

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

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

22/23 October 2022

Saturday 22 October
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Maureen Aldridge

SUNDAY 23 October
30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 2]
Collection for World Mission Sunday
8.00 **Mass**
Mr & Mrs James McDermott
10.00 **Parish Mass**
Patrick Arthur (Birthday)

Monday 24 October
St Anthony Claret, Memorial
No Mass Rosary (Joyful)

Tuesday 25 October
Feria 30th Week of the Year
9.30 **Mass and Rosary** (Sorrowful)
Sr. Teresa Nolan (Birthday)

Wednesday 26 October
Ss Chad and Cedd, Memorial
9.30 **Mass and Rosary** (Glorious)
Vladimir Sucha (Health)

Thursday 27 October
Feria 30th Week of the Year
No Mass Rosary (Luminous)

Friday 28 October
Ss Simon and Jude, Feast
Friday abstinence
7.00pm **Mass and Rosary** (Seven Sorrows) Private intention

Saturday 29 October
Blessed Martyrs of Douai College Memorial
No morning Mass
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass and Rosary** (Joyful)
Mrs Rosita Bertha Fernandes RIP

SUNDAY 30 October
31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 3]
8.00 **Mass**
John & MaryJo Kennedy
10.00 **Parish Mass and Angelus**
People of the Parish

TODAY is World Mission Sunday when the entire Catholic Church will be unified in prayer and support of mission. It is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. This year the focus is in the Horn of Africa where so much need is very urgent. Please pray; and if possible please give – even if you’ve missed today’s collection. The necessary envelopes are in the Narthex of the church. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2022-you-shall-be-my-witnesses/>

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 or see the separate sheet
The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.** Hail Mary ...
Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it done unto me according to Thy word.**
Hail Mary...
And the Word was made Flesh. **And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary...
Pray for us, holy Mother of God. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**
The priest says the Final Prayer, all say Amen!

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

30th 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.155—57
The psalm response is: This poor man called, the Lord heard him.

HUMILITY is one of the human qualities that wins most admiration, but in our age of populist politicians and celebrities it is rare to find genuine humility. Humility has been described by one of the saints as ‘an accurate assessment of one’s own worth’. Recognition of the gifts and talents God has given us can be a great empowerment to do good for our society. And modesty about our

attainments is helped by acknowledgement of where they come from, and genuinely accept them as gifts. The scripture readings this weekend encourage us all alike to think about humility in our own lives.

First Reading (OT): Ecclesiasticus 35,12–14, 16–19 God is totally “*other*.” His thoughts are **not** ours; His ways belong in a totally *different* realm to ours. The infinite God is in every way beyond our reach. And yet ... the *distance* between the infinite God and his created world can be and is *bridged*. This reading from the Wisdom literature of the OT illuminates the care God takes of the humble, the poor and the virtuous. God himself is presented as humble enough to make his own the concerns of women and men whose lives on earth are so often a trial and a struggle for them.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 4.6–8. 16–18 These are the closing sentences of Paul’s letter to Timothy and they have an amazing finality about them. They sum up Paul’s life, his complete self-sacrifice. The generosity of his gift of himself and his talents to the Lord whom he hopes to meet on the day of judgement. Paul acknowledges that all he achieved was thanks to the power of God working in him. So, when all others seem to have deserted him, this is a *humble* declaration of gratitude for the Lord’s faithfulness to his servant.

Gospel: Luke 18.9–14 The Pharisee is not only lacking in humility, puffed up with pride, but also holds humility itself in disdain. Moreover—and this is the greater fault—he passes judgement on the publican, and presumes what God will think of him! Thomas Aquinas said that the worst attitude of superiority is the one that looks down on humility. This short parable is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus echoes the same awareness as Mary in her *Magnificat* – the Lord lifts up the humble and meek, but the proud are scattered.

All SAINTS DAY Tuesday 1 November is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics, who are expected to attend Mass. Mass here will be at 9.30am and 7pm.

HOLY SOULS – WHY? It is part of our Catholic tradition, throughout the month of November, to remember and pray for all those who have died. At this time we particularly remember those family members and friends who have been dear to us and have been an important part of our lives.

For most Catholics, this idea is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who’s just died, we have wake services, funeral masses, graveside services, and often memorial masses on the anniversary of someone’s death.

But to many this doesn’t appear to make much sense. Once someone has passed on, they’re in God’s hands, so what’s the point in all that prayer? They’re facing God’s judgment, so what can our prayers accomplish anyway? *Well, we believe they can accomplish a lot.*

First of all, Catholics believe in purgatory. Without going in to too much detail, this means that some of us (most?) simply aren’t ready for heaven when we die, and aren’t evil enough to face eternal damnation. So, some period of purification is necessary before we’re ready to face God’s glory and embrace. In part then, our prayers for the deceased ask God *to show mercy* to those souls.

But our prayers are not only requests. They are also prayers of *praise*, reminding us of God’s goodness and mercy. Listen closely to the prayers at a Catholic funeral, and you’ll hear a very clear note of hope in the resurrection of the dead with Christ.

During November, the 12 weekday Masses at St William’s on which we’re not required to celebrate a saint, will be Requiems. 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, are available from today.

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 on the staff vacancies page of www.stdoms.ac.uk

Readers Rota

<u>22 October 5.30</u>	John McIntyre	<u>23 October 8.00</u>	Amalie Direkze
<u>23 October 10.00</u>	Readings Georgia Nwawulor, Bidding prayers Robert Chandler		
<u>29 October 5.30</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>30 October 8.00</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>30 October 10.00</u>	Readings Monika Tabarrok, Bidding prayers Tim & Mel Goodger		

Counters Rota

<u>23 October</u>	Richard Wong, Brendan O’Boyle, Cathy O’Boyle
<u>30 October</u>	Amal Graham, Marcello Borgese, Valerie Cihak

Church Cleaning

<u>29 October</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
<u>5 November</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira