

# 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  
Mass on Friday 7pm  
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & on call

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

6/7 March 2021

Saturday 6th March

5.30pm Dorothy Farr RIP

Sunday 7th March  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

8am Chris Taylor RIP (Wadood)

10am Joseph Brightwell RIP  
(Anniv)

Monday 8th March

9.30am Joseph O'Reilly Intention  
(Murphy)

Tuesday 9th March

9.30am David Paul RIP

Wednesday 10th March

9.30am Private Intention

Thursday 11th March

NO LITURGY

Friday 12th March

7pm Stations of the Cross with  
Holy Communion

Saturday 13th March

5.30pm Esther Craigh RIP

Sunday 14th March  
4th Sunday of Lent  
Laetare Sunday

8am Peters Intention

10am People of the parish

## The Word of the Lord

*Dear brothers and sisters - imagine if we said to friends and neighbours that God speaks to us every weekend! We might get a few strange looks and perhaps a suggestion about medical attention! However, the truth is that when we gather for the Eucharist and when we listen (deeply) to the readings - it is our conviction that we hear God's voice - mediated through the voice of the reader. What a privilege it is to proclaim the Word of the Lord! This is even more strongly experienced in the first reading today. It begins thus - 'God SPOKE all these words'. The rich nourishment set before us? The Ten Commandments - the fundamental law of God for all time and all places. Amazing! The gospel for this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent is a bit of a contrast. Jesus burns with righteous anger when he sees the temple sanctuary made into a money making racket. Our Lord doesn't just wag his finger at the money changers. He makes a whip, scatters the tables and coins and drives them out of the temple. Clearly his followers and the crowds are confronted by Jesus' behaviour. Again, we receive this text as the voice of God. Careful and prayerful pondering of the readings - opens our hearts and minds to the many times we receive the Word of the Lord in our daily lives. (Father Michael)*

### Father David Kolo

Our special priest friend in Uganda remains in regular contact. He sends greetings and he has a new diocesan job, as a chaplain to a Catholic boarding school with more than 1000 pupils. Imagine! All boarding!

### 2021 - a year dedicated to Saint Joseph.

Pope Francis has asked the whole church to honour Saint Joseph with prayer and consecration. Joseph the man of quiet faith and obedience to the Father's plan, even when he didn't understand what was being asked of him. **The feast day of Saint Joseph takes place on March 19 - this year a Friday! Instead of the Stations of the Cross, we will have the Mass of Saint Joseph at 7pm.** Elsewhere in this newsletter - there is a special short prayer in honour of Saint Joseph - composed by Pope Francis

### 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 - There is now Mass on Wednesdays 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.

#### **\*\*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.

### **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.

### **Vade Mecum!**

This Latin phrase is always the title when Bishops send out guidance on pastoral arrangements. Though strictly it means 'come with me' - it is usually a WAY AHEAD guideline. Parishes have now received some helpful hints for Holy Week and Easter.

#### **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** 7 March Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan 14 March Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello