

# St. William of York R.C. Church



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Mass – Sunday  
Sat 5.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**15/16 January 2022**

Saturday 15th January

5.30pm Denzil Francke RIP  
(Wadood)

Sunday 16th January  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am People of the parish -  
and John & Lourda  
intention

10am Jean Gabriel RIP

Monday 17th January  
St Anthony, Abbot

9.30am Malcolm & Chrissie  
Cussell Intention -  
and Gus & Una Burns

Tuesday 18th January

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 19th January

NO LITURGY

Thursday 20th January

NO LITURGY

Friday 21st January  
St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

7pm Bridie Maguire RIP – and  
Evelyn D'Souza

Saturday 22nd January

5.30pm Pat, Jimmy & all  
deceased members of  
the Hession family

Sunday 23rd January  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Claudette Wadood (Moody)

10am Deceased member of  
Whittaker & O'Neill families

## The wedding feast of Cana - the first of the signs given by Jesus

Father Michael writes- "As I conclude my ten years plus in Stanmore and move into retirement, it is a consolation to hear on this weekend - one of my favourite gospels. Jesus and his disciples attend Cana together with Mary, the mother of Our Lord. He sees the dilemma for the wedding party running out of wine - he hears the words of his mother. This is a very discreet miracle - some of the guests might not even have noticed the problem!

Sisters and brothers- what a privilege I have enjoyed as your parish priest over these past years. You have entered my heart and my prayers - daily. As I have said before- 'thank you for putting up with me'. We have travelled the faith journey together. That journey has spanned recent events and challenges - and continues to do so, in the face of COVID and all the circumstances prompted by the virus in its medical and material manifestations. Cana tells us that Christ notices our dilemmas and hears our pleading.

Now, I simply ask you to remember to pray for me. With total trust in the Lord - I PROMISE – all in Stanmore - a daily remembrance at Mass and in times of prayer. My heart embraces you all - as with tears I bid farewell.

Father Michael

## Roque Dias RIP

Dear Roque and Vena have been devout and loyal parishioners for many years - together with their family. Roque's death after a time of sickness at home, looked after diligently by family and carers - is a loss for the whole parish family. His funeral will take place on Thursday 27 January at 12.30. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Jean Gabriel RIP

Our parish sympathy and prayers are extended to Bill and all Jean's family following her brief illness and death. Her funeral will take place in St Joseph's, Wealdstone.

## Father Michael's Retirement - Message from Michael Goode, Chair of Finance Committee

Dear Friends,

As you are no doubt aware, we had to postpone Fr. Michael's official celebration due to our on-going church works and Covid restrictions. Fr. Michael will return in the Spring/Summer when we can come together as a

parish to suitably commemorate his retirement. Full details of this will be announced nearer the date. However, parishioners may wish to personally acknowledge Fr. Michael's loving service on the weekend of 15/16<sup>th</sup> January.

As we approach Fr. Michael's retirement and the sad farewell, I am sure all parishioners will join me in asking God to reward him with years of health and happiness for his lifelong Ministry of tireless service, devotion and compassion. We have been blessed to have had Fr. Michael with us these last few years and his lasting legacy will be a parish that is dynamic, welcoming and faithful. Over the years Fr. Michael has enriched our spiritual lives in so many ways, be it our powerful Parish Mission and our on-going support with the Franciscan Friars of Renewal, pilgrimages (international and national), Alpha, numerous presentations in the hall, our involvement with Stanmore churches in the Easter Walk of Witness, our outreach to local Jewish and Muslim congregations, Time and Talents, the celebration of marriage, ..... and the list could go on!

On a personal level, we will all have our cherished memories of Fr. Michael who has made such a difference in the lives of so many.

As Fr. Michael retires, may the Lord continue to richly bless him and keep him in his loving care.

### **Father Michael - new details**

Father Michael's new address: 4 Merryhill Road, Bushey WD23 1DY.

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### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul

So that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

### **From Pope Francis – The Message of Cana**

The words Mary addresses to the servants come to crown the wedding of Cana: *Do whatever he tells you*. These are her last words recounted by the Gospels; they are the legacy she hands down to us. Today too Our Lady says to us all: "Whatever Jesus tells you, do it." At this wedding the new covenant is truly articulated, and to the servants of the Lord, that is to all the Church, is entrusted a new mission: *Do whatever he tells you!* To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. For each one of us, to draw from the jar is equivalent to entrusting oneself to the Word of God in order to experience its effectiveness in life. Thus, together with the steward who tasted the water-become-wine, we too can exclaim: *you have kept the best wine till now*. Yes, the Lord continues to reserve the best wine for our salvation, just as it continues to flow from the pierced side of the Lord.

The wedding feast at Cana is more than a simple account of Jesus' first miracle. Like a treasure chest, he guards the secret of his Person and the purpose of his coming: the awaited Groom starts off the wedding that is fulfilled in the Paschal Mystery. At this wedding Jesus binds his disciples to himself in a new and final covenant. At Cana Jesus' disciples become his family and at Cana the faith of the Church is born. We are all invited to the wedding feast because the new wine will never run short!

### **Readers Rota**

<u>15 January 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>16 January 8am</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>16 January 10am</u>	Readings Georgia Nwawulor, Bidding prayers Robert Chandler		
<u>22 January 5.30pm</u>	Martin Rush	<u>23 January 8am</u>	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>23 January 10am</u>	Readings Ray & Alex Kulanthai, Bidding prayers Monika Tabarrok		
<u>29 January 5.30pm</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>30 January 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>30 January 10am</u>	Readings Aude & Eduardo, Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger		

### **Counters Rota**

<u>16 January</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan
<u>23 January</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese
<u>30 January</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe