

# 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 4.15-5.15pm** in church,  
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

3/4 September 2022

### Saturday 3 September

4.15-5.15 Confessions  
5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday  
Vincent Dias RIP

### SUNDAY 4 September

**23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 3]  
8.00 Mass People of the parish  
10.00 Parish Mass  
Olivia & Donald Martins RIP

### Monday 5 September

*Feria 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year*  
9.30 Mass Ignatius Dias RIP

### Tuesday 6 September

*Feria 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year*  
9.30 Mass Roque Dias RIP

### Wednesday 7 September

*Feria 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year*  
9.30 Mass Dennis Allman RIP  
(Wedding anniversary)

### Thursday 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin  
*Feast*  
No Mass day

### Friday 9 September

*Feria 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year*  
*Friday abstinence*  
7.00pm Mass  
Anna & Vincent Rodrigues RIP

### Saturday 10 September

*Feria 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year*  
No morning Mass

4.15-5.15 Confessions

5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday  
Bridie McNicholas RIP

### SUNDAY 11 September

**24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
(Year C) *Education Sunday: Retiring collection* [Daily Office Psalter wk 4]  
8.00 Mass People of the parish  
10.00 Parish Mass  
In thanksgiving to God  
(Martins 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 EACH SUNDAY MASS BEGINS – 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 bell at the start of Mass, please pray in preparation for worship. It is a support to others' prayer – and your own – if you keep quiet, young children excepted!*

**AND AFTER THE 10am SUNDAY MASS** there are refreshments (often homemade cakes), and chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our 'cenacle', our 'Upper Room' – after the 10 o'clock Mass.

### 23rd 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 Sunday Mass cards, that will be far simpler to follow, and help you participate, are in preparation.)

The **Readings** for today's Mass are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on pp.133–35

The **psalm response** is: **O Lord, You have been our refuge: from one generation to the next.**

Welcome back to all who – including me – have been away from Stanmore or visiting relatives and friends or away on holiday. It is good to be back, and to see you all. Today's readings turn our attention to wisdom. When we say someone is 'very wise', what do we mean? Is it that she/he is clever, intelligent, knowledgeable? Or is it that there's *balance* in their judgement? We often associate wisdom with *older* people as if it's life experience, digested and reflected upon, that contributes most to being wise. But then again, we all recognise the possibility that a teenager can have great wisdom and maturity; and older people the opposite. Wisdom is the first in the list of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. It seems to depend on two things: first, what it is in life that we have had to face personally, or to accompany or observe other people in facing; and, second, *how* we have reflected on that experience – and in particular if we face life's questions and challenges (ours or other people's) with faith, hope and love, or not.

**First Reading (Old Testament): Wisdom 9.13–18** No matter how much we scheme, plan or make elaborate projects for our lives, and no matter how careful we seem to be, once our plans have been realised we often discover they have not turned out *anything* like we had imagined or even hoped. Many of the great questions we pose to life remain unanswered. Today's reading has a

contemporary ring to it. It focuses on human *limitations* and on how deficient our *knowledge* is. We often wish

