

St. William of York R.C. Church



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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am
Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm
Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

20/21 November 2021

Saturday 20th November

5.30pm Allen Mullee RIP

Sunday 21st November
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8am Domenica Amandini RIP

10am Nwawulor Family
(Thanksgiving)

Monday 22nd November
St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9.30am The Faithful Departed

Tuesday 23rd November

9.30am Ann Ramsey

Wednesday 24th November
St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs

9.30am The Faithful Departed

Thursday 25th November

NO LITURGY

Friday 26th November

7pm Sister Darina McGoldrick RIP

Saturday 27th November

5.30pm Emil Fernando RIP

Sunday 28th November
1st Sunday of Advent

8am People of the Parish

10am Private intention

The Solemnity of Christ the King - SYNOD meeting

This weekend marks the end of the Church's year! We start again next Sunday with the first Sunday of Advent. 'Normally' we would be promoting our Christmas Fayre and other events - once again for the second year, curtailed. In this Sunday's gospel - Jesus replies to the question of Pilate – 'yes, I am a King. I was born for this. I came into the world for this; to bear witness to the truth.' After the Sunday 10am Mass- today- there will be a chance to be together for some 'opening listening in the Synod journey' into which we are all invited by Pope Francis.

A personal letter from Father Michael

Dear and beloved parishioners of Stanmore,
In the first place - please know always that my pastoral love and prayers focus daily on each of you, your homes and families and needs. I shared with you some time back - proposals for my retirement. If plans proposed by the diocese had fallen into place, I would already be living elsewhere. However, as we know 'man proposes and God disposes!' The pandemic and eventually action about the problems of our church floor - shifted previous arrangements. I did not think it fair to leave you in such circumstances. Yes, I know - nobody is indispensable; but life does change. As you are aware, in my retirement I will be moving to a diocesan property in Bushey. I am so happy that I will remain near to the beloved parish of Stanmore. You will be able to visit me! Please! Things are now a little clearer. My closing weekend in the parish will be 15/16 January. It means that we will have Christmas together (hopefully in the church). The diocese will eventually outline arrangements following my move. Yes, I love this parish and although I have not been the best Parish Priest you have had, I have tried with a genuine heart to share and renew with you all, the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Saviour I love. My love for Jesus and my love for you all, merge every time we celebrate Mass. Please pray for me as I start to pack with genuine tears. **Father Michael**

Calendars and Christmas cards and Advent booklets

Yes, there are a few of these available in the hall/Church; more next week. Specifically, the annual Advent books with thoughts, prayers and Scripture for each day will be ready next weekend.

Blessing of graves

It was wonderful to see so many people last weekend in Clamp Hill. It made Remembrance Sunday very powerful. Gratitude also to the surrounding

clergy for their help and particularly Father Frank from Wealdstone.

November Tuesday Remembrance

Our Tuesday 9.30am Mass on 30th November will be an opportunity to remember those who have died recently, other deceased members of the Parish Family, those on the November Dead List, those members of the Clergy who have faithfully served this Parish down the years and those Parishioners whose Requiem Masses have been held in this church or hall this calendar year.

First Holy Communion 2022

Calling parents who would like their child to make First Holy Communion in 2022 to collect a copy of the Registration Form (pale green colour) from the table inside the entrance to the Parish Hall. Children need to be in year 3 at school at the moment (or older). Please return the completed form through the letter box of the Presbytery front door. There will be a meeting for parents to attend on the weekend of 8/9th January 2022. Lessons for the children will take place in church starting in January. First Holy Communion Mass will be the weekend of 21/22nd May. Any questions, don't hesitate to ask Carol-Anne at the Sunday 10am Mass.

Mirko Cihak RIP

Very much part of our parish, mainly through his dear wife Valerie (and family). Received wonderful care at Saint Luke's hospice, Mirko's funeral will take place on November 29 at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Diocesan collection for 'sick and retired' priests.

Envelopes are still available for this annual diocesan collection. Many thanks to those who have already contributed.

The Parish House - cleaner required

From the New Year, the parish house will need a cleaner- 4 hours weekly; diocesan rates. Please speak to Father Michael.

Flooring Works Update – Tony Murphy

Following the recent setback, it is great to be able to report good news. Last week's work has seen the end of the remedial groundwork, the completion of the piling foundations, the installation of the new flooring membrane and steel reinforcing rods plus the 1st slab concrete pour. Father Michael and I have also met with the Contractor and discussed the remaining works programme, and can report that they are actively working towards enabling the Church to be available in time for the Christmas services (with full completion in mid-January). Photos of the recent works can be seen on the Parish Website. We are now in the rebuild stage, and (PG) on the home straight.

Bake-off Final!!

Our very own Crystelle has made it in a very tense bake off series to the FINAL! What a fantastic achievement and we are truly delighted for her. It has been suggested that it would be nice to watch the final together as a parish on the big screens at Spice Rack in Stanmore from 7.30pm. If you wish to join the group please let Janice know numbers - pereira_janice@hotmail.com or 07585 987587 before the end of Sunday or asap. You will be able to order food and drinks at your own expense.

Readers Rota

<u>20 November 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>21 November 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>21 November 10am</u>	Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		
<u>27 November 5.30pm</u>	Martin Rush	<u>28 November 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>28 November 10am</u>	Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane		
<u>Counters Rota</u>	<u>21 November</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe	
	<u>28 November</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam	