

# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

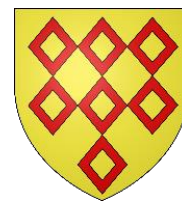
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## 17—18 JUNE 2023 – 11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

<b>Sat 17</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial</i> <b>Vigil Mass</b> – Roy Bourne RIP
<b>SUN 18</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – Eileen Dooley RIP <b>Parish Mass</b> – People of the Parish
<b>Mon 19</b> 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria, 11th Week of the Year I - Ps wk 3</i> <b>Mass</b> – Anne McNamara RIP (Anniv)
<b>Tues 20</b> 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>St Alban, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – All refugees and victims of torture
<b>Wed 21</b> 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Elizabeth Mullen RIP (Anniv)
<b>Thurs 22</b> No Mass R: Luminous	<b>SS John Fisher &amp; Thomas More, Feast</b> [Readings: 2 Macc 6.18, 21-31; St Matt 24.4-13]
<b>Fri 23</b> 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria, 11th Week of the Year I</i> <i>Friday abstinence until the evening</i> <b>Vigil of the Baptist</b> – Patrick van der Vorst's ordination – and <i>Litany of the Sacred Heart</i>
<b>Sat 24</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<b>BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <i>Solem'ny</i> <b>Mass</b> [of the Baptist] - Local Catholic schools
<b>SUN 25</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – Assistant Bishops John, Nicholas and Paul

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

◆ **BEFORE all Sunday Masses**, a prayer before worship: **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.

*Afterwards, please keep silent until the Mass begins.*

◆ You can follow the **ORDER of Mass** 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.91—93. And the **psalm response** is, 'We are His people; the sheep of His flock.'

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

**REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures** The biblical texts provided for today help us to understand the meaning of the Church in the Lord's plan for mankind. The First Reading recalls the Covenant made on Mount Sinai, during the Exodus from Egypt. God establishes a relationship with a *chosen* people of ex-slaves. The Gospel consists of the account of the call and mission of the Twelve Apostles – a *new* covenant with a *new* Israel. We find the "composition" of the Church here: how can we fail to perceive the implicit invitation addressed to every Christian community to renew its own vocation and missionary drive?

In the biblical way of thinking, a 'covenant' is not a *contract or agreement* between God and man, but a *gift* of God to man, which man didn't seek. Not a pact, but a present! We are used to speaking of the 'old' covenant and the 'new' covenant as if there are *only two*. Historically speaking, God makes several 'covenants' with mankind. The Old Testament is in fact a series of them – the key ones being the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. St Paul also speaks of several "covenants" to describe God's dealings with Israel (Rom. 9:4). For him, the most important are those with Abraham and Moses, because they relate to the new covenant in Jesus Christ in different ways.

### ◆ 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** (Jeremiah 20.10-13; Rom 12.12-15; Matthew 10.26-33) with the help of [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)

**First Reading: Exodus 19.2—6** Our first reading describes, then, one of the great *milestones* of salvation history. It's a moment that exceeds ordinary history, as it reveals the *eternal* plan of the God who makes Covenants. His plan is for the salvation of *all* men and women by setting apart a people whom God proposes will become "*my own possession among all peoples*" (Ex 19.5). God calls this people to become a "holy nation", not only in the moral sense of holy *behaviour*, but above all because holiness is its *reason to exist*. How the destiny and identity of this people is to be understood is gradually made clear in the course of the saving events in the Old Testament; and it is fully revealed with the coming of Jesus Christ.

**Second Reading: Romans 5.6—11** St Paul teaches how, in the length of time, God sent His Son into the human world – so that 'remaining' divine but 'becoming' human Jesus would *reconcile* God and

humanity, and make a new covenant that would last for eternity.

**Gospel: Matthew 9.36—10.8** Today's Gospel presents us with a decisive moment in the story of God's plan. In fact, when Jesus called the Twelve' – His future apostles – He wanted to refer symbolically to the 12 tribes of Israel, and even further back to their origins with the 12 sons of Jacob, Abraham's grandson. By placing the Twelve at the centre of His new community, Jesus makes it understood that He came to bring the heavenly Father's design *to completion*, even if the new face of the Church would appear only at Pentecost (after Jesus's ascension) when the Twelve, "filled with the Holy Spirit" proclaimed the Gospel, and spoke in many languages (Acts 2.3-4). It was then that the *universal* Church was made clear: a *single* Body with the Risen Christ its Head; and, at the same time, sent to *all* the nations of the earth (see Matt 28.19).

**TODAY** we have **mandatory second collection** for the annual **Day for Life**: the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. "The funds raised" says Bishop John, "will support life projects across the whole spectrum of life. This year we shall publish details about the use of funds."

Following the jailing this week of a mother-of-three after she induced an abortion after the legal limit, our local bishop, Bishop John said: "Abortion is always a tragedy, both for the mother and for the child who is killed. The consistent teaching of the Catholic Church has always been that both must be protected. The recent case of the mother who aborted her child outside the parameters of the law is deeply distressing for all concerned, especially her other children. However, it is the responsibility of the courts to decide how the law should be applied. I offer prayers for all concerned."

**missio** We were very pleased to have Fr Noah with us last week. Thank you to those of you who signed up to a Red Box. They're available for those who didn't collect one last week. Please just ask!

### **Readers Rota**

17 June 5.30 Noretta Reece  
18 June 8.00 Audrey Da Costa  
10.00 Monika Tabarrok, Derrick Pereira & family  
24 June 5.30 Lily Meghji  
25 June 8.00 Georgina Martins  
10.00 Carol-Anne Chandler, Robert Chandler

### **Church Cleaning Rota**

24 June Team C: Dominick Martins  
and Elaine & Derrick Pereira  
1 July Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle,  
Lisa Harris and Beatrice McAdam

**Racial Justice in the Church** The Diocese is hosting a webinar for people working on racial justice in the Church to learn from one another, share their own experiences and initiatives, and inform our ongoing mission in this area. *When?* 11 July 2023 2-3.30pm *Where?* Online via Zoom *Cost?* Free, anyone can sign up: [www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/)

**Mass intentions and offerings** For some reason our mass requests have slowed down. Yet, for Christians, praying for the world in which we live, and for the Church, is the air we breathe! The Missal itself gives a wide range of intentions for which the Mass can be offered: in the church, needs in public life; virtues; those in particular kinds of distress etc etc etc. The point is, the fact that the Missal does this *proves* that the range of causes for which you can ask for a Mass is very broad indeed (tho' I may have to decline a request for your favourite team in the league. That could get difficult!) *I encourage you to request a Mass to be said for any topic that is on your heart.* **The Mass is the best prayer!**

**Prayer Requests** Some of you who consult the noticeboard will have seen that the main board has been divided into long-term and short-term notices. The **smaller notice board** is somewhere I want to encourage you to leave personal prayer requests – *presumed to be anonymous*, but signed if you wish. If you have a special prayer intention, please complete the prayer request form. They will be kept on the Blessed Sacrament altar for two weeks.

**Volunteering in Lourdes** our thurifer **Emma Nwawulor** is volunteering to take care of pilgrims in a hospital in Lourdes from 21-28 July. She needs to raise £1000 to be able to go. **Can you help?** You can use the Lourdes collection pot after Mass, or donate online: <https://swoy.weebly.com/>