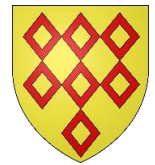


# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 27-28 April 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Word for the Week: “Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.” St Jn 15.4

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
<b>Confessions</b> Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.	
<b>Sat 27</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Easter 4</i> <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> – Maria Conceicao Fernandes (for speedy recovery)
<b>SUN 28</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mass</b> – Alec Moody RIP (Birthday remembrance) <b>Parish Mass</b> – Angela DeBono RIP (Birthday remembrance)
<b>Mon 29</b> 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>St Catherine of Siena, Feast</i> <b>Mass</b> – Terry Stapleton RIP (died recently)
<b>Tues 30</b> R: Sorrowful 9.30am	<i>St Pius V, Memorial</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</i> <b>Mass</b> – for refugees and exiles
<b>Wed 1</b> 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>St Joseph the Worker, Memorial</i> <b>Mass and Rosary</b> – Richard Hicks (in palliative care)
<b>Thurs 2</b> R: Luminous	<i>St Athanasius the Great, Memorial</i> <b>No Mass day</b> [Gospel: Matt 10.22-25]
<b>Fri 3</b> 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Sts Philip and James the Apostles, Feast</i> <b>Mass and Rosary</b> – for those in public office <i>Friday abstinence</i>
<b>Sat 4</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>English Martyrs, Feast</i> <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> – Patrick Coyle RIP (Anniversary) followed by Rosary
<b>SUN 5</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mass</b> – Esther Mensah (75 <sup>th</sup> birthday) <b>Parish Mass</b> – Ray Kulanthai RIP

♦ **Ascension Day** – a Day of Obligation – falls a week on Thurs **9 May**. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm on Wed 8 May; and on the day at 9.30am.

*The other side of Ascension Day – five festal Sundays in a row*  
**19 May** - Pentecost

**26 May** - Trinity Sunday – First Holy Communion Mass

**2 June** - Corpus Christi

**9 June** - St William of York

**16 June** – 11th Sunday of the Year – Confirmation Mass

♦ **Pope's Intention for May** For the formation of young religious and seminarians – and growth in their vocational journey as credible witnesses of the Gospel.

♦ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage**: all enquiries direct to Fr Jonathan or the Parish Office

♦ **Funerals**: by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director

**A WARM WELCOME**, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home.**

♦ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at the back of the church, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, please accompany any child to the toilet. Thank you

### ♦ Eastertide Greeting

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen. **All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

♦ **To be said 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.

The **ORDER** of Mass can be found on the **pew card**.

Scripture readings can be found from **p.268-270** of the Mass Book.

*Psalms response*: **You Lord are my praise in the Great Assembly.**

*All sing*: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

“Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.”

Whoever remains in me | *bears* fruit – in plenty.” **Alleluia ...**

♦ **Marian Eastertide Antiphon** sung or said after all Masses:



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

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

Together, let us pray: **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.**

♦ **If you still have envelopes** for the annual collection for our **Priest Training Fund**—a local, fund for our diocesan seminarians—we can still include them, this week or next, in the return to the diocese. Or if you have yet to contribute, please use this QR code:



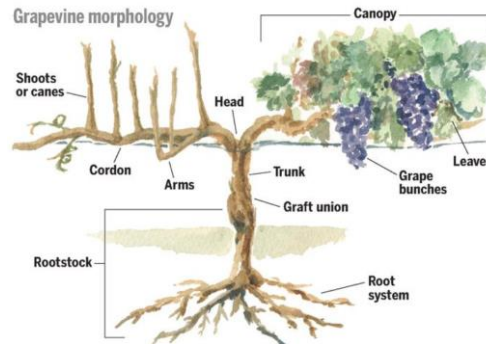
♦ **Northwick Park Hospital**: for a chaplain, contact 020 8967 5130

♦ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** - [www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/)

**REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures**

During the course of his earthly life, it was easy enough for his disciples to relate to Jesus. They were close to Him; could embrace and be embraced by Him; ate, drank and slept under the same roof or on the road with Him. Relationships were not always harmonious. There was rivalry, misunderstandings, outbursts, insecurities, and disappointment in some that Jesus wasn't willing to be the political force He might have been. After His death and resurrection it was a different story.

The scripture readings at today's Mass help us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus. We know we should be intimate with Christ, but how? The ancient Israelite image of the vine is a powerful metaphor for the relationship which ancient Israel (and we) should have with Jesus. Baptism is not only a second birth (dying to earthly life and rising to a new form of human eternal life in Christ); it also serves as an image of being 'grafted into' the life of another, like the branches of a vine. The reading from Acts reminds us of Paul's early achievements and threats to his life.



While John explains that Christian intimacy with God is so profound we live 'in' one another. **First Reading: Acts 9.26-31** We are presented with the figure of Saul, in the months after his conversion. The early Jerusalem Christians remained afraid of him. Saul (later St Paul) was a

tornado of a man – just as much as a Christian as he had been as a Pharisee. But by the time he was bundled off to safety in Tarsus (his home town) the Church in Judea and Galilee was very healthy.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3.18-24** God, who is always greater than we imagine Him, is capable of living 'in' as well as 'around' us. Keeping the commandments with a good conscience is what makes it possible. And (says the apostle who records the washing of the feet) the greatest of these commandments is love.

**Gospel: John 15.1-8** The parables of the vineyard and the vines are among the most beautiful in the whole span of the biblical tradition. God is the owner of the vineyard, we are the workers. Here Jesus identifies himself (and His Father) as the vine stock, the Church as its branches.

◆ **If you haven't** collected your Planned Giving envelopes please do after Mass – or you may get a visit from your parish priest!

◆ **Confirmation** Last Tuesday 13 adult and teenage confirmation candidates began their preparation. Over eight weeks, they will be thinking and praying hard about receiving this sacrament that seals their life with the presence of the 'inseparable' Holy Spirit. **Please pray for them.**

◆ **Diocese to Lourdes 19-26 July** Registration via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or via the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Plane, train or coach travel options available. **All applications by Tuesday (30<sup>th</sup>) please.**

◆ **Speaking of Lourdes**, Emma Nwawulor, having had such a wonderful time **supporting sick pilgrims** last year, wants to do the same again this year. That means she needs sponsorship. There are envelopes at the back for any help you can give (she needs to collect £1000) and a QR code on the noticeboard if you prefer to help by contactless donation.

◆ **Don't miss this!** I want to encourage you to come to this presentation in St Patrick's Church, Soho Sq (Tottenham Ct tube) 7pm, Friday 17 May. **Tickets: [guild-ransom.co.uk/events](http://guild-ransom.co.uk/events)**



Fr Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of our diocese, a former director of Sotheby's, and founder of the amazingly successful [www.Christian.Art](http://www.Christian.Art). He will explore the potential of Christian art in our vastly overstimulated visual culture.

◆ **An auxiliary bishop for our diocese**

The Holy Father has appointed one of our own priests, no doubt known to some of you, as bishop. Bishop-elect Jim Curry's episcopal ordination will be on Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 12 noon in the Cathedral. Fr Jim (presently PP in Bayswater) is well known in the diocese from his time as private secretary to Cardinals Hume and Murphy-O'Connor. Please pray for him.



SCAN TO SIGN UP



◆ **Witness of an unexpected kind ...**

Join with Catholic and Anglican brothers and sisters in Kenton on 18 May to witness to our love of our Lady, the Church, and human life as God created it.

**Votive lights** burn this week

at *Our Lady*: for Richard Hicks (In palliative care)  
at *St William and St Catherine*: Current Catholic patients at the RNOH

<b>Readers</b> 27 Apr 5.30pm	Daniela Amasanti-DeBono
28 Apr 8am	Audrey Da Costa
10am	Robert Chandler, Patrick Arthur
4 May 5.30pm	Noreta Reece
5 May 8am	Georgina Martins
10am	Ignatius & Nikita Pinto

**Church Cleaning Rota 4 May Team C**

Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira  
30 Mar **Team A** Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam

**Weekly Almsgiving on 21/04/2024**

Loose Plate	£ 356.53
Envelopes	£ 314.00
Standing Orders & Online	£ 99.50 = <b>£770.03</b>

◆ **2 May elections** It's very good that the churches and the electoral authorities can work together at election time. Once again our church hall will be used as a polling station. Pray for the election staff as well as for all the candidates.