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

5/6 June 2021

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & on call

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday 5th June St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

5.30pm Charlie Maguire RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 6th June
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of Christ

8am Piedade Dias RIP (Anniv)

10am Mary Finneran RIP

Monday 7th June

9.30am Sheila Brennan RIP (Murphy)

Tuesday 8th June

9.30am Eileen Austin RIP

Wednesday 9th June

9.30am Chung Lee Tsui RIP (Anniv)

11.30am Funeral of Maria Linda Spadoni Trabalza

Thursday 10th June NO LITURGY

Friday 11th June
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7pm Pat Doran RIP (Ruane)
Saturday 12th June
The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

5.30pm Michael O'Shea RIP Sunday 13th June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Thanksgiving to St Anthony of Padua

10am William Hannafin RIP (1st Anniv)

A warm welcome to our 'new' venue for Mass as we keep our parish patronal feast: Saint William of York

This weekend - The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Perhaps, for some people, this feast is known by its Latin title - CORPUS CHRISTI (the Body of Christ). It says it all! We celebrate that Christ offered His body on the Cross, that his body was raised from death - that WE are his Body in the world; all of this expressed with joy and thanksgiving in this great solemn feast day. Imagine? We feed on the Body of Christ in Holy Communion - not in a lightweight and symbolic way. Other Christian traditions regard Holy Communion only as a remembrance of the Last Supper in a shared breaking of bread. Our Catholic belief understands the Eucharist in a much more sublime way. Yes, we feed on Christ. Yes - we know him to be present in the Blessed Sacrament. We adore his Eucharistic Presence.

Jesus was Himself the fulfilment of the Old Testament covenant that we hear about today in the first reading. The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus has now made a NEW covenant. In the gospel- our Lord invites us today (and at every Mass) to 'take and eat'. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and joy. (Father Michael).

Bank Holiday Monday - a small army!

After Mass on Monday - we began our move into the hall. 'Closing down' the church and its contents took time and energy. Arranging the hall - as we see it today - to be our 'church' for 16 weeks plus, meant a lot of hard work. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our hall as CHURCH is now in the care of the Hall Committee plus the willing volunteers who are prepared to be stewards. Being part of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi) is not just a dispensation of heart - it often means service and 'getting stuck in'. Thank you to our Bank Holiday Monday willing souls.

You will see the canvasses in the hall behind the altar. It was considered important to make the hall 'special', so three images, Our Lady of Lourdes, the Sacred Heart –Divine Mercy and in the centre a portrayal of the Last Supper. All providing a focus with the altar at the heart of our gathering.

Plant Sale: next Sunday: 13 June

After the 8am and 10am Mass – plants will be available outside our hall/church. Thank you to Martyn Graham and all contributors. Well done to all involved.

An audit from Buzzacotts

Buzzacotts are the company who do the external audits around the diocese. Our parish was audited on 27 May- a full day! Frances in the office spent a lot of energy preparing the required details. Michael Goode (Parish Finance Committee - chair) also invested in our preparation and presentation. Thank you to Michael and again to Frances for monumental work.

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.

Maria Linda Spadoni Trabalza RIP

The funeral of Maria Linda will take place on Wednesday 9 June at 11.30am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our First Holy Communion children

We pray for them in a particular way on this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. How precious they are and how special their journey of faith. We ask the Lord to bless them, their parents and families and their catechists. When it comes to close friendship with Jesus - there is no lockdown, only the expanding love that the Lord has for each one of us and especially our young parishioners.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the rosary during the month of May

The feast of the heart of Jesus is on this coming Friday 11 June. Mass will be at 7pm. Throughout May - the rosary was said each day before Mass; a special offering to God through Mary. Pope Francis through Vatican media called for a Rosary Marathon through the month of Mary. The rosary was broadcast from wide variety of churches, shrines and countries. Included were Ukraine, India, Canada, Myanmar and Walsingham - our UK national shrine plus other continents and places. The plea of the Rosary Marathon was for an end to the pandemic; something at the heart of all our prayers.

Preface of the Most Holy Eucharist

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For at the Last Supper with his apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise. Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity. And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed. Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end we acclaim Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Counters Rota

<u>6 June</u> Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam <u>13 June</u> Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

20 June Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

