

St. William of York R.C. Church



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18/19 July 2020 / 25/26 July 2020

Saturday 18th July

5.30pm For a vaccine for the virus

Sunday 19th July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Dominican intention
 10am Philomena Brennan RIP (recent)
 12noon People of the parish

Monday 20th July

9.30am John O'Neill RIP (Anniv) (Whittaker)

Tuesday 21st July

Maria & family
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Wednesday 22nd July
 St Mary Magdalene

McShane Intention
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 23rd July
 St Bridget of Sweden
 Patron of Europe

Sven Intention
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Friday 24th July

7pm Maria & family intention

Saturday 25th July
 St James, Apostle

5.30pm O'Keeffe Intention

Sunday 26th July
 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Dennis Allman RIP (Birthday)
 10am Anadil Sequeira RIP
 12noon Margaret O'Connor RIP (Anniv)

A two-week newsletter: two powerful parables

Father Michael writes- "The recent Sunday gospels seem to be in 'gardening/agricultural mode'. Last weekend we heard about the sower scattering the seed widely, almost randomly; reminding us that God is generous with his graces - the seeds of the kingdom are real and widespread. This weekend (18/19 July) we hear about the wheat and weeds growing up alongside each other. The weekend 25/26 July - again a field, this time with a hidden treasure. The merchant sells all his other assets and buys the field. In all these circumstances - there is a blessing to be received, a treasure to be discovered. Following Jesus our Lord means that we provide a harvest and home for all that Jesus scatters and provides and prospers. Our faith encourages us to recognize the graces - which are all around. Is it possible to ask whether there are seeds of the Kingdom to be found - even in the virus? A bit of a tall order - but what is true is that for many of us - this is a time of deeper prayer and small insights into the Lord's daily harvest. In many ways - we have been drawn into daily trust in God. Dear brothers and sisters, families, children and young people - please continue to remember that each evening at 5pm as I say the Rosary in the church - I am aware of YOU and all your needs. It strengthens me to know that some of you are spiritually joined with me. I have received great consolation from the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary - particularly the 4th mystery - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD. We are living a painful Transfiguration."

News and reminders

1. Many thanks for the willing hearts and hands – who assisted at the recent Deanery meeting- Monday 13 July. The home catering was delicious.
2. Our live streaming of the Sunday 10am Mass continues of course- thanks to our committed techno parishioners. What a difference it has made.
3. The guidelines suggest that individuals should bring and wear their own face covering/mask in church.
4. **Father David Kolo – Uganda** Sadly, Father David will not be visiting us this August. He has now been moved from his parish and is currently preparing to be chaplain and Head Teacher of a large secondary school- with boarders! Challenging. Thank you to Claudette and Sam for the recent 'plant sale' after Masses. It raised £170 for Father David.

Sunday Mass 'opportunities'

Currently - there are six Sunday Masses spread over the weekend. Friday 7pm, Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and, until the last Sunday in July, 12noon. Monday Mass at 9.30am is also a 'Sunday Mass'. Please take the opportunity to attend any of these celebrations.

Willing volunteers!

The disinfectant sanitiser which has to be used in the church after each Mass depends on willing hands. Thank you to those who volunteer - even on a 'one off' basis. It makes such a difference.

Hard times for everyone

Father Michael writes - "I am very aware of the financial challenges- so many of you are facing- dear brothers, sisters and families. Tough times ahead too. Thank you to those who have continued to support the parish in a full and regular way. Of course there have been no collections for many weeks, leaving a huge hole in parish income. Perhaps more fortunate parishioners might be able to make a larger one-off donation and/or increase regular giving. We hope to have the boxes of individual weekly envelopes available soon.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

The guidelines suggest that enclosed areas like Confessional boxes should not be used currently. Let me make an offer! Saturday mornings - between 11 and 12 noon. I will be under the canopy outside the church hall. Please come and sit on the provided chair (or stand). Take the open-air opportunity - to receive the open and generous offer from God through His Sacrament of Penance. (Fr. Michael)

Church Mass Arrangements

The Church is now open for Mass with an attendance restriction of 42 people per Mass (to meet current guidelines).

Safety and Associated Arrangements

A one-way pedestrian traffic flow system operates within the Church. Only 42 places are available in the Church and are allocated on a 'First come, First Served' basis. The pews are designated into Family or Singles/ Couples seating in a 2-metre spacing system - Family Pews are for 4 to 8 people, and the other pews are set aside for just 3 people (either 3 singletons or 1 couple and 1 singleton)

All those attending Mass must fill in their name and contact details on forms provided in the Porch before entering: for possible later contact tracing by the Health Authorities, under the Government's Test & Trace regime.

Mass will be different with the **distribution of Holy Communion the last rite of each Mass. On receiving Holy Communion, Parishioners will then exit the Church.**

The toilet facility remains out of use. Hand sanitiser gel is available on both entry and exit for Parishioner use. The collection will be taken as Parishioners leave the Church.

Due to number restrictions, Parishioners should attend only one Mass over the weekend.

At all the Masses, the Marshals on duty will be instructed to not allow people in after the first 42 places have been taken.

It is important that these safety arrangements are maintained at all times. The Pews are sanitised after each Mass and a full clean undertaken each Friday by a small, dedicated band of Ladies. Parishioners are reminded that those feeling unwell should stay at home and not come to Church.

Counters Rota
26 July Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Martin Rush
2 August Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

Mass Intentions

<u>Monday 27th July</u>	9.30am	McShane Intention	<u>Saturday 1st August</u>	St Alphonsus Liguori
<u>Tuesday 28th July</u>	No liturgy		5.30pm	Carey Intention
<u>Wednesday 29th July</u>	– St Martha	No liturgy	<u>Sunday 2nd August</u>	– 18 th Sunday in Ordinary
<u>Thursday 30th July</u>	No liturgy		8am	Victims of the virus
<u>Friday 31st July</u>	– St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest		10am	Healy Intention
7pm	People of the parish			