

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

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

15/16 October 2022

Saturday 15 October

4.30-5.15 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday

Patrick & Deirdre Kehoe RIP (Anniv)

Rosary: Joyful Mysteries

SUNDAY 16 October

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 1]

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish

10.00 **Parish Mass** Agnes Snyder RIP

Monday 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch, Memorial

9.30 **Mass** and **Rosary** (Joyful)

John Berry RIP

Tuesday 18 October

St Luke the Evangelist, Feast

9.30 **Mass** and **Rosary** (Sorrowful)

Paul & Bernie Kehoe

Wednesday 19 October

St John de Brebeuf and Companions, Memorial

9.30 **Mass** and **Rosary** (Glorious)

Ruth & Albert DuPille RIP

Thursday 20 October

Feria 29th Week of the Year

No Mass day **Rosary** (Luminous)

Friday 21 October

Feria 29th Week of the Year

Friday abstinence

7.00pm **Mass** and **Rosary** (Seven Sorrows)

Nora Mc Hugh

Saturday 22 October

St John Paul II, Memorial

No morning Mass

4.30-5.15 **Confessions**

5.30 **Vigil Mass** and **Rosary** (Joyful)

Maureen Aldridge

SUNDAY 23 October

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 2]

Mandatory Collection

World Mission Sunday

8.00 **Mass**

Mr & Mrs James McDermott

10.00 **Parish Mass** and **Angelus**

Patrick Arthur (Birthday)

NEW TO ST WILLIAM'S? Please, make yourself known to the priest and to others. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

BEFORE MASS – A 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 start of Mass, please pray in preparation for worship.

AT THE END OF MASS – The Angelus See the separate sheet

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

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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**, and 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 red Parish Mass Book on pp.152–54** **The psalm response is: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

THE PRIEST opens the Liturgy of the Word by the invitation: "Let us pray." Most young people, and many of the older members of the congregation, find it hard to understand what is being said to God on our behalf. The obscurity of many of the prayers in the Mass (which are set in the Missal: I can't improvise on them) has if anything been *increased* by the new translation we've been using since 2011. Not only are the words sometimes too difficult to understand, and the sentences too convoluted, the prayers themselves do not seem to be rooted in the day-to-day experience of the Christian people. We like to feel that our prayers, and those said by the priest on our behalf, somehow mirror our own lives as well as our spiritual calling. All that is perfectly understandable.

But some of the prayers have been around for a long time. The words have crossed many lips over countless generations and some, like the *Our Father*, were taught us by Jesus himself. Prayer is conversation with God and it is natural that it should reflect the joys, concerns, fears and aspirations of our lives in the early 21st century. But it is also good to know that what we hold dear was treasured by previous generations. And that the pious, devout woman or man down the ages experienced the *same feelings* and found comfort from the *same words* we are using.

First Reading (OT): Exodus 17.8–13 The Church Father Macarius claimed that prayer was less about many words than in raising our hands to God. Indeed, the priest at Mass who prays to God on our behalf *does* raise his hands when

he's speaking to God for us. It's the traditional 'body language' of prayer. The scene depicted here of the aged Moses's arms being held up by Aaron and Hur, while he prayed on behalf of the people, is very powerful.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 3.14—4.2 The letters to Timothy are considered 'pastoral' letters. Certainly the advice given here by Paul is intended to be applied *practically* in the building up of the community. It focuses the minds of those who hear it on the message which has been given them and insists that the messengers be trusted. It is interesting to see how *trust is absolutely essential* to the survival and flourishing of any Christian community – or any wider society shaped by Christianity.

Gospel: Luke 18.1—8 The ambition to 'pray without ceasing' is a tall order! Karl Rahner understood this desire as letting the *everyday lives* of ordinary people become the stuff of prayer. We should not feel shy of praying about all the things that concern us, that give our lives zest, or cause us worry and distress, the needs of others that lie heavy on us. Or just our own need of God. Most of us, frustrated and frequently disappointed, empathise with the widow. If only we had her *sheer persistence*!

Next Sunday (23rd) is World Mission Sunday. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. There's a video at www.missio.org.uk/what-is-world-mission-sunday Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. "Missio" is the organization responsible for coordinating the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient. Westminster was in that position once ... There are many calls on your generosity. But this is the Good News, which will help our brothers and sisters live with all the other difficulties they face. **Envelopes at the narthex. Collection next week.**

Weekly Rosary quote for October to keep you thinking ... (from *The Rosary of Our Lady*). Some people get hung up on the repetitiousness of the Rosary. But if Jesus speaks of the 'prattling of the Gentiles' (Matthew 6.7) it's because the prattling was useless *from the beginning*, not because their words were *repeated*! "Repetition in prayer can have a *real meaning*", says Romano Guardini, "Isn't it an element of all life? What else is the beating of the heart but a repetition? And what else is breathing? Ever anew the sun rises and sets, night follows day ... What objection can one raise against these repetitions and so many others? They are the order in which growth progresses, the inner core develops, and the true form is revealed." So with the gentle beat of the Rosary's prayers.

Holy Souls' month ... It's routine for people to make a New Year's resolution in January, giving up a vice or taking on a virtue. There is no better time than the month of the Holy Souls (all of November up to 27th, Advent Sunday) to make a *resolution* that helps our own souls and those we love get a little closer to heaven. An example of a Holy Souls' month resolution might be: to pray the Rosary or the chaplet of the Divine Mercy every day to help strengthen your *own* soul; and add the traditional prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory at the end or the end of each decade. "*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*" Perhaps resolve to use that prayer to commemorate the faithful departed of your own family before your main daily meal at home? Offer personal acts of charity or sacrifice in prayer in commemoration of the departed you know ... or indeed those you don't know, such as those who have died in the Ukrainian war.

During November, the 12 weekday Masses at St William's on which we're not required to celebrate a saint, will be a Requiem. So there will be plenty of opportunity for you to be at Mass with the intention of offering up prayers for those you are commemorating. Papers for you to submit names of those to be prayed for, and envelopes for Mass Offerings, will be available from 23 October.

St Dominic's Sixth Form College, Harrow is seeking to appoint an experienced lay person as college chaplain. To arrange a conversation, contact Jacqueline Brosnan on JAB@stdoms.ac.uk. Information and the application form is available at www.stdoms.ac.uk/page/?title=Staff+Vacancies&pid=207

Readers Rota

<u>15 October 5.30</u> Noretta Reece	<u>16 October 8.00</u> Rosemary Chukwulobelu
<u>16 October 10.00</u> Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Patrick & Joseph Arthur	
<u>22 October 5.30</u> Lily Meghji	<u>23 October 8.00</u> Amalie Direkze
<u>23 October 10.00</u> Readings Georgia Nwawulor, Bidding prayers Robert Chandler	

Counters Rota

<u>16 October</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>23 October</u>	Richard Wong, Brendan O'Boyle, Cathy O'Boyle

Church Cleaning

22 October Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwannah

29 October Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite