

# 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

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

17/18 July 2021

24/25 July 2021

Saturday 17th July

5.30pm Liam & Shyan – Marriage  
(O'Shea)

Sunday 18th July

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am John & Mary Austin (Anniv)

10am Daisy DeBono Intention

11.30am

Monday 19th July

9.30am Balfe Family RIP

Tuesday 20th July

9.30am Mary Bell RIP

Wednesday 21st July

9.30am O'Sullivan Family RIP

Thursday 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene

NO LITURGY

Friday 23rd July

St Bridget of Sweden

Patron of Europe

7pm Vince Hart RIP

Saturday 24th July

5.30pm Fran & Pete Snell

(Golden Wedding)

Sunday 25th July

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Anatil & Joachim Sequeira

10am James & Kathleen O'Reilly

(60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

11.30am

***This is a two-week newsletter for Sundays 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July***

## Opening up with care and caution

Father Michael - 'At the time of writing this we haven't yet received the bishops' guidelines for wider opening following the Government's latest announcements. It seems that there will be no more legal requirements around many of the areas set out during previous lockdowns. Although it cannot be mandated, may I SUGGEST that we continue to wear masks at Mass; this can only be a suggestion based on caution and respect for others. We will also review social distancing, chairs and other arrangements. There will be more to say about this over the weekend.

## Work in the church and parish generosity

Currently there are one or two delays - more about that soon. In terms of the amazing support received - so far £16,096 has been donated. Of course there are, and there will be, added expenses not covered by the loss adjustors; for example - setting up the hall, particularly the wall images. There will be a 'shopping list' of these add-ons - in the church itself. Thank you again for such goodness - which will bring its own reward.

## Our parish readers - proclaiming the Word of God

The readers' rota is a little loose at the moment. Thank you to those who regularly and reliably share the Word of God. This, of course, includes individuals who were not necessarily on the pre-COVID rota. For those who were and are willing to continue - plus 'new readers' who have emerged over the past months (weekend or weekday) there will be a special time of 'dedication' in our hall/church on Saturday 17 July at 4pm. Reading the Word of God in the liturgy is a MINISTRY and there is a service of commissioning for Readers/Lectors. ALL readers are invited and expected. It will last about 45 minutes with official prayerful dedication at the end.

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday 25 July

This is a new and special day of prayer and action - celebrated for the first time; proposed by Pope Francis. A day to be observed annually - the Pope has written a short outline letter, with some sentences here - "...as the Lord sent angels to Joachim and Anna, the grandparents of Jesus....so even in the darkest moments of this pandemic the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us 'I am with you'. Often these angels

will have the face of our grandchildren, family members, friends and others. We are reminded too that there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel to our grandchildren and others.....Pope Benedict - himself a saintly elderly person - wrote that 'the prayers of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.' The Lord is with us always."

### **Ronan and Nunzia**

Very much part of our parish in recent years - as singers and musicians, they will be married in Italy on Wednesday 28 July. Mass on that day will be at 9am (NB time!) and will be offered for John O'Neill RIP (anniversary) when we also remember Ronan and Nunzia.

### **A catechesis on the Mass**

Over the coming Sundays we will listen to Saint John's gospel on the bread of life. Father Michael will begin and share a catechesis - some teaching on the Eucharist over the next few weeks starting with the SACRIFICE of the Mass!

#### **The Sacrament of Confession**

*Confessions are now available on Saturday mornings at 10.30am. This will of course be in our hall/church or even, weather permitting, outside. Please do not neglect this Sacrament. One of the psalms tells us to 'shake off our sins'. Confession frees the blockages in our hearts and allows the grace of God's mercy to flow. The priest (himself a sinner) is there to share the generous forgiveness of the Lord.*

### **Saint Luke's Hospice - MIDNIGHT WALK - 24 July**

There are details about this event at the front door. Of course for the vital work of the hospice this is an opportunity for practical support. [www.stlukeshospice.org/midnight](http://www.stlukeshospice.org/midnight). Starts Byron Park 9pm!

### **Flooring Works Update (from Tony Murphy)**

In beginning Phase 2 of the Flooring Works and start of the excavation element, the underfloor heating pipes were discovered to be encased in an unexpected concrete mix. This came as a surprise, as there were no previous records on such, and the pipes visible in the manifold hatches had no covering. For safety and precautionary reasons, the heating pipe removal work in the Altar and Sanctuary area will now be undertaken under more controlled conditions prior to safe disposal. This work element is being repriced, pending formal agreement by the Insurer to the additional costs. Whilst the Parish is not liable for this cost, it will sadly affect and delay the works programme. This is disappointing given the excellent start to the project. Once revised dates are known, Parishioners will be advised.

### **Soul of my Saviour**

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me with water flowing from thy side.  
Strength and protection may thy Passion be; O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me:  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me; so shall I never, never part from thee.  
Guard and defend me from the foe malign; in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me, and bid me come to thee on high, when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

**Counters Rota**                      18 July Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

25 July Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

1 August Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Ss Joachim & Anne

9.30am Dennis Allman RIP (Birthday)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

9.30am Emma Annessa (Birthday Intention)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

**NB 9am** John O'Neill RIP (Anniv) (Whittaker)

Thursday 29th July – St Martha – NO LITURGY

Friday 30th July

7pm Margaret O'Connor RIP (Anniv)

Saturday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

5.30pm John McIntyre Intention

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am People of the parish

10am Private intention