

# 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 & Saturday 9.30 am  
Thursday As announced  
Mass on Friday 7pm

Confessions: Saturday 10am – 10.30am & on call

2nd Sunday of Lent

27/28 February 2021

Saturday 27th February

5.30pm John Pollard Intention

Sunday 28th February  
2nd Sunday of Lent

8am Mary Berwick RIP

10am Carey intention

Monday 1st March  
St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

9.30am Michael Foley RIP

Tuesday 2nd March

9.30am Darren Walker RIP  
(Anniv)

Wednesday 3rd March

9.30am People of the parish

Thursday 4th March

NO LITURGY

Friday 5th March

7pm Stations of the Cross with  
Holy Communion

Saturday 6th March

5.30pm Dorothy Farr RIP

Sunday 7th March  
3rd Sunday of Lent

8am Chris Taylor RIP (Wadood)

10am Joseph Brightwell RIP  
(Anniv)

## The second Sunday of Lent: there in their presence He was transfigured

Do I really believe that God can change what I see, what I hear and how I behave? In the Genesis reading today, Abraham hears the voice of God making an extreme demand. Anyone else might have refused and escaped elsewhere. Not Abraham- rightly called 'our father in faith'. In the gospel- the three apostles see the transfigured Jesus, causing them to be both afraid and yet willing to follow him more deeply. Our Lord really can change our 'seeing, listening and actions'. He can take us beyond our limitations and truly 'transfigure us'. We listen to the voice of the Father who says "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him."

## \*\*The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal\*\*

Another chance for practical 'good deeds' during Lent. The Friars who led a parish mission in Stanmore a few years ago are still very much in touch. Their work with homeless men continues in East London. Currently they are providing soup and sandwiches each Friday outside their front door. Sadly, they are not able to provide their 'shower and clean-up' facility. Hopefully, as lockdown opens up! If anyone would like to send a donation to support them: Account name - Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: Account no 11568574: sort code 40-13-22. The ONLY clothing items they need are 'tops/hoodies and tracksuit pants'. Of course retail is closed at the moment but just in case - I have put a box outside the front door of the house. Please note that these are the only items requested at the moment. Thank you dear people of God. Father M

## \*\*The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021\*\*

Over the last year many of the regular extra 'door' collections have not taken place. Good causes (sick and elderly priests, CAFOD, priestly training and others) have had to go without. During this Lent - you will find envelopes at the back of the church for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. With Caritas - this collection helps to provide food for children and families in our parishes and communities who are facing hunger. It also supports our brothers and sisters through the pandemic - including 'trafficked' women and exploited families. The envelopes are at the back of the church. Please collect and make your contribution if you can, popping the envelopes into the now regular collection baskets, On the posters on the central inside doors you will find a 'scan to GIVE' possibility. This collection remains open throughout the 40 days of Lent.

## **First Holy Communion 2021 - REGISTRATION**

Given the circumstances - preparation for our First Holy Communion children will this year be largely 'remote'. Application forms are in the church porch or may be collected from outside the parish house. Please return/email to the parish by March 1. Further details available soon.

## **Gradually opening up and returning to....**

### 1. an opportunity for Confession

Confession will be available on Saturday mornings at 10.30am. Please wait in the church porch using the seats provided. Father Michael will invite each person to come forward.

### 2. Public Mass on Wednesdays

Starting this Wednesday 3 March - there will be a Mass at 9.30am. If you are regular and would like to help out as a steward - please have a word with Tony Murphy or Father Michael.

### **Chris Taylor RIP**

Peggy, Chris' wife, and family would like to thank everyone in the parish for their condolences, prayers, Mass cards and support at this time. Such kindness by so many has really touched their hearts. It was a heart-warming tribute to Chris. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the funeral arrangements, those who served the Mass and prepared the floral tributes on the sanctuary. Mass will be offered for YOU all (Peggy and family).

## **Mass intentions**

Please note that Saturday 5.30pm Masses and Sunday mornings are booked right up until the middle of April. 'Apologies' for the wait!

## **LET US DREAM**

The book by Pope Francis - if you ordered this book, you should find it at the front door of the parish house. There are names on the front; if you can't find your copy please let Father Michael know.

## **The Way of the Cross - Fridays @ 7pm in Lent**

Don't miss out on this Lenten invitation; no 7pm Mass but the Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion. This is a very special devotion which gives space for prayer and room for reflection. Father Michael tries to respect the current recommended 40 minutes for all liturgies and services.

## **Do you want to fast this Lent?** In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints: contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words; be silent and listen

## **Counters Rota**

28 February Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

7 March Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

14 March Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese