

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

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

6/7 August 2022

Saturday 6 August

No Mass of the day
4.15-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Giuseppe Sammarco

SUNDAY 7 August

19th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)

[Daily Office Psalter wk 3]
8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Margaret & Patrick Burke RIP

Monday 8 August

St Dominic, memorial
9.30 **Mass**
11.30 **Funeral Mass**
for James O'Sullivan

Tuesday 9 August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
(Edith Stein), feast
9.30 **Mass** Meghji Family

Wednesday 10 August

St Lawrence, feast
9.30 **Mass** Private intention

Thursday 11 August

St Clare, memorial
No Mass day

Friday 12 August

St Jane Frances de Chantal, memorial
7.00pm **Mass** Private intention

Saturday 13 August *Feria 19th Wk*

No Mass of the day
4.15-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
James O'Reilly RIP
(90th Birthday)

SUNDAY 14 August

THE GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Year C)

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Private intention
13.00 **Baptism**

NEW TO ST WILLIAM'S? You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you. Please make yourself known to the parish priest and to others. We will be doing a parish census in September. We trust you will give us your contact details then.

BEFORE MASS - 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 silence, opening your heart and mind to God 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 a chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our 'cenacle', our 'Upper Room' – after the 10 o'clock Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY **The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a holy day of obligation when we should try to get to Mass.

POPE'S INTENTION for August 2022 We are asked to join the Pope and others praying for all those who own and work in small and medium sized businesses. "In the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."

19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

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 on pp 121-24 in the red Parish Mass Book, including the Psalm and Alleluia.

*The Congregational Psalm response: **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.***

The two central concepts that defined God's relationship with His people, and with us all as individuals, surface in today's scripture readings: they are *Covenant* and *Adoption*. The people of Israel were acutely aware that a **covenant**—a pact or bond—had been established between God and themselves at the very outset of their status as "*chosen people*". God's faithfulness to that bond was absolute; His resolve to *stick to his side of the bargain* in no way compromised by the Hebrews wavering, countless disloyalties, and sometimes open rebellion. The covenant God puts in place is an expression of His *unmerited and unshakeable love*. Naturally enough, then, at a very early stage the people conceived of God as a *father*, a *parent* certainly, a notion which was of course central to the teaching of Jesus and defined his relationship with God. Paul highlights the theme of **adoption** by this divine parent often in his writings. Through Baptism,

our death to sin, we *become* brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus, so He makes us *become* sons and daughters

of His Father. As an earthly mother or father remains such for life—you can't turn the clock back and cease to be a parent—so too God permanently, eternally, is our adopting father. And that relationship shapes God's attitude to all of us.

First Reading (Old Testament): Wisdom 18.6 – 9 The oldest stories of the Old Testament (old *covenant*) that defined the identity of the chosen people were those of the emancipation from slavery in Egypt and the journey across the Red Sea. Similarly Christian identity is fundamentally defined by the Easter story of emancipation – the journey from night to day, from darkness to light, sin to holiness, death to life. The age-old tradition of keeping a night vigil of prayer has its *roots* in these stories of our *origins*. The night is when God is most active: He acts when we sleep! He created Eve when Adam was in deep sleep. God is at his most creative when man is not observing. It was during Easter night that the resurrection took place, and there were no witnesses. The vigil we keep at Easter is a reminder that God acts in the night: in the light of day *we discover the things he has already done!*

Second Reading (New Testament): Hebrews 11.1–2, 8–19 The eleventh chapter of the (anonymous) Letter 'to the Hebrews' highlights the *essential* virtue of *faith*. Faith doesn't involve any special knowledge or vision. It is simply the *assurance* (not just the optimism) that what we *hope for* is *true*. In other words what gives us *security*, and colours all our beliefs, is the *promise* of God's will and goodness towards us that we accept as being fundamentally trustable. The Old Testament examples that the letter mentions suggest that faith involves *letting go* of what up until now we considered securities, to embrace new ones that come to us from God. (At home look up the third temptation of Jesus – Matthew 4.9–10 to see what Jesus makes of this.) The biblical stories make clear to us that faith involves *not a desperate leap in the dark* but *the assuring embrace of a guarantee* from God.

Gospel: Luke 12.32–48 This gospel extract introduces us again to the notion of Israel as a sentry – someone who's *always* on the look-out, always scanning the horizon. This notion is very prominent in Advent. The prophets are the 'sentries' of the people, even if they are not always listened to when they raise their voices. Last week we read about the farmer being overtaken by a sudden death, and today the gospel issues a warning call to us all to be *ever vigilant*. None of us knows the hour at which any one of us will be called. By the time Luke's gospel was in circulation among the early Christians they had abandoned a simple expectation of Jesus's immediate second coming. And yet they were still warned to be ever vigilant, ever on the look-out. It's as much of a warning to us now, as it was to them then!

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES are touring England, Wales and Scotland this autumn, for the first time ever. You may remember the relics of St Therese of Liseaux touring in 2009. Westminster Cathedral then ordered in 100,000 candles!! Please see timetable on notice board for the liturgies at the Cathedral.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY The Social Committee has decided, that in place of the usual St William's Day lunch after Sunday Mass (which we could not have in early June because this year it fell in the middle of some major feast days) they will host a Bring and Share Lunch on **Sunday 18 September**, when the majority of us are back from summer break and schools are back in the swing. Please note it, and plan to be there.

The following Sunday, **25 September**, will be the Confirmation at the Sunday morning Mass. After that we will have a celebration too, but not a lunch.

From St William of York Helping Hands Group

A new initiative for Fridays in August. We shall be having tea, coffee, cake and biscuits in the hall 10:30-12 noon. Starting 12th August. An opportunity to chat to fellow parishioners and get to know each other a little better and strengthen friendships. Open to friends and visitors who are not members of the parish too. Hope to see some of you on Friday 12th.

Readers Rota

<u>6 August 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>7 August 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>7 August 10am</u>	Readings Patrick & Joseph Arthur, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane		
<u>13 August 5.30pm</u>	Martin Rush	<u>14 August 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>14 August 10am</u>	Readings Georgia Nwawulor, Bidding prayers Robert Chandler		

Counters Rota

<u>7 August</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>14 August</u>	Richard Wong, Brendan O'Boyle, Cathy O'Boyle

Church Cleaning

<u>13 August</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam, Zizo Ziwanah
<u>20 August</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite