

# St William of York Catholic Church, Stanmore



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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 4.30-5.20pm**  
in church or by arrangement with Fr Jonathan

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

22/23 April 2023

**Sat 22** *Feria of Easter 2*

4.30 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** Tom O'Brien RIP

**SUNDAY 23 April**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00 **Mass** Peter Pienarosa RIP

10.00 **Parish Mass** and Regina caeli

People of the parish

1pm **Holy Baptism** of Alice Jarrett

**Mon 24** **St George, Patron of England**

*Psalter wk 3*

9.30 **Mass** Sr. Rosanna O'Grady

**Tues 25** **St Mark the Evangelist**

9.30 **Mass** Frankie Quinn

**Wed 26** *Feria of Easter 3*

9.30 **Mass** Ann O'Leary

**Thurs 27** *Feria of Easter 3*

*No Mass Day*

**Fri 28** *St Peter Chanel, Memorial*

*Day of abstinence*

7pm **Mass** Emma & Alessia Annessa

**Sat 29** **St Catherine of Siena**

*Patron of Europe* 4.30 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** John Hartnett RIP

**SUNDAY 30 April**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00 **Mass** Amalie Direkze

10.00 **Parish Mass** and Regina caeli

People of the parish

**WELCOME** to Mass today, especially if you are new or an occasional worshipper. **Please take this newsletter home**, and use the calendar to help you pray.

◆ **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.

*After the prayer, please keep silent until the bell begins the Mass.*

◆ **ORDER OF MASS** See the gold *Parish Mass Book* – start on **p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers, go to **p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer, **p.56**. Today's readings are to be found **pp.259-61**. The psalm response is '**Show us Lord, the path of Life.**'

◆ **The REGINA CAELI** is said after Sunday 8am Mass (see below); and sung after the 10 am Mass (see separate sheet). Please, use it daily (and learn it) from now till Pentecost.

*Priest* Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

*All* **He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.**

*Priest* Has risen as he said, alleluia. *All* **Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

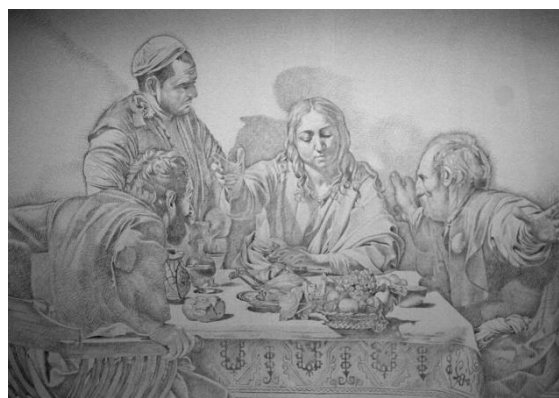
*Priest* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

*All* **For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

*Priest* Let us pray. *All* **O GOD, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass today: St George's Day Treats.** Tomorrow is St George's Day – patron of England, and you are also most welcome in the Parish Hall to share the goodies, and chance to connect. Plenty of time to talk then (not before Mass, please)!

**REFLECTIONS on today's readings** The story related to us in the Gospel today has captured the imagination of many great artists (and some not great ones too: Google 'Emmaus painting'). Caravaggio and Rembrandt have depicted the scene at Emmaus in a strikingly *physical* way, Rembrandt highlights the intimacy of the scene, like of those booths you often find in French restaurants. Just Jesus and the two disciples, bathed in a gentle light, at a plain table, something ethereal about Jesus. Caravaggio's (in the National Gallery) is like a close-up photo. Like a number of other painters he introduces a waiter to the scene, while Veronese's version has quite a gathering of people round the table, including children. It was deeply painful for many people, isolated during the



pandemic—isolated not least from the parish community—that the breaking of bread, the Eucharist, only ‘makes sense’ when it is personally shared. The Emmaus story is about the *sharing* of the word of God: the scriptures and the homily; and the *sharing* of the bread, the Sacrament of the Passion of the Risen Christ. Every parish community can recognize in the Emmaus story all the essential elements of our Sunday liturgy gives us great encouragement and inspiration. In all these ways the risen Jesus—Jesus who can die no more—reaches out to all.

**First Reading (NT) Acts of the Apostles 2.14, 22–33:** This proclamation of the news that Jesus had been raised from the dead has great power. Peter recalls the earthly ministry of Jesus; many of those in his audience would have known Jesus from Galilee, or may have been witnesses to his sufferings and death on Good Friday. That *same Jesus*, wounds and all, had been raised by God’s power, and all of us are witnesses to that (v. 32). Through the power of the Spirit, poured out on the day of Pentecost, Jesus is alive and with us, as he will be to the close of the age.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 1.17–21** Peter links the power of God in the resurrection of Jesus with the faith and hope of the early Christian community to which he was writing. The resurrection of Jesus gives us—whatever the darkness of the times, or the experiences, we might be living through in the world—One in whom to trust, to follow, whose power does not fail.

**Gospel: Luke 24.13–35** How often do we talk to one another about the things that really matter, like those two disciples on the first Easter Sunday on their way to Emmaus? Is it ever the case that we share our faith with family and friends, the problems we have with it, the insight and perseverance we gain from it, the ways in which God has changed the course of our lives for the better.

**Planned Giving envelopes** We’ve done better than last year ... but there are still a few boxes waiting. The list of names of the uncollected boxes is on the board. Collect from the outer Sacristy.

**Priest Training Fund Next Sunday** is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for vocations to the priesthood. It is also the day of the **annual collection for the Diocese’s Priest Training Fund**. This fund pays for the preparation of men for the Catholic priesthood. Of the **48** men studying at Allen Hall (across all years), **14** are from this Diocese. Last year **8** were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support them effectively. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Please pray for vocations. Please be generous: they are.

**A Day of Evangelising Formation**, ‘Living and Sharing Discipleship Joy’, has been organized by the Archdiocese of Southwark, next Sat 29 April, 9.30—3.30pm, at the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon. Further information from <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/dayofformation2023>.

**Funeral Mass for Bridget Murphy**, a regular worshipper here for many years, will take place on 2 May at St Sebastian’s Kingsbury, at 10am. We assure Bill and their family of our love and prayers. All are, of course, welcome to be present.

**Coronation Weekend 6 May** In the days leading up to the Coronation, Catholics are asked to keep three days of prayer (W 3<sup>rd</sup>, Th 4<sup>th</sup>, F 5<sup>th</sup> May) for God’s blessing on our new monarch. Prayer cards will be printed and distributed soon. The long bank holiday weekend may become very full. Masses will happen at the usual times: 7pm on Fri 5<sup>th</sup>, the evening before, will be a Mass ‘for the King’; the 5.30pm Vigil on the day itself; 8am and 10am the day after. Christians have always prayed for their rulers: especially where they were *Christian* rulers. Please work out in advance, which Mass you will come to that weekend.

**Tuesday 9th May** is the annual **Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse** initiated by Pope Francis, whom we shall remember at Mass. Perhaps you can plan to *come* to Mass specially that day, or indeed keep it as a fast day, in penitence for the wrongs done to people by members of the Church, and prayer for a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Sunday 14th May** at 3pm, the annual Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. The preacher will be Fr Alan Robinson.

**A Parish Pilgrimage? ... to the Holy Land** To gauge interest in a *parish* pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **early next year** would you sign the notice on the tables in the narthex. Unlike most tours, we would *begin* in Bethlehem ...

**Readers Rota** 22 April 5.30 Martin Rush 23 April 8.00 Freda Adzinku 10.00 Maureen Ruane, Robert Chandler  
29 April 5.30 John McIntyre 30 April 8.00 Audrey Da Costa 10.00 Patrick & Joseph Arthur, Monika Tabarrok  
**Church Cleaning Rota** 29 April Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrė Balčaitė and Viktoriia Vrublevska