

St. William of York R.C. Church



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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm
Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

4th Sunday of Advent

18/19 December 2021

Saturday 18th December

5.30pm Maria (Smita) & family
Intention

Sunday 19th December
4th Sunday of Advent

8am Gabriel Intention

10am Kwarteng Intention

Monday 20th December

9.30am Natalie Koelmeyer RIP

Tuesday 21st December

9.30am Maureen Ride RIP

Wednesday 22nd December

9.30am Kathleen & Martin
(Family Intention)

Thursday 23rd December

NO LITURGY

Friday 24th December
Christmas Eve

5.30pm People of the parish

11pm People of the parish

Saturday 25th December
The Nativity of the Lord

8am People of the parish

10am People of the parish

Sunday 26th December
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

8am Sister Teresa Nolan

10am People of the parish

The Sacrament of Penance; going to Confession for Christmas

There will be an opportunity for Confession on **Thursday 23 December between 5pm and 7pm**. There will be a visiting priest available and also Father Michael. Please make a note of the date and time - a beautiful invitation from the Lord to receive His mercy.

Christmas 2021 - New Year – New Year 2022: Solemnity of Mary

Thursday 23 December The Sacrament of Confession with a visiting Priest:
5pm till 7pm

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Carols beforehand

11pm Solemn Mass of Christmas - ending at Midnight - Carols before Mass

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

8am and 10am - Christmas Masses

Sunday 26 December - The feast of the Holy Family

8am and 10am - Feast day Masses



Friday 31 December - New Year's Eve

7pm - Vigil Mass to welcome the New Year 2022

Saturday 1 January 2022

5.30pm - Solemn Mass of the New Year 2022

Sunday 2 January 2022

8am and 10am Masses

Thursday 6 January - The Feast of the Epiphany

9.30am and 7pm Masses of the Three Kings



Another unique Christmas and yet??

My dearest parishioners

You will recall that a year ago, we were struggling with the distribution of tickets for our Christmas Masses. You can also see that although we are back in the Church- there is still a little while to go before completion. There have been many 'ups and downs' and perhaps further things ahead- but the essential reality is that **'IT IS CHRISTMAS - the season of Bethlehem and the birth of our Saviour.'** Lots of things have been taken away from us in the last year plus. All of us are living a 'different reality'. COVID in all its manifestations, statistics and regulations has surrounded us and virtually 'taken us prisoner'. **YET IT IS CHRISTMAS - Jesus enters our world (COVID and all).** The angels' song rings out – **TODAY** - a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ the Lord. It is absolutely essential that we hold nothing back this Christmas. We give everything to Our Lord. The angels remind us -

DO NOT BE AFRAID. As your parish priest for the past 9 years - I thank you from the depths of my heart for all the kindness you have shown me; for your patience with my 'funny ways'. I thank you for your Christmas kindness and so much received from you over the years. I wish you well, with the blessings of Christmas and the promise of my prayers. I BEG for a place in your prayers also. **Father Michael**

The move back into the church

Approaching Christmas and the move back into the Church, it is worth reflecting that the serious issue with the Altar & Sanctuary structural cracks and voids have now been fully addressed. Serious setbacks previously detailed have though caused delays and resulted in the reinstatement works not being fully completed. However, it is sincerely hoped that the measures taken will not impair Parishioners' ability to worship Our Lord's Birth this Christmastide. Our Lady's Side Altar and the Choir Loft will not be in use and the Baldacchino will remain safely suspended above the Top Altar. The Pulpit and Communion Rails will not be in place, and are planned to be back in place during the first two weeks of January. Returning to the Church, the following Covid arrangements will apply:

- Face Masks to be worn,
- Hand sanitising stations will be in place for Parishioner use,
- Social distancing measures to be adhered.
- Church will be ventilated throughout all services, and Parishioners should consider wearing suitable warm clothing,
- Access will be via the 'Door of Welcome' with both end double doors used on exit
- Also, Parishioners are reminded that they should not attend if feeling unwell or awaiting a Covid test result.

Cleaning of Church – New Team

With the move back into the Church, we need to put in place a new cleaning team that will weekly undertake the necessary cleaning tasks on Saturday mornings. Past members of the cleaning team and new team members are sought – please sign up on the sheet in the porch or email the Parish your interest in keeping our Church clean and tidy.

Stewards

Could the former Church Stewards resume their service on return to the Church, including Offertory Collection? Your assistance is greatly valued.

Christmas Day Mass Offering clarification - Finance Committee

Traditionally the Christmas Day offerings were for the Parish Priest but, under revised Inland Revenue rules, such offerings need to be in an envelope addressed to the Parish Priest, otherwise the offering will go into the normal Parish funds.

Readers Rota

<u>18 December 5.30pm</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>19 December 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>19 December 10am</u>	Readings Carol-Anne Chandler, Bidding prayers		Georgia Nwawulor
<u>24 December 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece		
<u>24 December midnight</u>	Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers		Derrick Pereira Family
<u>25 December 8am</u>	Daphne Byron		
<u>25 December 10am</u>	Readings Zachary Shonibare, Bidding prayers		Janice Pereira
<u>26 December 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku		
<u>26 December 10am</u>	Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers		
<u>1 January 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>2 January 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>2 January 10am</u>	Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers		Tim & Mel Goodger

Counters Rota

<u>19 December</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
<u>26 December</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>2 January</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam