

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 4.30-5.15pm in church or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

Second Sunday of Advent

3/4 December 2022

<p>Saturday 3 December 4.30-5.15 Confessions 5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4 December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr A) [Daily Office Psalter week 2] 8.00 Mass David Cullen RIP 10.00 Parish Mass and Angelus David Mullins RIP (Anniv)</p>
<p>Monday 5 December <i>Feria of Advent 2</i> 9.30 Mass Roque Dias RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 6 December <i>St Nicholas, Memorial</i> 9.30 Mass Chris Ponnukone RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 7 December <i>St Ambrose, Memorial</i> 9.30 Mass Kevin D'Souza RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 8 December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Solemnity (not of Obligation)</i> 9.30 Mass Mrs Veronica Desouza</p>
<p>Friday 9 December <i>Feria of Advent 2</i> No Mass day</p>
<p>Saturday 10 December <i>Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto Memorial</i> No morning Mass 4.30-5.15 Confessions 5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday Tom Enright RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 11 December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A) [Daily Office Psalter week 3] 8.00 Mass People of the Parish 10.00 Parish Mass and Angelus Jim Love RIP (Anniv)</p>

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

PREPARATION BEFORE MASS –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. Until the bell at the start of Mass, please keep silent prayer.

DURING MASS Last week we began using other congregational responses provided in the Missal.

At the Greeting:

Priest Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation **And with your spirit.**

During the Eucharistic Prayer:

Priest The mystery of faith.

Congregation **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free!**

At the Dismissal:

Priest Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Congregation **Thanks be to God**

AFTER THE 10am MASS ... refreshments (often cakes!) and chance to connect in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

The Order of Mass can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book – first from p.7; then, after the Bidding Prayers – from p.15; then, from the Lord's Prayer – p.56. (New Mass cards, far simpler to follow, are in preparation.) The Readings for today's Mass are to be found in the gold Parish Mass Book on pp.85–87. The psalm response is: In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

Before the World Cup, the minds of the world were focused on our immediate future as inhabitants of planet Earth. Many of the COP27 Conference outcomes were technical, though an agreement to provide "loss and damage" funding for vulnerable countries hit hard by climate disasters was a breakthrough in climate justice. In Advent each year, the Church invites us to cast our gaze towards the return of the Lord, which will close the age, whenever that may be.

And she urges us to listen hard to the voice of the prophets. The optimistic ones among them, most notably Isaiah, looked forward to a *totally new future* where God's justice would reign. Might He not call humanity to account for the way we have plundered and neglected His creation and our common home?

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 11.1–10 At the time this passage was written the tiny kingdom of Israel was under threat from powerful neighbours, circling like vultures. And yet, Isaiah was able to prophesy the

emergence of a 'shoot from the stock of Jesse' [i.e. the Messiah] who would bring about a reign of peace as the fruit of justice. War was no longer necessary.

Second Reading (NT): Romans 15.4–9 The early Christians held the Jewish scriptures in great respect and turned to them for guidance. Paul was aware however that he had a new message to proclaim, focused on the person and the mission of Jesus Christ. His teaching and behaviour were now the model for those who wanted to learn true faith in God and a true moral life.

Gospel: Matthew 3.1–12 John the Baptist, last of the prophets in the old testament tradition, was cast by the evangelists as the Messiah's herald. He announced Jesus, and made His greatness known "when at last he came." In this passage John focuses on the judgement that the closeness of the kingdom of God brings on our lives. Now, as then, repentance is urgently necessary.

The Immaculate Conception (next Thursday) celebrates the Virgin Mary's safeguarding from sin by God at the time of her own conception, so that she might be a worthy mother of His Son. This Solemnity falls on 8 December – next Thursday, normally the no mass day. This week therefore there will be a 9.30 celebration on *Thursday*, and no Mass on *Friday*. Though it is not a holy day of obligation on Catholics, you are strongly encouraged to come to Mass if you can.

Christmas sing-along tea: Next Sunday 11th December at 3pm

Tickets are now available for our popular Christmas sing-along tea, and we invite any musicians, young or old, to join us in music making. You may only have just started with your instrument but you are still welcome.

Confessions before Christmas In addition to making a personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan at any time, in the week before Christmas there will be **Adoration and Confessions** – on Mon-Wed 19-21, from 5.30-6.30, and on Fri 23 from noon—6.30.

Christmas Collections Since this year Christmas falls on a Sunday we wanted to make it clear that any offering given in the normal envelopes is for the benefit of the Church, and anything given in the Christmas Offering envelopes will be for the benefit of Fr Jonathan. As in previous years, should you wish to make a separate donation to Fr Jonathan at any time then you should mark the envelope for the attention of Fr Jonathan.

First Confession and Holy Communion 2023 Application Forms are available in the church porch for parents to complete and return direct to Father Jonathan. To be considered, children must already be in Year 3 or above at school. There will be a Meeting for Parents on 15 January. Classes will be each Sunday morning at 9am, late January – May. First Confession and First Holy Communion will take place at on 7 and 28 May respectively. If you have any questions, you are welcome to talk to Carol-Anne Chandler after any Sunday 10am Mass.

Calling Young People! World Youth Day is nine months away, in Lisbon. It brings together millions of young Catholics from all over the world with the Holy Father, to be inspired and experience the global communion that is the Catholic Church. Westminster Youth Ministry is really excited to be taking a group of 50 young people from our diocese. Sign-up is **by 16 December 2022**. Further information from Phoebe Prendergast at phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk.



So you can plan your Christmas the pattern of services will be
Saturday 24th Dec **Christmas Eve 9.30am** Christmas Eve Morning Mass; **5.30pm** Vigil Mass of Christmas for children and families; **11pm** Carols & Christmas 'Mass during the Night'
Sunday 25th Dec **Christmas Day 8am** Christmas 'Mass at Dawn'; **10am** Christmas 'Mass during the Day'
BHol Monday 26th Dec St Stephen's Day **10am** Mass
There will be plenty of opportunities for Confessions throughout the week before.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN: 01/09/2018 AND 31/08/2019 (Reception September 2023). Supplementary application forms are now available on the School website (www.stjosephs.harrowsch.uk). You must also apply online to Harrow Council. The closing date for submission of both applications is 15th January 2023.

Readers Rota

<u>3 December 5.30</u> Lily Meghji	<u>4 December 8.00</u> Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>4 December 10.00</u> Readings Tim & Mel Goodger, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler	
<u>10 December 5.30</u> John McIntyre	<u>11 December 8.00</u> Amalie Direkze
<u>11 December 10.00</u> Readings Maureen Ruane, Bidding prayers Patrick & Joseph Arthur	

Church Cleaning 10 December Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indrè Balçaité
17 December Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira