

# 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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

20/21 May 2023

**Sat 20 St Bernadine of Siena, Memorial**

4.30 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** and Rosary

Inez Amandini RIP

**SUNDAY 21 May**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

*Psalter wk 3*

8.00 **Mass** Bill Gaynor RIP

10.00 **Parish Mass** and Regina caeli

People of the parish

**Mon 22 May St Rita of Cascia,**

*Memorial*

9.30 **Mass** and Rosary Charles RIP

**Tues 23 Feria of Easter 7**

9.30 **Mass** and Rosary

Bridget Murphy RIP

**Wed 24 Feria of Easter 7**

9.30 **Mass** and Rosary

Nora Balfe (102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday)

**Thurs 25 St Bede the Venerable,**

*Memorial* No Mass Day

**Fri 26 St Philip Neri, Memorial**

*Friday abstinence*

7pm **Mass** Mr Jacinto Fernandes

RIP (Anniv)

**Sat 27 St Augustine of Canterbury,**

*Feast*

4.30 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** and Rosary

People of the parish

**SUNDAY 28 May**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8.00 **Mass** Audrey Da Costa

10.00 **Parish Mass with First**

**Communion** and Regina Caeli

For the First Communion children

**Monday 29 Blessed Virgin Mary,**

*Mother of the Church, Memorial*

[Bank Holiday] 9.30 **Mass** and Rosary

Maria Shukla (Thanksgiving)

**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 prepare for Mass in silence.*

♦ **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.275-77**. The **psalm response** is, '**I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**'

♦ **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.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. **All He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.**

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

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia. **All For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

**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.**

**REFLECTIONS on today's readings** By ascending to God Jesus, *humanity* entered into *divine* glory. The glory Jesus enjoys now is a reality we too will fully enjoy one day. St Paul invited us to cast your minds to the '*things that are above*', and to the radiant vision of heavenly glory. One of the hopes we express in our hymns of praise each Sunday is that those in heaven, God included, enjoy its glory: 'Glory to God in the highest'. There is no *real* opposition between our life here on earth and the glory that awaits us. From the moment we were baptised, by God's grace we began to enjoy the life that we will enjoy in all its *fullness* in the next world, the life which Jesus, risen and glorified, enjoys and shares with all who are already in heaven.

And yet our contemplation of future glory now is for our inspiration *here on earth*. Jesus left His disciples with work to be done. The kingdom of God has to be proclaimed; the family of His disciples (the Church) needs to grow, and grow until the very last moment of time. And what makes the Ascension such a *liberating* feast is the fact that *Jesus has empowered us to proclaim* the kingdom. With the Ascension we have come of age, let's say. The completion of Jesus' mission *is up to us, here, now*. We are – each one

of us – *necessary and vital* to the spread of the gospel. It can't be left to others. Is it any wonder that the first reading presents us with the Apostles, the Virgin Mary and disciples, gathered in prayer – in circumstances not unlike those which most households in our parish community experienced during lockdown – for the grace and the gifts necessary to carry out *this* mission, which is *our* mission.

**First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 1.12–14** The Apostles are listed by name. In this way St Luke highlights in this opening chapter of his account of the first generation of Christians, their authority over the emerging Church. It is also crucial to note (1) the key role of prayer in the life of the community and (2) its conviction that what was being asked of it was God's work. Therefore if it was not energised by God's Spirit, for God's purposes, it would be of no advantage to the world.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 4.13–16** There is every reason to believe that by the time St Peter wrote this letter to the early Christian community those who had pledged their lives to Christ were the target of brutal persecution. Peter distinguishes between the punishment that criminals might legitimately expect to receive, and the sufferings that witnessing to Christ brought upon His followers. Of such persecution and suffering they should be proud.

**Gospel: John 17.1–11** This is an extract from the great 'high priestly' prayer of Jesus placed by the evangelist John at the Last Supper. It is amazing that this intimate prayer of Jesus to His Father should be recited so publicly as if it was His intention that His disciples should thus acquire an insight into the intimate life which bound Him to His Father. Jesus affirms that His mission has been accomplished, the work He was given by the Father has been done. He prays for His disciples, aware that His work would *only* be continued and completed once the disciples *carried on* where He left off and remained faithful.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Next Sunday, Pentecost**, will see the entry of four of your young lads—Anthony, Kaikenenna, Marco and Michael—into the life of full communion with the Lord and the Church. *Please pray for them*. Everyone is invited to the hall after the 10am Mass when we can congratulate the lads.

**Wednesday 31 May** The Synod Office in Rome has requested that 31<sup>st</sup> May—the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady and the end of the Marian month—be marked by a moment of prayer for the Church's 'Synodal Journey'. The Synod meets in October. We shall include a dedicated prayer at the end of Mass that day; and I invite you to say the Angelus together, wherever we all are, at 12 noon.

**Thursday 1 June Blessed Carlo Acutis's mother, Antonia Salzano**, will be speaking at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane (Covent Gdn) after the 6.30 Mass. See the poster in the narthex for details.

**3rd–11th June The London Eucharistic Octave 2023** "Celebrating the Eucharistic Heart of the Catholic Church" All events will take place at Corpus Christi Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB, except for the afternoon Procession on Sunday 11th, which departs from Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, W1B 5LZ See the poster in the narthex, or use the code



**16th June St Luke Hospice MIDNIGHT WALK is back!** This is their major fundraising event. The biggest in Harrow and Brent. St Luke's is our nearest hospice, and well worth Catholic support. The walk starts at 10pm on Friday 16 June at Byron Hall HA3 5BD. You can book on [www.stlukes-hospice.org/midnightwalk](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org/midnightwalk) 'Early Bird' ticket price ends this Thursday, 25 May.

**New Mass Offering envelopes** We ran out of the brown ones. These new ones will, I hope, be easier to use – and benefit the benefit the parish even more. You can now Gift Aid your Mass offering, using the form on the back.

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## Readers Rota

20 May 5.30 Lily Meghji    21 May 8.00 Daphne Byron    10.00 Nwawulor family, Maureen Ruane

27 May 5.30 Noreta Reece    28 May 8.00 Amalie Direkze    10.00 Derrick Pereira & family, Patrick & Joseph Arthur

**Church Cleaning Rota** 27 May Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrė Balčaitė and Viktoriia Vrublievska  
3 June Team C: Dominick Martins and Derrick & Elaine Pereira