

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 in Ordinary Time

16/17 January 2021

Saturday 16th January

Pope Francis Intention

This weekend – listening and looking

Samuel in the first reading today, was a trainee prophet. A young man, he must have had special qualities - because he was allowed to sleep in the sanctuary of the temple - 'where the ark of God was'. Hearing his name called - it takes a while for Samuel to realise that the Lord is calling him. He has to listen at the deepest level. If the first reading is about listening - the gospel is about LOOKING. We hear that John stared hard at Jesus and said 'LOOK, there is the lamb of God'. Recognising the voice of the Lord and seeing Jesus the Messiah is something we all experience in one way or another. When we do - in the words of the psalm response we reply - "Here I am Lord - I come to do your will."

Sunday 17th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill & Kathleen Twomey
 Intention

10am (online) Nwawulor Family
 2020-2021 (for health &
 protection)

*****Opening up for Mass*****

*Tomorrow - Monday 18 we open again with 9.30am Mass –
 returning to our special COVID schedule and following the guidelines.*

*From 23 January weekend Masses will be as normal,
 ie Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 8am*

and Sunday 10am (this service in church and online)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539625604>

Monday 18th January

9.30am Menina Annessa RIP

Tuesday 19th January

9.30am Taylor Intention

Wednesday 20th January

NO PUBLIC MASS
 Victims of COVID-19

Holy information! - The Church's calendar

Recently we celebrated the arrival of the wise men followed by the Baptism of the Lord in the River Jordan. In the Catholic/Latin tradition (that's us) these feasts complete the Christmas season; though in the Orthodox Churches, the Bethlehem days continue up until the feast of Candlemas at the beginning of February. We are now in what the Church calls 'Ordinary time'. This weekend is the 2nd Sunday. We will continue forward until 17 February - Ash Wednesday. Just to add a little more detail. The Sunday readings are on a three-year cycle and 2021 is YEAR B. Throughout YEAR B we listen to Mark's gospel. Remember it was Matthew last year?

Thursday 21st January
 St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

NO LITURGY

Friday 22nd January

7pm Barbara Shelley RIP

Barbara Shelley RIP

Barbara was an absolute regular at our Friday 7pm Mass - even through her final years when she was fragile and often in hospital. Front seat in the church on the right hand side; Barbara in her younger days had been a popular movie actress. Well known, there were appreciative obituaries in the newspapers. Though she would openly share that she had deserted her Catholic faith in the past - eventually she returned. Barbara's faith meant

Saturday 23rd January

5.30pm Patrick & Jimmy Hession
 RIP

Sunday 24th January
 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am People of the parish

10am Peter Amandini RIP

everything to her. She had a profound love for the Mass. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christmas and New Year generosity

Father Michael remains amazed by and very grateful for all the kind cards and remembrances received. May God bless the people and friends of this parish.

Chris Taylor

Chris remains in Saint Luke's Hospice, Kenton. He is stable. His wife Peggy thanks everyone for their prayers and Mass intention cards; for flowers received and many kind messages. Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for such kindness.

Covid Update

Following a meeting on 11th January of the Parliamentary Task Group on Public Worship attended by the Cardinal with other Faith Leaders, a Government Guidance Document on Public Worship was issued. The safety measures employed at St. William of York were subsequently reviewed and with just one additional provision - increased ventilation of the Church during services, it was agreed to proceed with Masses from Monday 18th January.

Parishioners are reminded of the 3 key points when attending – to wear face masks at all times, observe safe distancing and no intermingling with other households either before or after Mass.

Church Safety Arrangements

- Face Masks must be worn at all times whilst in the Church,
- Please observe safe distancing and no intermingling between households,
- Follow 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.

Prayer to St Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

Counters Rota

31 January Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan
7 February Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
14 February Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe