

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5/6 September 2020

Saturday 5th September

5.30pm Frank Melvin RIP

Sunday 6th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am People of the parish

10am Ronald Moles RIP
 (1st Anniv)

Monday 7th September

9.30am Anna Francisca &
 Vincent Rodrigues RIP

Tuesday 8th September

The Nativity of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Dennis Allman RIP

Wednesday 9th September

John McGrory RIP
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 10th September

NO LITURGY

Friday 11th September

7pm John McGrory RIP

Saturday 12th September

5.30pm David Blatt RIP

Sunday 13th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am John McGowan RIP

10am Sebastian Dias RIP

O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts

Dear brothers and sisters - all parishioners and friends in Stanmore. You will know that I often recommend the responsorial psalm for particular attention at Sunday Mass. The response is for me a 'take-away' thought for the week ahead. Our readings and gospel this week are, as always, both comforting and challenging. Saint Paul reminds us that LOVE is the answer to every one of the commandments. As disciples of Christ - we face forward into life with the conviction that Jesus is with us and within us. The starting point is 'listening' - the remedy is NOT to harden our hearts. We are not 'know-all' people full of answers. Our faith means that we are attentive and ready to respond to the invitation extended by Jesus, and how about the wonderful GUARANTEE in today's gospel? Jesus' words ... 'where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them'. **(Father Michael)**

Returning to Mass in the church

Thank you to those who assist in any way with the regular broadcast of our Sunday Mass. Our on-line Mass is really appreciated. When, individuals feel safe and ready - then, carefully, we gather to celebrate as a community in the church. Again, recalling the gospel this weekend - where 2 or 3 gather - Jesus is with us. Being together is at the heart of our Catholic faith and practice. We have five Sunday Masses available between Friday pm and Monday am.

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

Moving on!

Congratulations again to our younger parishioners taking up their place at University/as apprentices or in college. Hard work has brought good results - though sometimes not quite what was hoped for. Leaving home for universities at home or overseas will bring its own challenges. Where results did not quite match expectation - we continue to 'listen to the voice of the Lord'.

A small but hard-working team

Led by Tony Murphy - now almost in the church every day (and many times at weekends) the parish is very grateful to the 'open church' squad; stewards at the door and organising all the present special arrangements. They have been regular, loyal and dependable. The simple fact is that the church could not open without the volunteers. Perhaps - you might like to help out? Have a word with Tony or any of the present team.

Face Masks are now compulsory in church as well as in other settings. The guidelines allow the Reader to remove the mask ONLY for the reading. The priest is asked to wear the mask only while distributing Holy Communion. All these stipulations are part of our shared responsibility to each other - and for the wider community. Once again - thank you for your co-operation in these things and the willing volunteers helping after Mass with sanitising and other tasks.

COVID 19 effects everything

Last weekend - Father Michael celebrated a Baptism - under the new regulations. Although he has been conducting Baptisms since 1972 - he remarked afterwards that he felt like a new priest again - learning the ropes! Congratulations to the newly christened Arabella and her family.

General Election USA style!

With the various events and conflicts in the United States - it is important to pray for a fair and suitable outcome to the Election. Under its President - America has always played a leading and significant role in world events. Clearly - at present - things are changing. As the song says - 'God bless America' at this crucial time.

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**)

Counters Rota

6 September Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

13 September Aldrich Menezes, Pearly Jesuthasan

20 September Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese

