

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

Pentecost Sunday

22/23 May 2021

Pentecost Sunday - 'Holy Spirit, Lord of light'

The book of the Acts of the Apostles- is sometimes called the Gospel of the Spirit! Following on after Matthew, Mark, Luke and John- it really is a very lively account of the travels, preaching and actions of the first apostles and believers. We hear about the missionary journeys of Saint Paul and others, the many who were baptised by the apostles; the miracles and signs which accompanied the first announcement of the gospel. Yet it all starts with Acts, chapter 2 - verses 1-11 which we hear proclaimed this weekend- Pentecost Sunday. We are reminded that the apostles were all together in one room. They were calm and prayerful despite the fears which must surely have been in their hearts. Then the wind filled the house, tongues of fire descended; filled with the spirit they were able to speak the Good News in foreign languages. The power of the Holy Spirit was released in them and through them.

This is the experience down through the centuries! Even when the Church finds itself hiding and fearful - the faithful men and women who proclaim the gospel receive words and wisdom which go way beyond their own. May this experience be ours! We have only to ask! Come Holy Spirit.

This Sunday - a special event at 5pm!!!!

This afternoon - there will be a special ZOOM celebration - with our Christian brothers and sisters in Stanmore; involving Saint John's, Saint Lawrence's (Canons Park), Stanmore Chapel, Stanmore Baptists and Culver Chapel. Missing out on our Good Friday Walk of Witness - this will be a shared opportunity for Scripture, song and intercession – celebrating the shared presence and power of the Holy Spirit. All on-line! The link will be the same as our weekly Sunday 10am Mass (though NOT a Mass). Please join. The link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539625604>

Pastoral letter from Cardinal Vincent

Although the pastoral letter for Pentecost is signed by the Cardinal, it is in fact from all the Bishops of England and Wales. It encourages our political leaders and all of us to 'care for the earth our common home'. Please collect a copy today.

Saturday 22nd May

5.30pm People of the parish

Sunday 23rd May
Pentecost Sunday

8am Louise O'Halloran RIP

10am Michael Ride (Anniv)

Monday 24th May
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of the Church

9.30am Aurelia Mendes RIP

Tuesday 25th May
St Bede the Venerable
Priest & Doctor

10am Funeral of
James Raymond Murray RIP

Wednesday 26th May
St Philip Neri, Priest

9.30am Cyril Okosi RIP

Thursday 27th May
Our Lord Jesus Christ
The Eternal High Priest

NO LITURGY
Friday 28th May

7pm James O'Reilly RIP

Saturday 29th May

5.30pm Chris Taylor RIP
(Birthday Intention)

Sunday 30th May
The Most Holy Trinity

8am Sammarco Family

10am People of the parish

James Raymond Murray RIP

Ray has lived with his wife and family in Wemborough Road since the late 1960s. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 25 May at **10am**. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Back in Church: an encouraging invitation

Father Michael writes: 'Last weekend I spoke about our gradual return to Sunday Mass in church. Yes - the ZOOM possibility has been great. For those who are still vulnerable it is a blessing, but nothing compares with the community of the parish family gathering around the altar. When, shortly, we will be using the hall as our 'church' for a number of weeks - we will experience in a very real way the reality of being together physically around the table of the Lord. Yes - and don't forget to 'invite/encourage/accompany' someone else in their return.' Thank you.

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.

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.

Ordinary time!

This starts on Monday when after the completion of Lent and Eastertide - the liturgy returns to the regular turnover of readings - marching on (only interrupted by big feasts). Next weekend - we observe Trinity Sunday: the feast of God Himself. In the Parish Office - during the coming week we will be visited by Buzzacotts - for a full audit!

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.

Counters Rota

23 May Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
30 May Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
6 June Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

*Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give.*

*Come, thou father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!*

*Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.*