

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

22/23 January 2022

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

Monday 24th January
St Francis de Sales
Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Barbara Shelley RIP

Tuesday 25th January
Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

NO LITURGY

Wednesday 26th January
Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops

NO LITURGY

Thursday 27th January

12.30pm Funeral—Roque Dias RIP

Friday 28th January
St Thomas Aquinas
Priest & Doctor

7pm Thanksgiving (Smita)

Saturday 29th January

5.30pm Mirek Cihak (Carr Family)

Sunday 30th January
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Anne Coyle RIP

10am Sean Murphy RIP

Scripture reflection : Jesus announces his mission

As always, in today's first reading from the Old Testament we see a tie to the Gospel message with a prefiguring of what Jesus will do in the Gospel. The events in the first reading take place about a century after the Jewish exiles were allowed to return from Babylonia to Jerusalem after a lengthy exile. Life has not been easy. The people have suffered from hostile neighbours and crop failures. Ezra, priest and scribe comes to read the Law of Moses to the assembled crowd and explains it to them. It was so long since the people had heard the scriptures, that they all listened attentively and when they realised how far they had departed from the law, they were filled with grief.

When writing his Gospel Luke continually quotes the scriptures of the Old Testament. He wants to show that the events he describes were foretold, and that they truly fulfil God's word. God has been faithful to His promise to send a saviour.

In the Gospel today, we hear from Luke that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah and this prophesy defines Jesus' ministry. Jesus tells the people that he has come to bring good news, in accordance with God's ancient promise. He urges them to watch how he will literally fulfil the words of Isaiah when he heals the sick, gives sight to the blind, sets the downtrodden free. But he wants them to understand that these great acts point to a deeper, more radical healing. For he has come to liberate those in captivity to sin, and to death. He has come to open people's eyes to the love and goodness of his Father, and to overcome their separation from Him and from one another.

We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. (MR)

A MESSAGE FROM MGR. JEREMY FAIRHEAD

I write simply to introduce myself to you as the Cardinal has asked that for a short period I act as your Parish Priest until a successor to Fr Michael is found and then eventually arrives. There is much, as you already know, for which to give thanks in Fr Michael's past ministry but now the parish moves to a new chapter in which we look forward, and I pray that this new episode will be equally blest.

For myself, I am the Parish Priest of St George's, Sudbury – a half hour drive from St William of York! I am now in my 9th year there. I am fortunate to have an assistant priest but we do have 6 Masses each weekend! I will try

to come when I can and will be around for whoever needs me. Importantly, I can always be available if someone is nearing the end of their life and for funerals and baptisms. There has already been a generous response from a number of local clergy to help out at Masses on Sunday and during the week. I think the earliest I can be present on a Sunday is sometime at the beginning of February! I feel already that the parish is in safe hands and I know that many of you work hard and make huge contributions already. Sometimes a period such as this can be very productive with people finding new ways to look out for each other and to be generous with their talents and gifts. I genuinely hope that we can begin to live more positively with Covid so that the parishes throughout the diocese can begin slowly yet cautiously to return to normal. It is clear that some people have found themselves distanced from the church for whatever reason or that they have become attached to on-line streaming. Can I ask that we all make an extra effort to encourage people back to Mass. Maybe you know someone who could do with some support in this direction?

It is my prayer for the parish that a good and faithful priest will be found to serve you all. Sometimes the best things are worth waiting for!

Lastly, if you need to contact me my phone number is 02089042552 (extension 3) or on email at: jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk

God bless you all as we move to this new chapter in the life of Catholic Stanmore.

Parish Masses

Following Father Michael's retirement, there is now a reduced number of weekly Masses with no Tuesday or Wednesday 9.30 morning Masses. We are grateful to Fr Frank Waters, retired Priest from Wealdstone for celebrating Mass on Monday 17th. This weekend, we welcome the Vincentians from Mill Hill Parish for our weekend services.

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 that 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.

Cleaning Team Volunteers Required

Thank you to those who have already put their names on the new list. There are still vacancies, the intention being for the establishment of 4 teams to clean the Church on a rota basis. Please sign up on the list in the Porch.

From Fr. Michael

Last Sunday was a difficult day for me and now I'm in Bushey. Lots of unpacking to do and many happy memories of so many people in Stanmore. More over the next week or so but, brothers and sisters, be assured of my gratitude and prayers. God bless you all.

Fr Michael's leaving event

Currently the date and details for Fr. Michael's leaving event are being finalised. Further details will be provided next week.

Readers Rota

<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		
<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>Counters Rota</u>	<u>23 January</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese	
	<u>30 January</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe	
	<u>6 February</u>	Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam	