

# 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 4.30-5.15pm**  
in church or by arrangement with Fr Jonathan

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21/22 January 2023

**Sat 21 Jan St Agnes, Memorial**

4.30-5.15pm **Confessions**

5.30pm **Vigil Mass**

People of the Parish

**SUNDAY 22 January**

**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

*Psalter week 3*

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

10.00 **Parish Mass and Angelus**

Nikki Nobbs RIP

**Mon 23 Jan**

*Feria of 3rd Week of the Year*

9.30 **Mass** Molly Goodall RIP

**Tue 24 Jan St Francis de Sales,**

*Memorial. The Cardinal's  
episcopal ordination 1992*

9.30 **Mass** Teresa & Lawrence

(sickness)

**Wed 25 Jan Conversion of St Paul**

9.30 **Mass** Sr. Margaret Mary Philip

**Thurs 26 Jan Sts Timothy & Titus,**

*Memorial No Mass day*

**Fri 27 Jan Feria of 3rd Week of the Year**

7.00pm **Mass** Frankie Quinn

**Sat 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas,**

*Memorial*

4.30-5.15pm **Confessions**

5.30pm **Vigil Mass**

Patrick, Jimmy and all the  
deceased members of the  
Hession family

**SUNDAY 29 January**

**4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

*Psalter week 4*

8.00 **Mass** People of the Parish

10.00 **Parish Mass and Angelus**

Roque Dias RIP

**WELCOME** to Mass today, especially if you have not been for a while. We are pleased to see you, and hope we shall see you again. **Please take this Newsletter home**, and use the calendar to help you pray.

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

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

**THIRD SUNDAY IN 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**; then, from the Lord's Prayer – **p.56**.

The **Readings** for today's Mass are to be found in the gold Parish Mass Book on **pp.127—9**. Today's **psalm response** is: **The Lord is my light and my help.**

**Reflection** THE WORD OF GOD is central to every liturgical celebration, and when we gather for the Eucharist the first period of the Mass consists of readings from Scripture, and a homily inspired by what the gathered assembly has just heard read and proclaimed. In 2019 our Holy Father the Pope decreed that henceforth the 3rd Sunday of the Year, each year—this Sunday—should focus particularly on the role that God's word, conveyed to us through the Scriptures, plays in our lives. In an apostolic letter (*Aperuit illis*, which is easily available on the Vatican website) he emphasized the essential link between the Scriptures and the liturgy, and between the liturgical reading of scripture, and the presence of Christ in the daily life of Christian people. Unless we are a listening people, unless the Scriptures are proclaimed, unless the word is broken, elucidated and shared, and received as a word for life, then it is like seeds which fall on fallow ground. [The readings for today remain those prescribed in the Lectionary/Missal].

People today are restless. We seem to move from sensation to sensation, crisis to crisis, something new in every news cycle. But the kingdom of God, which is at the heart of the preaching and ministry of Jesus, is about the long-term: about stability, about allowing God to reign in the stillness of our hearts, about enabling the values of the kingdom to become the default option of all our actions day to day, about living through the monotony of our lives in the constant security that we have God always with us, remembering that those who persevere to the end will be saved. Our

sense of *our ownership* of the 'God's project' in *our daily lives* is boosted by our familiarity with God's word – the very thing our Holy Father wants us to deepen our commitment to on this and every Sunday.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 8.23–9.3** Much of the writing of Isaiah contains warning of dire events to come and condemnation of wayward behaviour. Here, by contrast, we have consolation and comfort given to the people. They lived in danger of attack by powerful enemies, their vulnerability cruelly exposed in their small land. Their leaders leave a lot to be desired. But God is faithful to his promises, Messiah will come and bring light to his people.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 1.10–13, 17** The Christian community at Corinth, one of the principal multi-cultural trading ports of the Mediterranean world of the day, was divided between rich and poor. Divisions also arose from Christians claiming a loyalty to whoever it was who had baptised them. Paul is very critical of these partisan loyalties which divide the community. In every community such divisions – which can go unacknowledged and unchallenged for decades – obscure the image of Christ and severely weaken the Church's witness to the wider world.

**Gospel: Matthew 4.12–23** Those Jews who first encountered Jesus in his public ministry would have been more than familiar with the writings of Isaiah. They would have recognised immediately the context in which Jesus was launching his preaching mission and some would have recognised in him the long sought-after Messiah.

**Have you been confirmed?** It's a simple question. If not please tell Fr Jonathan.

**Holy Father's prayer intention** for January has been for all educators – that they may be “credible witnesses, teaching connection rather than competition”. Looking ahead, in February, he asks us to pray for all parishes like our own, “that placing communion at the centre, they may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need”.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** continues through until next Wednesday – the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Please include our fellow Christians, who are united with us in Baptism and faith, even if we are divided in so much else, in your daily prayers at home.

## UPCOMING DATES

**THIS WEEK Remembering Pope Benedict** At short notice following his recent death, there will a service of Vespers next Tuesday, **24 January 2023**, at 5pm in the Cathedral to honour the late Pope Emeritus Benedict, and to pray for the repose of his soul. Many of the Bishops of England and Wales will be attending, as well as ecumenical guests. Former-Archbishop Rowan Williams will give an address. The Cardinal is encouraging all in the diocese to attend. I shall be there. Think about it. The late pope's teaching and presence will be with the Church for centuries to come.

**Choir School** Do you know a Catholic family with a musically gifted son in Years 2, 3 or 4 at school? Westminster Cathedral Choir School is opening its doors on Sunday **5 February** from 10am to 12noon to families interested in chorister places for boys of that age range. Becoming a chorister offers a lad an extraordinarily rounded and life-changing education, with up to 100% off fees on a means-tested basis. Interested families are invited to contact Lucy Auger to register for open morning. Telephone 020 7798 9081, or email [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com) or visit [www.choirschool.com](http://www.choirschool.com) for more information.

**World Day of the Sick** Saturday **11 February**, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the 31st World Day of the Sick, and the Cardinal will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2.30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered. Please let Fr Jonathan know if you want a ticket.

**Annual Mass for Matrimony** On Saturday **13 May** the annual Mass for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal at 2.30pm. Full information and invitations will be issued shortly but meanwhile note the date of this very popular and important celebration.

## Molly Goodall

The Parish expresses its condolences to Fr. Jonathan and the Goodall family on the sad loss of his mother. May she rest in peace.

## Readers Rota

21 January 5.30 Monica Clifford

22 January 8.00 Rosemary Chukwubelu

22 January 10.00 Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler

28 January 5.30 Martin Rush

29 January 8.00 Amalie Direkze

29 January 10.00 Readings Derrick Pereira & family, Bidding prayers Patrick & Joseph Arthur

## Church Cleaning Rota

28 January Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwannah

4 February Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indrè Balčaitė