

# 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

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

15/16 May 2021

Saturday 15th May

5.30pm Owen Kelly RIP

Sunday 16th May  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8am Sam Wadood RIP (Moody)

10am Eric Chandler RIP (Anniv)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Private Intention

Tuesday 18th May

9.30am Balfe Family RIP

Wednesday 19th May

9.30am Sabina Coutinho RIP  
(Anniv)

Thursday 20th May

NO LITURGY

Friday 21st May

7pm Maria Smith Intention

Saturday 22nd May

5.30pm People of the parish

Sunday 23rd May  
Pentecost Sunday

8am Louise O'Halloran RIP

10am Michael Ride (Anniv)

## This weekend - between the Ascension and the Holy Spirit

The gospel reminds us that a replacement apostle had to be found after Judas; the significance of the 12 is profound. No interviews, no elaborate procedures! Two nominations, prayer and the drawing of lots. Often human beings in the world and in the church – can make things complicated. God's grace is usually simple and straightforward. The reason for this is found in today's gospel. Jesus has CONSECRATED us in TRUTH. He does not leave us lonely orphans. I have told you before about the 'letters' I have on my shaving mirror KISS! Looking into the mirror I say daily to myself, under grace - K keep I it S simple S stupid. May the coming Spirit lighten and enlighten!

## Priests Training Fund

Many thanks for the generous support in the recent door collection - for the training of priests in our diocese. Even in these stretched times - £435.52 was donated by our parish for our diocesan seminary in Allen Hall, Chelsea. Sincere gratitude for this investment for the present and the future.

## Repository

Parishioners are asked to buy their **First Communion gifts and cards early** as the repository will have to close along with the church and will only be able to have a very small space in the hall for Mass cards and possibly rosaries. A few extra copies of **A Simple Prayer Book** have also been ordered, as we are no longer able to use the church's books, and they are available now.

## Next weekend - the feast of Pentecost

*Next Sunday we celebrate the 'birth of the Church' when the Holy Spirit came down with power; to be the eternal light and strength of the Gospel in the lives of all believers. The Holy Spirit was planted in us at Baptism and CONFIRMED in us later. This coming Pentecost Sunday we will have a special ZOOM celebration with our Christian sisters and brothers in Stanmore and locally. We were all sorry not to be able to be together for our Walk of Witness on Good Friday last - so at 5pm on Pentecost Sunday we will have a short time of reflection our Sunday 10am Mass link. Please try to support this prayer event. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539625604>*

### **Looking after the church grounds**

Thankfully we have 2 or 3 volunteers for lawns and other upkeep. Another volunteer would make a big difference! Any offers to Father M.

### **Pax Travel and our missed 2020 pilgrimage to Oberramagau**

Any parishioners who have not yet heard from Pax Travel - please let Father Michael know.

**Reaching out to our parish community in a practical and organised way** We would like to start a parish Good Neighbour service providing simple but practical support initially in the form of:

- Transport for hospital appointments
- Signposting to services which provide support e.g.: domestic violence, debt support
- Help with navigating services, advocacy and form filling
- Befriending

If you would like to know more or, better still, you think you would like to get involved or have a skill that may be of help please contact Daniela 07963 718614 (message and I will call back) or Lily 07421 468038. Thank you.

### **May - the month of Mary**

For Catholics - May is special! We honour the Mother of God - who is a true Mother to us all. Whenever we are stuck, afraid or even defeated - we can depend on Our Lady. Her tender care for each of us, individually – extends also to the whole Church, the family of the faith. Pope Saint John Paul, when elected Pope, took as his motto ‘totus tuus’- ‘all yours’. He explained that it expressed his regard for and trust in - Our Blessed Lady. He pledged his life and ministry to her. He belonged entirely to her ‘totus tuus’.

### **The Rosary in our parish and a Rosary Marathon**

Usually during the month of May - we have the Rosary after the weekday Masses. In order not to delay the willing hands - who so dependably sanitize the church benches - this month of Mary, we will say the Rosary before the weekday morning Masses - around 9.05am; Friday again BEFORE the 7pm Mass and prior to the 8am Mass on Sunday morning. Remember - the Rosary is also a wonderful home devotion - especially as a family/with others. This year - Pope Francis has called for a GLOBAL Rosary Marathon; literally the Rosary being said in shrines and basilicas across the world. In different languages and following various customs – every day of May has an allocated ‘venue’ spread over every continent. Details about this can be found on the Vatican website. Where time zones fit - it can be a LIVE experience or catch-up on the Vatican youtube or perhaps other platforms.

### **A significant change: no more Marriage civil registers**

New legislation has prompted a new digital approach to the civil registration of marriage in parish churches. The church registers continue of course, but the large local authority entries will now be different. The issuing of the civil marriage certificate will now be done by the local authority involved, directly to the couple.

### **Counters Rota**

16 May Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan  
23 May Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese  
30 May Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

