

St. William of York Catholic Church



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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am

Weekdays
Mass Monday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5/6 February 2022

Saturday 5th February
St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

5.30pm Roque Dias RIP

Sunday 6th February
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Thanksgiving (Maria Smita)

10am People of the parish

Monday 7th February

9.30am Dennis Allman RIP

Tuesday 8th February

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 9th February

NO LITURGY

Thursday 10th February
St Scholastica, Virgin

NO LITURGY

Friday 11th February

7pm In thanksgiving (Monica)

Saturday 12th February

5.30pm Jennie & Daniel
(Maria Smita)

Sunday 13th February
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am People of the parish

10am For peace in our world

Scripture reflection “Master... if you say so, I will...”

In today’s Gospel Jesus is by the Sea of Galilee. Simon a professional fisherman is frustrated, tired, and weary. He has been out all night and caught absolutely nothing. It must have seemed a strange request and a futile exercise when Jesus got into his boat and told him to try again.

The result was nets so full of fish that they began to break and boats so full of fish that they began to sink. Simon Peter sees that Jesus is able to do in seconds what he was not able to accomplish all night and he is overwhelmed with fear and wonder. Realising that he is in the presence of divine power he falls down at Jesus’ knees and begs him, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.

The same power that leads to Simon Peter falling at the knees of Jesus in shame and humble worship now brings him into God’s service when Jesus says to him “Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.” Simon Peter is aware that he is unworthy, but Jesus is not put off by this. He accepts him as he is and tells him not to be afraid as he is called to a new mission of catching people.

This text enables us to reflect on how God calls ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks that same message to us today: we will “catch people” for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, serve others and share the good news of Christ in word and in deed.

Like Peter, we need to take the extra step of faith:

“Master... if you say so, I will...” (MR)

Parish Masses

We are grateful to Fr David Knight from Burnt Oak Parish and Chaplain of Caritas St Joseph’s Parish for celebrating Mass last weekend. This weekend, we welcome Fr Axcel Soriano and Fr Graham Stokes from St John Fisher, North Harrow.

Angela DeBono RIP

Angela DeBono’s funeral will take place on Monday 14 February at 10.30am and will be conducted by Fr Michael Munnely. **There will be no 9.30am Mass on that date.** Committal will be at 1pm at St Patrick’s, Leytonstone.

Mass Intentions

With the reduced number of Masses during the week, it may not be possible for specific date requests to be met but will be as near as possible to the requested date. If you wish to know the date that the Mass will be said, please include a contact number or email address on the request envelope.

Last call for First Holy Communion 2022

Children need to be currently in year 3 or above at school. If you are interested in your child joining our 2022 First Holy Communion Programme please speak to Carol-Anne at 10am Sunday Masses. Ask any of the stewards to introduce you.

Covid Arrangements at the Church

With the recent relaxation in Covid Restrictions, we welcome back Parishioners who have not been able to be with us during the pandemic. It is suggested that we maintain, for a short time at least, the wearing of face masks and observance of safe distancing for the good of our whole congregational family. Also, the Statues of the Blessed Heart and Our Lady will shortly be reinstated and it is asked that veneration does not include the touching of Statues.

Prayer for our Parish and its future

God our Father You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Parish Priest for this parish, that we receive him with joy and that he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with hope, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readers Rota

<u>5 February 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>6 February 8am</u>	Rose Okosi
<u>6 February 10am</u>	Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		
<u>12 February 5.30pm</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>13 February 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>13 February 10am</u>	Readings Robert Chandler	Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane	
<u>19 February 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>20 February 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>20 February 10am</u>	Readings Daniela Amasanti-DeBono, Bidding prayers Derrick and family		

Counters Rota

<u>6 February</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam
<u>13 February</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>20 February</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>12 February</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby and Vere Massy
<u>19 February</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza
<u>26 February</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris and Beatrice McAdam

Some additional people to clean the church would be very welcome.