

# 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

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

24/25 September 2022

### Saturday 24 September

4.30-5.15 **Confessions**  
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday  
Tom Bromhead

### SUNDAY 25 September

**26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 2]  
Annual Mass attendance count 2  
8.00 **Mass** People of the parish  
10.00 **Confirmation Mass**

### Monday 26 September

*Feria 26th Week of the Year*  
9.30 **Mass** Private intention

### Tuesday 27 September

*St Vincent de Paul, Memorial*  
9.30 **Mass** Private intention

### Wednesday 28 September

*St Lawrence Ruiz and his companions, Memorial*  
9.30 **Mass** Private intention  
11.00 **Funeral Mass** for  
Julia Sheppard

### Thursday 29 September

**Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**  
No Mass day Gospel: John 1.47-51

### Friday 30 September

*St Jerome, Memorial*  
*Friday abstinence*  
7.00pm **Mass** Private intention

### Saturday 1 October

*St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Lisieux), Memorial*  
No morning Mass  
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**  
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday  
Mrs Geraldine Desouza RIP

### SUNDAY 2 October

**27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 3]  
Annual Mass attendance count 3  
8.00 **Mass** Mary Williams RIP  
10.00 **Parish Mass**  
Thanksgivings of the  
Nwawulor Family

**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.*

**AND AFTER THE 10am MASS** there is a short celebration with cake, to greet the newly confirmed! Even if you don't normally stay after Mass, please do today.

### 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Saturday Vigil and 8am Masses

*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 these Masses are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on pp.143—45*

*The psalm response is: My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

**Details of the 10am Mass**, a Mass of Confirmation with the Bishop John Sherrington, are on a separate service paper.

“HOW DO I LIVE WELL?” One way or another, prompted by routine or by shocks and crises in our lives, this is a question we regularly ask ourselves. And it is the question that arises listening to all three scripture readings at today's Mass. The prophet Amos goes for the jugular! (He often did!) By criticising the social failures of his own day and particularly the responsibility of those “ensconced so snugly in Zion”: smug, indifferent, barely noticing the needs of others. The letter to Timothy gives us the other side of the coin, for those who are looking for a lifestyle which should characterise any leader in society. (And with our social media environment, almost anyone can find themselves a ‘leader in society’. Don't underestimate your influence, especially young people!) In this letter to Timothy St Paul is dealing with an embryonic church community, just starting to form. But the same principle applies to society at large. The gospel parable, unique to Luke, poses questions to all of us about our lifestyle choices and the way they impact on the ‘have-nots’ of the world.

**Old Testament Reading: Amos 6.1. 4–7** Those who run the city of Jerusalem come in for withering criticism from Amos. Their own luxurious lifestyle is their priority. What matters to the people over whom they have authority is of little or no concern to them. Power and influence *without* responsibility! They are keen to

imitate King David in song; to drink and to look good, but all to no avail. It is empty and vain. There is no benefit to the have-nots, the vulnerable poor, and they are blissfully unaware of the political risks they are running. There are lessons to be learned for the political classes of our own day. Much of the rhetoric of the party conference season we're now entering puts the warnings of the prophet Amos at the fronts of our minds!

**New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11–16** As was the case last week, the extract from Paul's first letter to Timothy presents a sharp contrast to the words of the old testament prophet Amos. But it's simply coming at the issue from the other end ... an instruction to the leader of the Christian community is that he – and they – pursue *virtue*. He must himself be a virtuous man and see to it that he aims to be holy, religious, and in possession of all the natural virtues. It is only in living according to these principles that the leader – and his community – can be above criticism. And it is *only in this way* too that the message of Jesus Christ can get through not only to the members of the community, but through them into the world beyond, so that the gospel can be as Jesus says, 'salt' and 'light' and 'yeast' in the wider world.

**Gospel: Luke 16.1 –31** This parable seems very, very contemporary. We are living in a celebrity culture, magazines such as *The Economist* or *Hello!* or *Country Life* present us with luxury products, beautiful homes, and people who look young, happy, healthy and have the most impossibly wonderful teeth. This is a daily parade, as if we too should aspire to such lifestyles. And yet, the open secret is that we all *know* that many such lives are empty and insecure. Luxury, comfort and good looks don't bring lasting happiness. This was certainly the case of the rich man, fretful of his position and fearful for his possessions. He was in fact just as poor as Lazarus sitting outside his gate, and yet he was so preoccupied with himself that he ignored Lazarus. Jesus presents this parable in an eschatological context: that is, in the context of the last judgement. What that means is the choices we make here, today, in this life, impact on our eternal life.

**October** is another month specially devoted to Our Lady. The Rosary will be recited in church after every public daily Mass, and the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary after the Friday evening Mass. If the Rosary isn't a part of your life, make this the month when it might begin to be. *Fr JG*

**Procession of Our Lady of Willesden** On Sunday **9th October at 7pm**, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden through the streets of Willesden, praying for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. **Important!** Canon John O'Leary, the rector of the seminary, will preach. All are welcome. Good to go. Poster on the noticeboard.

Go to [www.cbcew.org.uk/wdmr/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wdmr/) and give some of your internet browsing time to discover more about today's **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. The Holy Father, to whom this topic means a huge amount personally, has chosen the theme 'Building the Future *with* Migrants and Refugees'. Notice that word 'with'. The Church has been celebrating such a day annually since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

**Help needed in the Repository** shop, just once a month after 10 am Mass on Sunday mornings – to enable monthly support for a housebound member of our congregation. Please pop in and speak to Sue Mason after Mass, or call on 020 8954 0090. *Fr JG*

**Readers Rota**

<u>24 September 5.30</u>	John McIntyre	<u>25 September 8.00</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>25 September 10.00</u>	Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers Monika Tabarrok		
<u>1 October 5.30</u>	Jennifer Bourke	<u>2 October 8.00</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>2 October 10.00</u>	Readings Tim & Mel Goodger, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler		
<u>8 October 5.30</u>	Monica Clifford	<u>9 October 8.00</u>	Georgina Martins
<u>9 October 10.00</u>	Readings Derrick Pereira & family, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane		

### Counters Rota

<u>25 September</u>	Amal Graham, Marcello Borgese, Valerie Cihak
<u>2 October</u>	Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
<u>9 October</u>	Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

### Church Cleaning

<u>1 October</u>	Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwanah
<u>8 October</u>	Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
<u>15 October</u>	Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira