

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 4.15-5.15pm in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10/11 September 2022

Saturday 10 September

4.15-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Bridie McNicholas RIP

SUNDAY 11 September

24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) *Education Sunday: Retiring collection* [Daily Office Psalter wk 4]
8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass**
In thanksgiving to God
(Martins family)

Monday 12 September

Feria 24th Week of the Year
9.30 **Mass**
Fr. Edward Carolan OMI RIP

Tuesday 13 September

St John Chrysostom, Memorial
9.30 **Mass** Emma Annessa

Wednesday 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Feast
9.30 **Mass** John McGowan

Thursday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial
No Mass day

Friday 16 September

Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, Memorial
Friday abstinence
7.00pm **Mass**

Saturday 17 September

St Robert Bellarmine, Memorial
No morning Mass
4.15-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
David Blatt RIP (6th Anniv)

SUNDAY 18 September

25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 1]
8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Mrs Agnes Snyder RIP

NEW TO ST WILLIAM'S? Please, make yourself known to the priest and to others. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

BEFORE MASS – A Prayer of Preparation **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 start of Mass, please pray in preparation for worship.

AND AFTER THE 10am MASS there are refreshments (often homemade cakes), and chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our ‘cenacle’, our ‘Upper Room’ – after the 10 o’clock Mass.

24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ‘Education Sunday’

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.136—38 The psalm response is: I will leave this place, and go to my father.

IN A PARISH such as ours, in our part of London, with many young families and individuals and couples from abroad who are *birds of passage* the experience of saying “good bye” and of taking leave of people after a brief acquaintance is very much part of life. Sometimes people simply also seem to disappear. That has happened in among our Covid experience too. Many of you mention people we simply don't see anymore. We have all experienced relationships and friendships that either faded, or simply ended, because of distance and changed circumstances of life. I have still many friends from my different roles in the Church of England with whom I am in regular contact and whom I see from time to time, but many others have disappeared from my life just as I have from theirs. What is much more painful in life, and this is something which affects families as well as friendships, is when misunderstanding, hurtful behaviour or profound disagreement lead to the ending of a relationship. In every family and in the life of every individual there is a great deal of pain close to the surface related to the break-down of a relationship. Ruptured friendships and broken bonds between family members leave profound scars, wounds that never quite heal. In the old testament reading (p.136) we learn of God's deep sense of hurt when the Hebrews, just set free from slavery and rescued from the Red Sea, apostatised – they broke faith and turned to other gods. The parables Jesus told the Pharisees critical of his association with sinners emphasises the lengths to which the living and loving God will go to reconcile those who have abandoned him.

First Reading: Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14 This is one of the most dramatic pages in

the old testament. Moses stays a little too long on Mount Sinai. The people of Israel, in the rocky desert plains at the foot of that mountain, begin to despair of his return and then doubts about the providence of God enter

their hearts. They want security, and in their beleaguered state they turn to other (false) deities. Having just rescued them from Egyptian slavery God is bitterly disappointed, feels betrayed and abandoned by the people for whom he has done so much. And yet! on his return Moses becomes advocate of his sinful people, *reminding* God of his promise to his people and of his covenant with them. In a certain sense he engages in moral blackmail to win back for the people God's promised mercy.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17 This is one of the pastoral epistles, by a disciple of Paul but very much reflecting the Apostle's beliefs, and written to a newly-formed Christian community in the heathen world. It is a hymn of praise to Jesus Christ, a confession of sin and weakness on the part of the author, and an affirmation of the transformative power of the grace which flows from relationship with Jesus Christ – the merciful relationship with God that was so prominent an aspect of the first reading.

Gospel: Luke 15.1-32 [or 1 – 10] [The greater part of today's gospel covers the parable of the prodigal son, and may be read at the discretion of the celebrant]. The remaining short parables – of the shepherd abandoning his flock in search of the stray sheep, and of the woman in search of the lost drachma – highlight the *lengths to which God will go* to show his love for each person as an *individual*. He will leave others and come in search of us. What Jesus also highlights is the joy and happiness the recovery of the errant sheep and the lost drachma causes. God's concern for the individual is highlighted again, of course, in Jesus's conversation with the good thief during the crucifixion.

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2022 -- pray and give, please! We're asked today **to pray** for everyone involved in Catholic education at every level, in schools, colleges and universities, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead, and **to give** in support of the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education, with a strong and positive working relationship with central and devolved Government.

Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools – more than 2200 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 850,000 pupils. Together the Catholic Church and the Church of England provide one-third of all of the schools in the country and account for 98% of all schools with a religious character

Please give what you can in the retiring collection. This is absolutely essential work for the Church now, if the Church is to have a future! No one else is going to support it like you.

Look this up when you get home ... www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/education-sunday

DAILY MASSES have resumed I want to encourage you to make attending at least one weekday mass a priority - to bring your ordinary life and work to the Lord. If the times don't suit you – especially if you work or are at school or college – *tell Fr Jonathan* what time *would*.

THE BRING & SHARE LUNCH IS NEXT WEEK Please try not to pass Claudette this week as you leave. This brief chance to see one another socially is in place of this year's St William's Day lunch (which clashed with Pentecost). Claudette writes: "**Please do bring cooked food to share.** If you find it hard to decide what to bring, please take a peep into the suggestions folder in the church entrance lobby (on the right as you leave). Please also write your name, and the number of people who will be attending the lunch with you on the day. Both folders will stay out until Sunday 11 September. Thank you."

REMEMBER THE CONFIRMATION MASS in two weeks' time! -- 10am on 25 September

AUTUMNAL CHURCH CLEAN Assistance is required to our dedicated team for additional cleaners to do a thorough deep clean of the church. Please turn up at 9.30am on Saturday 24 September. All welcome.

NEW PRIME MINISTER and the COST OF LIVING CRISIS The Cardinal has issued a letter congratulating the new Prime Minister on behalf of the Bishop's Conference, and with it issued a 'briefing' document on a Catholic response to the issues bound up in the cost of living crisis. You can read them at www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-congratulates-new-prime-minister-and-addresses-cost-of-living-crisis/ and www.cbcew.org.uk/briefing-cost-of-living-crisis/

Readers Rota

<u>10 September 5.30</u>	Martin Rush	<u>11 September 8.00</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>11 September 10.00</u>	Readings Carol-Anne Chandler, Bidding prayers Patrick & Joseph Arthur		
<u>17 September 5.30</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>18 September 8.00</u>	Rose Okosi
<u>18 September 10.00</u>	Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers Georgia Nwawulor		

Counters Rota

<u>11 September</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>18 September</u>	Richard Wong, Brendan O'Boyle, Cathy O'Boyle

Church Cleaning 17 September Team C: Dominick Martins and Elaine & Derrick Pereira