

# St. William of York Catholic Church



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MASS TIMES  
**Sunday**  
8.00 am & 10.00 am  
**Weekdays**  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am  
Thursday No Mass  
Friday 7.00 pm  
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)  
**Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm** in church or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

29/30 October 2022

**Saturday 29 October**

4.30-5.15 **Confessions**  
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday and **Rosary** (Joyful)  
Mrs Rosita Bertha Fernandes RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**SUNDAY 30 October**

**31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 3]  
8.00 **Mass** John & MaryJo Kennedy  
10.00 **Parish Mass** People of the Parish

**Monday 31 October**

*Feria 31st Week of the Year*  
9.30 **Mass and Rosary** (Joyful)  
Nicholas Dias RIP (Anniv)

**Tuesday 1 November All Saints' Day**  
*Solemnity*

9.30 **Mass** Geraldine Desouza RIP

**Wed 2 November Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

9.30 **Mass** Souls of the Faithful Departed  
7.00pm **Mass** Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Thursday 3 November**

*Feria 31st Week of the Year*  
**No Mass day**

**Friday 4 November**

*St Charles Borromeo, Memorial*  
*Friday abstinence*  
7.00pm **Mass** Roque Dias RIP

**Saturday 5 November**

*Feria 31st Week of the Year*  
No morning Mass  
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**  
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday  
Linda O'Brien RIP (Anniv)

**SUNDAY 6 November**

**32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 4]  
**Second Collection for Sick & Retired Priests**  
8.00 **Mass** Nelson Fernandes  
10.00 **Parish Mass** and **Angelus**  
Anne Elizabeth O'Grady RIP (Anniv)

**WELCOME** to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. Please, make yourself known to the priest and to others. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

**PREPARATION BEFORE MASS – ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*After this prayer, until the bell at the start of Mass, please join each other in silent prayer.*

**ANGELUS AT THE END OF MASS before the final hymn**

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.** Hail Mary ...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it done unto me according to Thy word.**

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh. **And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary...

Pray for us, holy Mother of God. **That we may be made worthy of the**

**promises of Christ.** *The priest says the Final Prayer, all say Amen!*

**AFTER THE 10am MASS** ... refreshments (often cakes!) and chance to connect in the Parish Hall. Everyone is jolly welcome!

**30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

*The Order of Mass can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book -- first from p.7 – then after the Bidding Prayers, from p.15, and from the Lord's Prayer, p.56. (New Mass cards, far simpler to follow, are in preparation.)*

*The Readings for today's Mass are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on pp.158–60* Psalm response is: I will bless your Name for ever, O God my King.

EVERY new year people make resolutions to change some bit of their behaviour. Putting it into practice is a different matter! By mid-January many have decided it was easier to stay the way they were. The Bible sees things differently and contains many stories of people who stumble, fall and *get up again*. Becoming a better person is not just pipe-dream. Conversion/change is always possible. This biblical hopefulness isn't grounded in confidence in human abilities, but in the *ever-available* mercy of God. The scripture readings of this weekend overflow with this message.

**First Reading (OT): Wisdom 11.22–12.2** This is a wonderful prayer! It speaks of a creation which has been made not by physical matter but by *love*. It speaks of a God – the 'lover of life' – who never ceases to relate to his creatures with goodness, wisdom and mercy. Human beings – nurtured and guided as they are by the same divine *love* that created them – must know

their place in this creation, and not overreach it. They have to learn to abstain from the evil they *could* choose, and trust in the Lord.

**Second Reading (NT): 2 Thessalonians 1.11–2.2** When God makes people worthy of His call to them, do they just become mere passive agents, mere instruments in God's hand? God's intervention in our life, and the help he gives, do not exclude our active co-operation. St Ignatius of Loyola (the Jesuit founder) advised: "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."

**Gospel: Luke 19.1–10** Poverty and wealth are central preoccupations for St Luke. Right from the start, in Mary's *Magnificat*, the mighty and the rich are dismissed; the humble and the hungry are satisfied. And yet, as the gospel story moves forward, Luke makes it clear that Jesus also had a message for those who were wealthy or mighty. The message is simple: *God* excludes no one, neither the poor nor the rich. They can convert! For many, like the rich young man who was anxious to be Jesus's disciple (Matt 19 and Mk 10), leaving his wealth presented a decisive problem. But there are examples where Jesus' challenge worked, as it did with Zacchaeus, whom we meet today. Like the tax collector in last week's parable he was an agent of the Roman military regime who profited from collecting the tribute tax to be paid to Cæsar. His reaction inspired Jesus – who always aims at saving the sinner, offering him or her the possibility of starting life afresh.

**World Mission Sunday** If you still have an envelope to return please add to the ordinary weekly collection bags.

**Next weekend's sees the last 'second collection' of the year at each Mass – for Sick and Retired Priests** in the Diocese of Westminster. There are more than **66** sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service in the Diocese. By 2025 that number is set to double. Many of these priests, after their resignation at 75, continue to serve in our parishes, schools, and hospitals. They are dependent on the Diocese rather than their parish for housing, health and other essentials. You can take a donation envelope as you leave Church today – in the pews or at the back on the right. The envelopes and posters also feature a '**QR Code**' – **you can scan it with your phone camera to give direct online**, to make donating easier. These are the men who have brought the sanctifying grace of Christ close to us, welcomed us into the Church, counselled us at times of crisis or sorrow, and shared times of joy. By giving to the Fund, you can ensure our older priests are cared for.

**This coming month** is the month of **Holy Souls**. We often pray for those we love in life. Our prayers are no less needed by those we love who died with the grace of faith. We pray for the 'repose' (the resting) of their souls. They are 'holy' because they are with God and can no longer sin. They are saved, and are awaiting a merciful judgement and the fullness of God's presence. During the whole of November, especially at Mass, we remember the Faithful Departed among our families and friends.

*All Souls envelopes for the completed lists of your departed loved ones, together with Mass offerings, are available at the back of the church and in the pews. Please give the envelopes to Fr Jonathan.*

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**The Parish Christmas Fayre** will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Saturday 3 December 2022** between 11am and 2.30pm. Would you like to **donate a prize for the raffle prize draw**? Perhaps you work for, or run a local business, which would like to put up a prize, or even match funds raised at the fayre if you are helping on a stall? If so, please contact **Tim Goodger** on 020 8954 9463 or [famgoodge@talktalk.net](mailto:famgoodge@talktalk.net), or **Robert Chandler** on 020 8204 1752. **Please contact either of them** if you would like to **get involved** in the fayre, or donate other items.

**Christmas Quick Look Forward** On **Sunday 11th December at 3pm** our popular **sing-along Christmas Concert** will be back after Covid! We would like to invite any musicians, young or old, to join us in music-making for our Christmas Tea. You may only have just started with your instrument but you are still welcome. And on **Christmas Eve at 5.30pm** there'll be the **Vigil Mass of Christmas** for children and families. We would also like to invite young musicians and singers to join us in music-making for this too. If you are interested in participating please email Daniela on [dmca20@hotmail.com](mailto:dmca20@hotmail.com) or pop upstairs to the gallery after Mass.

**Readers Rota** 29 October 5.30 Lily Meghji 30 October 8.00 Daphne Byron  
30 October 10.00 Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger  
5 November 5.30 Martin Rush 6 November 8.00 Rose Okosi  
6 November 10.00 Readings Carol-Anne Chandler, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane

**Counters Rota** 30 October Amal Graham, Marcello Borgese, Valerie Cihak  
6 November Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

**Church Cleaning** 5 November Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira

12 November Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwannah