

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29/30 January 2022

Saturday 29th January

5.30pm Mirek Cihak (Carr Family)

Sunday 30th January

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Anne Coyle RIP

10am Sean Murphy RIP

Monday 31st January

St John Bosco, Priest

9.30am Kevin & Jane Goodyear
Intention

Tuesday 1st February

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord

NO LITURGY

Thursday 3rd February

Ss Laurence, Dunstan &
Theodore

Archbishops of Canterbury

NO LITURGY

Friday 4th February

7pm Maud & Seamus Ruane
Intention

Saturday 5th February

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

5.30pm Roque Dias RIP

Sunday 6th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Thanksgiving (Maria Smita)

10am People of the parish

Scripture Reflection. "And the greatest of these is love"

Today's Gospel sees Jesus in the synagogue in Nazareth where he makes his inaugural address. Initially, the crowd reacts with wonder and admiration, but, their reaction was not to the words but to the person they assumed was the son of a carpenter. Because they knew him as a child, they thought they could write off what Jesus said.

The synagogue audience is right, this is Joseph's son; however, we know what the audience in the synagogue did not. We know that this is the Son of God, and not simply the biological son of Joseph.

The mood of Jesus' audience then changed and became ugly. They turned on him simply because he spoke about two famous prophets: Elijah and Elisha. Of all the stories about these two prophets, he picks two about ministry to people who were foreigners. This implied that God's offer of salvation was no longer restricted to Jews but extended to Gentiles as well. Jesus makes it clear that he will not be a prophet who serves the special interests of his hometown. He is a messenger of good news for the whole world and especially the vulnerable. Jesus challenges the people in the synagogue, and us, to see everyone as important, and especially the poor.

The second reading is possibly the most widely recognized and quoted passage from St Paul's letters.

Paul is telling the newly converted Christians in Corinth that love is showing empathy and sincere concern for one's community, rather than being motivated by self interest and personal gratification. Love should be at the centre of all of their actions. St. Paul tells them and us what love is and what love is not, and we see this love in action as we look at the life of Jesus.

The three great pursuits of the Christian life are **faith**, **hope**, and **love**. **Love** is the greatest because it is an attribute of God and because it will continue forever. When we are in heaven, **faith** and **hope** will have fulfilled their purpose, but **love** for the Lord and each other will grow through eternity. (MR)

Parish Masses

We are grateful to Fr Eugene Curran from the Vincentian Order and Parish Priest at nearby Mill Hill Parish for celebrating Mass last weekend. This weekend, we welcome Fr David Knight from Burnt Oak Parish.

Mass Intentions

With the reduced number of Masses during the week, it may not be possible for specific date requests to be met but will be as near as possible to the requested date. If you wish to know the date that the Mass will be said, please include a contact number or email address on the request envelope.

Fr Michael's leaving event

There is nothing further to report at the moment but it is hoped details will be finalised shortly.

Last call for First Holy Communion 2022

Children need to be currently in year 3 or above at school. If you are interested in your child joining our 2022 First Holy Communion Programme please speak to Carol-Anne at 10am Sunday Masses. Ask any of the stewards to introduce you.

The photo story of the Sanctuary Repairs

Our Parish website is still being updated weekly with photos of the on-going repairs. Look in Gallery. Click on individual photos to be able to see an explanation of each one.

Covid Arrangements at the Church

With the recent relaxation in Covid Restrictions, we welcome back Parishioners who have not been able to be with us during the pandemic. It is suggested that we maintain, for a short 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 shortly be reinstated and it is asked that veneration does not include the touching of Statues.

Cleaning of the Church on Saturdays

Thank you to those who volunteered to join the cleaning team last weekend, and to those who have already started the 9.30am Saturday Morning Clean. We have now 12 volunteers (and would ideally like to have 4 more). The 3 Teams are as follows:

Team A – Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris and Beatrice McAdam

Team B – Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby and Vere Massy

Team C – Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza

Team A will cover next Saturday 5th February.

Work in the Church

The work in the Church is virtually complete with just a number of snagging items and electrical work outstanding. The external structural work at the rear of the Church will shortly begin with scaffolding in place.

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

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| <u>29 January 5.30pm</u> | Jennifer Bourke | <u>30 January 8am</u> | Daphne Byron |
| <u>30 January 10am</u> | Readings Aude & Eduardo, Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger | | |
| <u>5 February 5.30pm</u> | Lily Meghji | <u>6 February 8am</u> | Rose Okosi |
| <u>6 February 10am</u> | Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler | | |
| <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 | |

Counters Rota

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| <u>30 January</u> | Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe |
| <u>6 February</u> | Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam |
| <u>13 February</u> | Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva |