

# St. William of York R.C. Church



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Mass – Sunday  
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)  
Sunday 8am & 10am  
Weekdays  
Mass Monday Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30 am  
Thursday As announced  
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & on call

**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

**24/25 April 2021**  
**1/2 May 2021**

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| Saturday 24th April<br>Ss Erkenwald & Mellitus, Bishops<br>5.30pm Sam Wadood RIP                                |
| Sunday 25th April<br>4th Sunday of Easter<br>8am Mairead Buggy (sick)<br>10am Michael Howe RIP (Anniv)          |
| Monday 26th April<br>9.30am Maureen Moloney RIP (Anniv)   |
| Tuesday 27th April<br>NO LITURGY  |
| Wednesday 28th April<br>NO LITURGY  |
| Thursday 29th April<br>St Catherine of Siena<br>Virgin & Doctor<br>NO LITURGY                                   |
| Friday 30th April<br>7pm People of the parish   |
| Saturday 1st May<br>5.30pm Sam Wadood RIP (de Souza)  |
| Sunday 2nd May<br>5th Sunday of Easter<br>8am McDermott anniversary intention<br>10am Eileen Austin RIP (Anniv) |

## **A two-week newsletter: 4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday** **5th Sunday of Easter - Jesus the True Vine**

Good Shepherd Sunday is always dedicated to prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Jesus is always calling and inviting individuals to follow Him as priests, married deacons, sisters, brothers or friars. The life and HEALTH of the Church depends on the whole community of faith - as well as those who experience a deeper 'call'. The source of life for us all - is Jesus himself the TRUE VINE to which we are joined.

### **Supporting our seminarians and future priests**

Traditionally on Good Shepherd Sunday - there is a door collection - money to run our diocesan seminary at Allen Hall and for the training of priests for our diocese of Westminster. Thank you for your generosity for this important cause. God will bless such generosity.

### **Sam Wadood RIP**

The sudden death of Sam came as a great shock, not only for Claudette and the family - but also for the parish community. Sam was a very special and warmly-regarded man of the parish. There will be a parish Mass for the repose of his soul on Sunday 9 May at 10am; a chance to remember him before the Lord. Of course, it will be an Mass open and prayerful.

### **Father Michael - away for a few days!**

After the Monday 9.30am Mass on April 26 - I will have a few days break with my good friend Father Paul. Please note - there will be no Mass on Tuesday/Wednesday 27/28 April. Usual Mass at 7pm on Friday 30 April.

### **Reaching out to our parish community in a practical and organised way**

We would like to start a parish Good Neighbour service providing simple but practical support initially in the form of:

- Transport for hospital appointments
- Signposting to services which provide support e.g.: domestic violence, debt support
- Help with navigating services, advocacy and form filling
- Befriending

If you would like to know more or, better still, you would like to get involved or have a skill that may be of help please contact Daniela 07963 718614 (message and I will call back) or Lily 07421 468038. Thank you

## Our parish church – looking ahead

### **Extent of the works and the reasons for it**

The flooring works are to the Main Altar from the step up to the Communion Rail and extending right back across the whole of the Altar area to the rear wall, behind the Tabernacle.

Within the Altar and Sanctuary Area, there has been significant deterioration in the whole of the underfloor area with two clear voids identified. Parishioners will have noticed the serious cracks that exist in the area underneath the lectern and extending across the west side of the Altar. There also is difference in floor levels between the Sanctuary and Sacristy. The evidence obtained over a number of years by specialist Groundwork Consultants point to the need for action to be taken now.

### **Flooring Works detail**

The work involves the following

- Removal and safe storage of both the Main Altar and High Altar, Pulpit, Religious Icons as well as the Tabernacle, Statues and Communion Rail, plus Pews, as well as protection to the Baldachino canopy, its 4 supporting columns, and other existing fixtures & fittings,
- Excavation and removal of existing flooring tiles and the current ground underneath,
- Replacement with new reinforced flooring and new flooring tiles,
- Reinstatement of the Altars, Baldachino and Pulpit on flooring completion,
- Upgrade of the Electrical and Public Address systems, as part of the work package.

### **Work start and duration**

The work is expected to start either at the end of May or early June and will take approximately 17 weeks to complete. Once the exact start date is known, Parishioners will be advised.

### **Cost of the Work**

The cost for the work is in excess of £200,000 and is being paid by the Parish Insurers, in an agreed insurance claim. The Parish will though be expected to pay the excess premium of £20,000, as part of the claim. There also is likely to be other costs incurred, and fuller details on such will be given with the work start date.

### **Arrangements for Mass during the works**

The Church Hall will act as a temporary Church for the Parish, for the works duration. It is intended that Mass times will remain as at present. The Hall will have a restricted parishioner number entry, and will be subject to ongoing Covid restrictions and Diocesan guidelines. It is hoped that the temporary arrangements will enable appropriate worship and spiritual contemplation.

### **Planned Giving Envelopes: supporting our parish**

While many contribute to the parish through banking arrangements- others prefer the weekly envelopes. The new boxes of envelopes are available from the stewards at the back of the church. Please collect your box, if you use this means of contributing. Many thanks for such generosity in these difficult times.

### **Counters Rota**

25 April Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

2 May Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

9 May Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi da Silva

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Ss Philip and James, Apostles

9.30am Bosah Family intention

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – The English Martyrs

9.30am Pauline Doyle RIP

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Sam Wadood RIP

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May

NO LITURGY

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

7pm For progress and success

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May

5.30pm People of the parish

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8am Patrick Coyle RIP (Anniv)

10am Sam Wadood RIP (parish)