

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17/18 October 2020

Saturday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch Bishop & Martyr 5.30pm Patrick Curtin RIP
Sunday 18th October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am Angela Claydon Intention 10am Lisa Pomroy RIP
Monday 19th October 9.30am Liah Mills Intention
Tuesday 20th October 9.30am Jim Lynagh
Wednesday 21st October Yan Lee Intention NO PUBLIC MASS
Thursday 22nd October NO LITURGY
Friday 23rd October 7pm People of the parish
Saturday 24th October 5.30pm Gerry & Jim Duffy RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 25th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am Mr & Mrs James McDermott (Anniv) 10am For victims & for a vaccine

“They wanted to trap Jesus”

The Pharisees and Herodians in today’s gospel were determined to trip Jesus up. Remember they were the religiously observant Jews, front of the temple people. They are full of tricks in their words to Jesus. Should we pay taxes to Caesar? - they ask. The reply of our Lord is straightforward - words spoken to them and to **US**. ‘Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar- and to God what belongs to God’. In the end (and from the start)- everything belongs to God. Give the Lord glory and power.

A warm welcome to Bishop Sherrington

This weekend - we rejoice to welcome Bishop John celebrating our 10am Mass - a reminder to us all, in these strange times, that we remain part of the wider church in our diocese of Westminster. As the Bishop prays with us and for us - we also pray for him.

The Repository is open

Many people have been asking! It will now be open on Saturday mornings between 11am and 12noon (while Father Michael is hearing Confessions in the car park). It will also be open after the 10am Mass on Sundays. It will be strictly one person in/one person out. Masks must be worn and sanitiser is of course available. If you have any queries or difficulties getting to church to purchase, please call Sue Mason on 020 8954 0090 to make arrangements. RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Obviously - in these COVID times, things are different. Our bishops have been prevented from visiting for many months which means that the Cardinal has given all Parish Priests the faculty to administer the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Father Michael contacted all our candidates offering a choice, either to wait hopefully for a Bishop next year or to go ahead in 2020. The following seven..... Emilia Acuti, Isabella Borgese, Emer Fadian, Josh Ioannou, Olivia Ioannou, Caitlyn Pereira, Amelia Willoughby have chosen to receive the Confirmation this year. Father Michael will celebrate the Sacrament on the feast of Christ the King - 22 November at 12noon. COVID requires that each candidate may have only 7 guests including their SPONSOR. There will be three preparation sessions in the church - all on Sundays at 12noon. Each will last approximately 40 minutes. The dates for

the preparations are Sunday 25 October, Sunday 1 November, Sunday 8 November. Please ring the parish house or email - for further information.

November - the month of the Holy Souls

Throughout the month we have regular Masses for those on our 'Holy Souls lists' - which are placed in front of the altar. This is a deeply Catholic tradition. You will find blank lists in the porch and also the special November envelopes. In these COVID times - is it best if you take an envelope and list home - write out the names and then return, either in the normal collection baskets or through the house letter box? Our Catholic faith tells us that we do not simply 'remember' the dead. We believe that through the Mass and our willing undertakings for those who have died - we can assist their journey of purification through purgatory. (Father Michael)

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.

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.

Counters Rota

18 October Aldrich Menezes, Pearly Jesuthasan

25 October Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese

1 November Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe