

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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3/4 October 2020

Saturday 3rd October

5.30pm Sandra Intention

Sunday 4th October

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Mary Juliet Fernando RIP

10am Sister Sarah Smith
 Intention (Murphy)

Monday 5th October

9.30am De Souza Intention

Tuesday 6th October

9.30am Mary Brightwell RIP
 (birthday intention)

Wednesday 7th October
 Our Lady of the Rosary

Private Intention
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 8th October

NO LITURGY

Friday 9th October

7pm Patrick Kehoe RIP (Anniv)

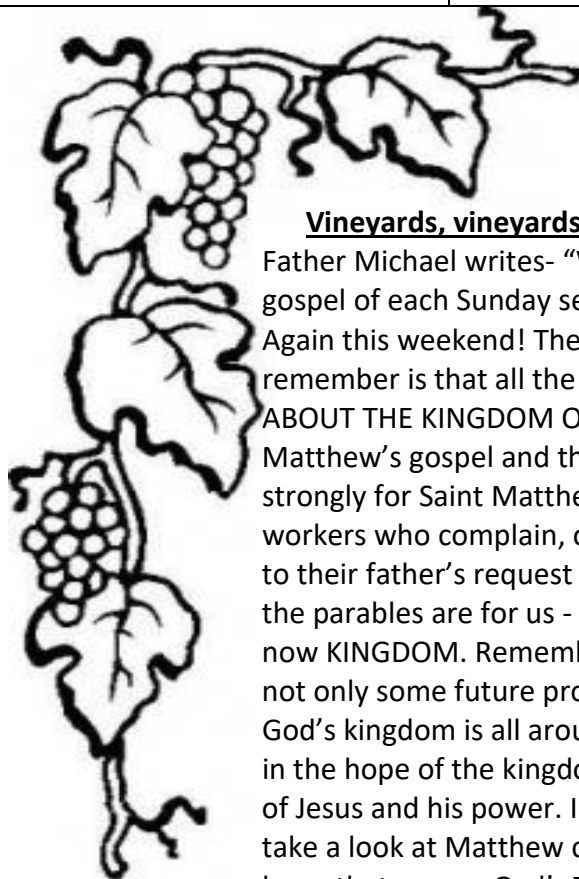
Saturday 10th October

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)



Vineyards, vineyards and more vineyards!

Father Michael writes- “Wow! At the moment the gospel of each Sunday seems to focus on the vineyard! Again this weekend! The all important thing to remember is that all the vineyard parables are ALWAYS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We are following Saint Matthew’s gospel and the parables of Jesus feature strongly for Saint Matthew. Whether it is about vineyard workers who complain, or two sons reacting differently to their father’s request to work in his field of grapes; the parables are for us - and always about the here and now KINGDOM. Remember the kingdom of the Lord is not only some future promise. ‘Thy kingdom come’. God’s kingdom is all around us. We already live not just in the hope of the kingdom but in the daily experience of Jesus and his power. In your missal or bible at home – take a look at Matthew chapter 21: verses 33-43. We learn that we are God’s TENANTS! Plenty to reflect on!”

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>.

News and reminders

1. Father David Kolo in Uganda has contacted the parish to

acknowledge the recent receipt of £130. In the meantime- another £300 has been donated by generous parishioners. Father David is so grateful and the money, when 'translated' into Ugandan currency - makes a total difference to his life and work. Thank you.

2. The next meeting of Harrow Deanery will take place on Monday 12 October in Sudbury parish.
3. Thank you to the various gents who mow the grass and keep an eye on the church/house grounds. They include Martyn, Phil, Anthony and Laurence!
4. Next weekend - Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the 10am Mass.

An observation – Father Michael

I am deeply touched by the number of people who during the day stand in prayer outside the church. Of course it includes parishioners, but I have also noticed adherents of different faiths. It often means a special journey. Let us all be united in prayer at this time. It is still my custom to say the Rosary in church at 5pm daily. From home please join me.

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.

The Sacrament of Anointing

Though primarily a Sacrament for the sick - this healing anointing has wide application to the elderly, as well as for those who struggle in any way. The priest prays over each person and then anoints them. COVID presents some cautions around this Sacrament. Father Michael writes - "May I suggest that weather permitting - we have an opportunity for this Sacrament outside in the car park. Because of applying the Holy Oil, I am required to sanitise my hands after each person so it will take a little time. On Saturday 10 October, after Confessions (11am-12noon) I will be available for the Sacrament of Anointing between 12noon and 1pm. Remember this Sacrament is not only for older people. Anyone of any age, troubled in mind, body or spirit is welcome. Please take this opportunity to trust in and receive the healing of Christ."

Counters Rota

4 October

Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Martin Rush

11 October

Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva