

St. William of York Catholic Church



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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.15-5.15pm in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

22ND Sunday of Ordinary Time

27/28 August 2022

Saturday 27 August

4.15-5.15 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday

David Blatt RIP (Birthday)

SUNDAY 28 August

22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 2]

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish

10.00 **Parish Mass**

Mary Brightwell RIP (Anniv)

Monday 29 August

*The Passion of St John the Baptist
Memorial*

9.30 **Mass** Alessia Annessa

Tuesday 30 August

*St Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line
& Margaret Ward, Memorial*

9.30 **Mass** George Francis RIP

Wednesday 31 August

*St Aidan and the Saints of
Lindisfarne, Memorial*

9.30 **Mass** Yvonne Jansz RIP

Thursday 1 September

Feria 22nd Week of the Year

No Mass: Gospel – Matt 24.42-51
(Anniversary of Cardinal Cormac's
death - 2017)

Friday 2 September

*Feria 22nd Week of the Year
Friday abstinence*

7.00pm **Mass** Joseph C Dias RIP

Saturday 3 September

St Gregory the Great, Feast
No morning Mass

4.15-5.15 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday

Vincent Dias RIP

SUNDAY 4 September

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 1]

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish

10.00 **Parish Mass**

Mr & Mrs Martins RIP

NEW TO ST WILLIAM'S? Please, make yourself known to the priest and to others. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

BEFORE MASS BEGINS – A PRAYER OF PREPARATION ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this prayer, until the bell at the start of Mass, please pray in preparation for worship. It is a support to others' prayer if you keep quiet, young children excepted!

AFTER MASS Drinks, often homemade cakes, and chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our 'cenacle', our 'Upper Room' – after the 10 o'clock Mass.

22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME *The Order of Mass can be followed from p.7 in the red Parish Mass Book. (On Sundays Eucharistic Prayer 3 or 1 is used; and Memorial Acclamation A or C.)*

The Readings for today's Masses are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on pp.130–32

Psalm response: In Your goodness O God, You prepared a home for the poor.

All of us are acutely aware of the image of ourselves we project. In our world, and this applies increasingly to young men and women, many of us change job or career a number of times. We up-date our CV, we photo-shop our portrait, and those who have a life on social media are constantly changing their profile. We all like to dress fashionably, most of us like to appear well groomed, and to give the impression that our *appearance* matters. We often tailor the image we present of ourselves depending on our audience. And we rarely short-change ourselves!

But where does the true person dwell? Where can I find the authentic person? And the question I ask of others applies also to myself. Our culture does not encourage us to be modest about our talents or achievements – we have to sell ourselves, after all. Both the wisdom of the Old Testament, and the example set by Jesus, encourage us to give some energy to being humble and having modest ambitions. Did not Mary praise the God who exalted the *lowly* and filled the *hungry*?

First Reading (Old Testament): Ecclesiasticus 3.17–20, 28–29 Humility is often associated with weakness, with a reluctance to assert oneself and a timidity in the face of the challenges life throws our way. In a society such as

ours which prizes success and the acquisition of material wealth, humility is often seen as something bogus, phoney. The wisdom teacher Sirach, author of this text, does not recommend a bogus humility. He is concerned

with an accurate estimation of our own worth: our talents and our defects alike. Success gives us no rights to lord it over others or be dismissive of their lesser achievements. Confrontation with the wealth and possessions of others has the effect of making those who have less feel inferior. And it also makes them lack gratitude for what it is they have. We must not take the fortune we have for granted and must give thanks (to God) for what we have.

Second Reading (New Testament): Hebrews 12.18–19, 22–24 This letter is written to a people very familiar with the story and the imagery of the scriptures (that is, the Old Testament). Allusion is made to the various ways in which God revealed Himself to be present in this world, present to His people. And it looks forward to the final gathering of the scattered peoples in Jerusalem, because the Holy City is where God has His dwelling. This is an eschatological vision of the end times when God will reign, and be all in all.

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7–14 The scene is the home of a Pharisee; the occasion is a Sabbath meal; and Jesus's audience are the guests sitting at table. The parable is directed to those who have an exaggerated sense of their own importance – 'entitlement' we would call it these days. Jesus' first recommendation, about taking the last place first *so as to be invited to move up further*, something which has become part of today's etiquette, can easily amount to pride masquerading as humility! And yet God knows what I am really worth.

The second piece of advice is directed to the host: do not invite the obvious guests, the guests who will *return* your hospitality, and will compete with you in ostentatious generosity. But rather turn to those who get no invitations to anyone's table, and who can't repay you in the same way. God loves the cheerful giver, the one who extends his hospitality to those in need.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back Fr. Jonathan and his wife Sarah from their break. We welcome too all returning families from holiday and visits to relatives etc. We trust that they are all refreshed and ready for the coming months. We also pray for our young people as they begin another academic year, in particular those starting school for the first time or changing schools or starting university.

BRING & SHARE LUNCH In place of St William's Day lunch (which clashed with Pentecost this year) there will be a **Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 18 September**. *Please note it in your diary, and plan to be there. Fr J*

Claudette writes: "Please do bring *cooked food* to share. If you find it hard to decide what to bring, please take a peep into the suggestions folder. This folder will be displayed in the Church Porch. In another folder with it you are requested to write your name and the number of people who will be attending with you on the day. This will help for catering purposes. Both folders will stay out until 11 September. Thank you."

1 September ... World Day of Prayer for the CARE OF CREATION

Climate change and our response to it is just one aspect of a major problem facing us that even our grandparents were unaware of. The Orthodox led the way 30 or more years ago with the Church's response; and a few years ago Pope Francis finally brought the Catholic Church's commitment to change to public notice. He established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic Church to join other Christians in keeping a season of prayer throughout September. And called on "every person living on this planet to care for our shared Earth" (in *Laudato Si'*). This is a good cause for prayer *at home*, especially among families. Try looking up

<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

DAILY MASSES resume this week. Those who do not already attend Mass on a weekday: may I encourage you to try to give priority to bring your daily life and work to the Lord. If the times don't suit you, please tell Fr Jonathan what would!

Readers Rota	<u>27 August 5.30</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>28 August 8.00</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
	<u>28 August 10.00</u>	Readings Daniela Amasanti-DeBono, Bidding prayers Derrick Pereira & family		
	<u>3 September 5.30</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>4 September 8.00</u>	Amalie Direkze
	<u>4 September 10.00</u>	Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		

Counters Rota

<u>28 August</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>4 September</u>	Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Church Cleaning

<u>3 September</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwanah
<u>10 September</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite