Clearly they were 'foreigners' who had travelled a long way reading their maps and the signs in the heavens. Led by a star, they even consulted Herod - they found the Christ-child. The word Epiphany means MANIFESTATION. The Magi recognise that the child in the manger is the SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD. **Two Masses on Thursday - 9.30am and 7pm***

Tasks and thanks

Literally - the builders left late on the day before Christmas Eve - immediately cleaning, crib, trees and hard work by parishioners swung into action. Amazing! Music, song and ZOOM added to our liturgies. A strong team of cleaners swung into action. In addition, servers, readers, counters and other willing tasks were undertaken. All deeply appreciated.

Remembering the sick, the housebound and those who are in hospital

Together let us hold in prayer so many who ask for/need our prayers. Some

manage alone, others are blessed by spousal and family care. Let us beg the Lord for His blessing on all whom we remember as well as others who, without being known, we beg the Lord for his healing help.

Covid arrangements

The following Covid arrangements apply:

- Face Masks to be worn,
- Hand sanitising stations will be in place for Parishioner use, and encouraged to do so,
- Social distancing measures to be adhered to and Parishioners to be respectful of others,
- Church will be ventilated throughout all services, and Parishioners should consider wearing suitable warm clothing,
- Access will be via the 'Door of Welcome' with both end double doors used on exit
- Also, Parishioners are reminded that they should not attend if feeling unwell or awaiting a Covid test result.

From Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on St Joseph

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus. Let us now make our prayer to him:



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen



Readers Rota

<u>1 January 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>2 January 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>2 January 10am</u>	Readings Maureen Ruane,		Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger
<u>8 January 5.30pm</u>	Martin Rush	<u>9 January 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>9 January 10am</u>	Readings Tim & Mel Goodger,		Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler
<u>15 January 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>16 January 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>16 January 10am</u>	Readings Georgia Nwawulor,		Bidding prayers Robert Chandler

Counters Rota

<u>2 January</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
<u>9 January</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>16 January</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan