

# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

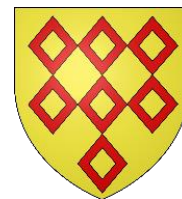
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## 15—16 JULY 2023 – 15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

<b>Sat 15 July</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>St Bonaventure, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Nora Balfe RIP
<b>SUN 16</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for Roque Dias RIP
<b>Mon 17</b> 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria, 15th Week of the Year 1 - Psalter wk 3</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Daisy DeBono RIP (Anniv)
<b>Tues 18</b> 10.00am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria, 15th Week of the Year 1</i> <b>Funeral Mass for Alec Moody</b> followed by <i>Committal at Carpenders Park</i>
<b>Wed 19</b> 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>Feria, 15th Week of the Year 1</i> <b>Mass</b> – for John and Mary Austin RIP (Anniv)
<b>Thurs 20</b> No mass R: Luminous	<i>St Apollinaris, Memorial</i> [Gospel of the Day: Matt 11.28-30]
<b>Fri 21</b> 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>St Lawrence of Brindisi, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Thanksgiving for Feast of Pentecost <i>Friday abstinence</i>
<b>Sat 22 July</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>St Mary Magdalene, Feast</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Helene Amasanti RIP (Anniv) (Birthday remembrance)
<b>SUN 23</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for Nora Balfe RIP

**A WARM WELCOME** to Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home** and use the calendar to help your daily prayer.

♦ **A prayer BEFORE all Sunday Masses:** 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. *Please, now keep silence together until Mass begins.*

♦ **The ORDER of Mass** is in the orange *Parish Mass Book*. Start on **p.7**; then, after the Creed, go to **p.15**; and then, at the Lord's Prayer, go to **p.56**.



♦ **Today's readings** are to be found **pp.102—105**. And the **psalm response** is, '**Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.**'

♦ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is an opportunity to greet and meet one another in the Parish Hall.

**REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures** Early in 2020 we were all hearing mysterious news about a kind of pneumonia of unknown cause detected in Wuhan, China. The rest is history. 2020 also saw the 1600th anniversary of St Jerome's death. His translation of the bible into Latin was the standard text for generations. It was also the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict's apostolic exhortation, *The Word of the Lord*; and Pope Francis summoned every Catholic diocese to a 'Year of the Bible'. Our bishops' conference set up [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk) (it's still there, full of good things - do visit). But the sudden onset of the C-19 and the closure of churches for public worship on 20 March that year threw us off the scent a little. To be fair it's also true to say that many people turned to their Bible or their missal during that awful experience, to find spiritual nourishment. But then the pandemic subsided (thank God!), and inevitably we were dragged back into what we laughably call 'normal life'.

St Jerome's advice then, is timely: 'Christians! ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ himself.' (Commentary on Isaiah). That is, if you don't know the Scripture, you *don't know Christ*. Don't kid

### ♦ Reconciliation (Confession)

20 mins before any weekday Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.15pm; or by appointment anytime

♦ **Mass:** see times above

### ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass until 8pm

♦ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** by appointment

♦ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Funeral Directors

**Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130



### Reflect on next week's readings

– **Wisdom 12.13, 16-19, Romans 8.26-7, Matthew 13.24-43** with the help of [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)

yourselves any different, he warns. Remember the journey to Emmaus? “Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them *all the things in the Scriptures concerning Himself.*” Knowing the Scriptures means knowing Christ. Today’s scripture readings invite us to engage again with the word of God and invites us not only to reflect on the various ways that we encounter it, but also challenges us to respond to it.

At Mass the word is proclaimed, it is read by a member of our congregation in such a way that *all of us hear it*. It is often easier to understand it when it is read clearly, distinctly, and thoughtfully. And it moves us. The same words are being read to everyone in church (locally and worldwide). And yet most of us feel the word is being addressed to us *personally*, to us as *individuals* who matter to God. Many of us too get the feeling that ‘Today the word is deliberately designed to speak to me with the particular *worries* that drag me down, with the *dreams* that keep me hopeful, with the unique *experiences* of my life. Today’s old testament reading assures us that God’s word is *never* proclaimed and heard without *some* kind of response, however indirect, however far in the future. The Gospel parable of the sower, one of Jesus’ best-known, focuses on *our response* to God’s word.

So, God speaks to the whole Church, He speaks to our particular parish family, and He speaks to you and me all in the same moment! The message of the parable is

**The pope’s Prayer Intention for July** is that that all Catholics will put the Eucharist at the centre of life. Pope Francis recently said, “If you are the same at the end of Mass as you were at the beginning, something is wrong.” He invites us to see the Eucharist not as a ritual, but as an encounter - with Jesus. He nourishes our lives, and sends us to nourish other people’s. The Eucharist gives us the *courage* to do that, to go out of ourselves, to open ourselves, to others with love.” In my words, “The *deeper* you go into the Eucharist, the *stronger* you will come out into daily life.” Fr JG

**Alec Moody’s Funeral Mass** will take place here on Tuesday at 10, followed by a Committal at 12 noon, and a Reception in the Hall. It is natural for us to gather to commend such a faithful member of the parish to the mercies of our heavenly Father. *Please come if you can.*

We shall also pray for Tricia Annessa, whose mother’s Funeral Mass is the same day.

**Sunday 16 July** at 3.30 pm at St Peter’s Italian Church, 136 Clerkenwell Road EC1R 5DL – a Procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, followed by an Italian street fête – food, drink and lots more.

**Between 15-25 years old?** If you, or any member of your family is in that age-bracket, and want to be part of the Pope’s **World Youth Day** but can’t go to Lisbon itself, why not go on **Saturday 5 August** from 11am-5pm to **Leicester Square** – to Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX? **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: [bit.ly/wydlondon](http://bit.ly/wydlondon).

**Last call for a briefing on the October Synod in Rome** If you are concerned about the future of the Church, and would like to be brought up to speed with the Pope’s plans

fairly obvious (even if it is one of few that Jesus took the trouble to explain) and the question it poses is this: ‘Is *my soul/heart/mind* fertile ground for the word of God, and once I have heard and understood it how does it grow? May be the harder question is, ‘Is *our parish life* fertile ground for the word of God?’

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 55.10–11**

What is emphasised here in this reading is that the word of God has a power and dynamism such as to produce fruit.

**Second Reading (NT): Romans 8.18–23**

Much discussion in the media has focused on the new world, the new way of doing things, the new priorities after coronavirus. People say history will be divided between BC (before Corona) and AC (after). Paul here describes a much more powerful dynamic of a new dispensation that’s not only global, it’s galactic. The Holy Spirit is the power which drives creation.

**Gospel: Matthew 13.1–23** We are used to being bombarded by media: politics and advertising is everywhere. Tweets are like massive billboards. God does not blitz us with his word. It is like a tiny seed, it comes to us almost unknown, yet it can produce great fruit.

for the Synod of Bishops this year (which looks set to try to assess the strength of several divisive issues in the Church) *please speak up.* Fr J

**Going into Hospital?** On admission to any hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic, and if they wish to receive Communion or see a Priest. It is always helpful to have in your bag or wallet a note ready, saying, “*I am a member of the Catholic Church; my parish priest is Fr Jonathan Goodall, and his number is 020 8954 1299. Please let him know I am here.*” so that you can simply hand it over.

**Fire Marshals** Are you calm and able to think straight in an emergency situation? Would you be able to communicate with others in an effective way? We are looking for volunteer fire marshals at each Mass. Training would be provided. If you are interested or would like to know more, please email Tony Murphy at the parish office: [stanmore@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stanmore@rcdow.org.uk).

#### **Readers Rota**

15 July 5.30 Jennifer Bourke

16 July 8.00 Daphne Byron

10.00 Tim & Mel Goodger,

Derrick Pereira & family

22 July 5.30 Noretta Reece

23 July 8.00 Rose Okosi

10.00 Nwawulor family,

Robert Chandler

#### **Church Cleaning Rota**

22 July Team A

29 July Team B