

St. William of York Catholic Church



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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm

1st Sunday of Lent

5/6 March 2022

Saturday 5th March

5.30pm Roque Dias RIP
(Vena Dias)

Sunday 6th March
1st Sunday of Lent

8am For peace in our world
10am People of the Parish
(Vena Dias)

Monday 7th March

9.30am Joseph Brightwell RIP
(Anniv) (Judith Brightwell)

Tuesday 8th March

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 9th March

NO LITURGY

Thursday 10th March

NO LITURGY

Friday 11th March

7pm Joseph O'Reilly (Anniv)
(Murphy Family)

Saturday 12th March

5.30pm

Sunday 13th March
2nd Sunday of Lent

8am

10am

Scripture Reflection "Trust in and worship God alone"

After his baptism, to prepare for his public ministry Jesus went into the desert to fast and to pray. The desert was a desolate place with punishing temperatures during the day, extreme cold at night and a scarcity of water. After forty days, Jesus was weak and hungry and in his vulnerable state Satan came to tempt him, in the areas of food, a death-defying leap and power. Jesus saw through Satan's attempts to steer him from his chosen pathway of humility and obedience to his father. He saw that Satan was trying to persuade him to put his own needs first, prove his identity, and put aside devotion to his father. He saw through Satan's trap of placing the world's glory, wealth and power above the honour, glory and service that is due to God alone and did not compromise. He fully trusted his Father.

As a result of the temptations, Jesus was stronger and more prepared for his ministry because he had rejected three ways of misusing his power. He did not provide for his own material needs. He did not use his power to do a trick and he did not give in to idolatry. Food, power and leadership are not inherently wrong, only if they are used for the wrong ends, or at the wrong time.

Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power but on the Holy Spirit to give him courage and self-control. Each time he was tempted, he quoted from the book of Deuteronomy, looking to God's word for guidance. In the same way that he tempted Jesus, Satan relentlessly tempts us to turn away from God with hunger for material goods, pride and a lust for power. We cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. Jesus shows us that our happiness does not lie in power or possessions or worldly pleasures or success but in eternal life which we can gain by trusting in and worshipping God alone. (MR)

Visiting Priests

We thank Fr. Ray Armstrong from Mill Hill Parish for saying the Friday night and the 3 Sunday Masses. Fr. Ray is quite a remarkable man, who has served 57 years as a Priest, may God Bless him.

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Guy Sawyer, ex Parish Priest at Harrow on the Hill, and Fr. Frank Waters from Wealdstone Parish to our Masses.

Lenten 2022 Message - "Lent comes providentially to shake us from our lethargy" – Pope Francis

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal is this year to help people on the margins live

a life of dignity. Envelopes are in the Porch for such, plus many parishioners will have received details by post of the appeal with details on Caritas Westminster (the Diocesan organisation that co-ordinates the various charitable support elements). The Church is opened half an hour before Masses and it is suggested that Parishioners take that opportunity for devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

Ordination – 10.30am, 12th March, Westminster Cathedral

The ordination of our new Parish Priest Johnathan Goodall will be at 10.30am in the Cathedral, with all welcome. We pray for our new Parish Priest and his wife, in their preparations for their new life at St. William of York. Fr. Jonathan's first Mass in Stanmore is expected to be on Friday 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation.

CAFOD Fast day – Friday 11 March 2022

This collection will be taken up after the Sunday Masses. Special envelopes are available in the porch.

Covid Arrangements at the Church

It is intended that we maintain the wearing of face masks and observance of safe distancing for the good of our whole congregational family. As the Cardinal stated in his Lenten Message last week, we need to encourage a return to the Church to those who, for whatever reason, have felt unable to attend Mass. The end pews will be assigned for returning online Parishioners to aid them in settling back into the Church and normal parish life.

Farewell to Fr. Michael – change of date

Our delayed Parish farewell for Fr Michael, which he has asked to be just a Parish celebration, will now take place in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday 20th March. It will, as previously indicated, be an informal and joyous event of finger food and light refreshments, where we can all express our gratitude to Fr Michael for his years with us. Please speak to one of the hall committee if you want to assist or to contribute to the catering.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14 May 2022 at 3pm

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Restarting the choir

We are hoping to restart choir. For the moment the gallery is still out of action but depending on interest we hope to restart choir practice time soon. We welcome anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument. Email: dmca20@hotmail.com. (Daniela Amasanti-DeBono)

Readers Rota

<u>5 March 5.30pm</u>	John McIntyre	<u>6 March 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>6 March 10am</u>	Readings Daniela Amasanti-DeBono, Bidding prayers Kulanthai Family		
<u>12 March 5.30pm</u>	Noreta Reece	<u>13 March 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>13 March 10am</u>	Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		

Counters Rota

<u>6 March</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>13 March</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>12 March</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza
<u>19 March</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwanah