

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

5th Sunday of Lent

20/21 March 2021

Saturday 20th March

5.30pm Abigail Ukstin Intention
(Monica)

Sunday 21st March
5th Sunday of Lent

8am Chris Taylor RIP
(Nuala O'Shea)

10am Martins Intention

Monday 22nd March

9.30am Jimmy O'Reilly RIP

Tuesday 23rd March

9.30am Chris Taylor RIP (Valerie)

Wednesday 24th March

9.30am Kitty Falvey Intention

Thursday 25th March
The Annunciation of the Lord

NO LITURGY

Friday 26th March

7pm Stations of the Cross with
Holy Communion

Saturday 27th March

5.30pm Josephine Intention

Sunday 28th March
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

8am Phyllis Beasant Intention

10am People of the parish

Palm Sunday – Holy Week – Easter – 2021

Father Michael: "Remember that we were CLOSED last year for Holy Week and Easter. I celebrated all the ceremonies each day, alone in the church- though NOT ON MY OWN! I was very much aware of the strong presence and power of the Lord AND the spiritual presence of you, dear parishioners and friends. This year we are open and we will share in the three days of the Holy Triduum. Of course we are restricted by COVID protocols - which we observe for mutual safety and protection.

Monday 29 March: There will be an opportunity for Easter Confession in the church sacristy - 6pm until 8pm. Sorry - no visiting priests this year.

Palm Sunday: No outdoor procession and a shorter version of the 3-voice Passion Gospel. In addition - blessed palms will be available as you **leave** after Mass.

Maundy Thursday: The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at our customary time - 8pm. Sadly, this year there will be no washing of the feet. The Bishops' guidelines also request that there is **no** procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end, with watching at the altar of repose. Instead, at the end of the liturgy before the distribution of Holy Communion - we will have a short time of Eucharistic Adoration. 2021 is a very deprived Holy Week, but a shared experience with many countries, communities and places; even in Rome and Jerusalem.

Good Friday: Trying to keep within our limited number of 42 people in the church - you are invited to three possible Good Friday services.

at **10am– Stations of the Cross;** including Veneration of the Cross

at **3pm– the Passion Liturgy** with curtailed readings, a shorter proclamation of the Passion gospel and intercessions. There will be some guidance on the day about the Veneration of the Cross.

at **5.30pm- Stations of the Cross** –again with veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil beginning at 8pm- with no outside fire - a simplified lighting of the Paschal candle, limited readings. Sorry - no blessing of Holy Water and sprinkling. Renewal of baptismal promises and 'humming' of Alleluia. Please note that as usual - there will be no 5.30pm Mass on Holy Saturday. **Easter Sunday Masses : 8am and 10am**

Brothers and sisters - an abbreviated Holy Week - but nevertheless a true celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord – for us and for the whole world. "(Father Michael)

Church Flooring Works Update

There has been a delay in finalising the contractual details for the flooring

works and a start date for the works has not yet been finalised. Once the works are in progress, the Church Hall will be used for Masses. The Hall itself will shortly be fitted out with broadband connections for that temporary use as well as for long term facility usage. A more detailed summary of the details and arrangements will be provided, once available.

National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first coronavirus lockdown.

A painfully significant day; the experience is still fresh and present - but let us remember, in prayer and with respect, all that has happened - all who lost their lives, those who mourn and continue to suffer. Mass will be at 9.30am - this Tuesday 23 March.

Sarah Everard RIP

The brutal death of Sarah has rightly prompted a great deal of soul searching about the way in which women are viewed and treated in our society - an essential review for women and MEN.

Planned Giving

Several parishioners who previously made donations by weekly envelopes have changed to standing orders during the pandemic. If this applies to you, please either ring or email the parish office to advise whether you intend to continue to donate by standing order or to revert to envelopes in the future.

First Holy Communion Programme 2021

This year there will be two groups of children preparing for their First Holy Communion, starting after Easter. Each of the groups will meet together for their lessons, carefully following Diocesan and Government COVID regulations. Although this year the Programme will have to be different from usual, it will still enable the children to meet each other in lessons and will provide a very special spiritual opportunity for all of the Families involved.

There will be the 2020 Group who began their lessons over a year ago and need to reconvene to finish their preparations. There will be a Parents Meeting: date/time/venue to be confirmed. Date of first lesson Sunday 9th May at 9am. First Holy Communion Mass will be on SATURDAY 26th June at 11am.

Also, there will be the 2021 Group. Children currently need to be in year 3 or above at school. A Registration form can be collected either from the church as you leave after Mass, or there are copies available from the porch of the Parish House. Final date for returning Registration forms to Father Michael is 10th April. There will be a Parents Meeting on the weekend of 17th/18th April, day/time/venue to be confirmed. Date of first lesson Sunday 25th April at 11am. First Holy Communion Mass will be on SATURDAY 10th July at 11am.

Another important date for attendance of both Groups, please put in your diary: SATURDAY 15th May at 11am.

Please note all the dates and times. Groups will receive more details from Carol-Anne.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us on the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen

From the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, *Patris Corde* – With a Father's Heart



Counters Rota

21 March

Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

28 March

Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam