

St. William of York R.C. Church



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The Sacrament of Confession
 Father Michael is available every Saturday morning 11am – 12 noon – outside the Parish Hall, in the car park. The free gift of God's mercy.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10/11 October 2020

Saturday 10th October

5.30pm Gerard O'Shea RIP
 (Anniv)

Sunday 11th October
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Nigel Brennan RIP
 (Murphy family)

10am Mary Rose Moran RIP
 (Anniv)

Monday 12th October

9.30am Martin Intention

Tuesday 13th October
 St Edward the Confessor

9.30am K T Anthony RIP (Anniv)

Wednesday 14th October

NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 15th October
 St Teresa of Jesus
 Virgin & Doctor

NO LITURGY

Friday 16th October

7pm People of the parish

Saturday 17th October
 St Ignatius of Antioch
 Bishop & Martyr

5.30pm Patrick Curtin RIP

Sunday 18th October
 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the victims &
 for a vaccine

10am O'Hara Intention

Social distancing and holy nearness

We have all added words to our vocabulary since the beginning of the virus crisis - 'lockdown', 'masks' - even the word 'pandemic', but the insistent phrase has been 'social distancing'. No need to say that it is everywhere, urging us to keep away from other people. Passing each other on the street can almost be a sort of dance now. We are all doing our best to observe the guidelines. For many weeks - we even had to keep 'away from our churches' when they were completely closed. Thankfully that has changed and we are able, allowing for medical realities, to return to Mass. The supreme motive for us as Catholics is the reception of our Lord in Holy Communion.

I came across some words written by Emeritus Pope Benedict - "In Jesus- God has truly come to dwell among us. He became flesh that he might become bread.... He put himself into our hands and into our hearts. God is not the great unknown, whom we can dimly conceive. We need not fear, as heathens do, that he might be capricious and bloodthirsty or too far away and too great to hear us. God is waiting for us. He is calling us and inviting us. God's sacred proximity is always available and alive". There is no social distancing with the Lord. In the words of the psalm - I simply have to lift up my eyes and my heart... holy nearness. (Father Michael)

Our stewards

May the good Lord bless those volunteer parishioners who reliably act as stewards at all Masses. May they be blessed for their willingness - assisting with arrival in church and particularly the sanitising after each Mass. Thank you, also, to the willing souls who simply join in with the sanitising. It really helps. In addition - special gratitude to the 'holy folk' who assist with church cleaning on Fridays.

Various reminders

1. Harrow Deanery priests and pastoral workers will meet on Monday 12 October in Sudbury parish.
2. Our local Bishop John Sherrington will be with us next Sunday for the 10am Mass.
3. A significant saint this week: Saint Edward the Confessor - one of the patron saints of our Cathedral and of our diocese too. Of course - his tomb is in Westminster Abbey.
4. Many families struggle at this time; families near and far. We hold them

in prayer - particularly during this **month of the Holy Rosary**. Thankfully too, as well as the statue of Our Lady in the church - we also have the small icon of Saint Joseph on the front of the pulpit: the Holy Family.

5. A new Encyclical letter from Pope Francis - his third Encyclical. It is called "Fratelli tutti". Please take a look. It is a long document but remarkable.

Our on-line Mass

Every Sunday our 10am Mass is live-streamed to parishioners and others- who for various COVID reasons are not able to return to Mass in the church. We pray for them as we gather in reality or virtually. Currently we use ZOOM! Many other parishes are also live-streaming but mainly using a fixed camera in the church. Such a camera can provide pictures and sound from the church - for funerals etc. The camera arrangement provides only one-way communication. Those at home can see and listen to the Mass from the church - but are unable to contribute except perhaps by clever editing. We need to consider carefully, in the light of events, our future ways of reaching out! Let others know about our live streaming. Find the link on the parish website <http://swoy.weebly.com>

Mass intentions

In the porch after Mass on leaving - there are the small brown Mass intention envelopes. Please write the intention on the front and a phone number helps - if people are looking for a specific date. Requesting Masses for specific people/intentions is very much part of Catholic tradition.

SUNDAY MASS OPPORTUNITIES !!! - a widespread invitation!

At this time and trying to respect guidelines and social distancing - the available Sunday Masses are

Friday 7pm; Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8am and 10am

Monday 9.30am

Additional weekday Mass on Tuesday 9.30am : no public Mass on Wednesday or Thursday

Supporting the parish

'So many of you, dear parishioners, have been so thoughtful during this time; remembering to regularly donate for the support of the parish - using weekly envelopes, standing orders or cheques - and other means. It really helps. As you can imagine - after all this time - the parish resources are really stretched and the bills continue. Please know that the Lord sees such generosity.' (Father Michael)

Church Safety Arrangements – A Reminder

- Face Masks must be worn at all times whilst in the Church,
- Please observe safe distancing and the one-way traffic flow system that is in place,
- Please follow the direction of the Marshals on the seating arrangements, and stay in the assigned pew seat, a restricted number of 42 remains in place which will be adhered to.
- Holy Communion is distributed after the final Prayers and Blessing, with Parishioners expected to exit the Church, not returning to their seat,
- The Toilet facility remains out of use,
- Hand sanitizers are sited at the Entrance and Exit from the Church for personal use,
- The weekly newsletter will be available for collection on leaving, with baskets placed for the Offertory offerings,
- If you are feeling unwell, suffering from a cold or cough, please do not attend Church.

Counters Rota

11 October Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

18 October Aldrich Menezes, Pearly Jesuthasan

25 October Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese