

# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

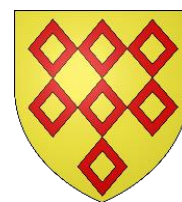
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## 12—13 AUGUST 2023 – 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

<b>Sat 12</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>St Jane Frances de Chantal, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish
<b>SUN 13 Aug</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – Alec Moody RIP <b>Parish Mass</b> – James O'Reilly RIP (Birthday anniversary)
<b>Mon 14</b> 9.30am 7pm R: Joyful	<i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Memorial Ps Week 3</i> <b>Mass</b> – Thanksgiving (private intention) <b>Vigil Mass</b> – Niamh Goode
<b>Tues 15</b> R: Glorious 9.30am 7pm	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity</b> <b>Mass and Rosary</b> – Nora Balfe RIP <b>Mass with Hymns</b> – for Beatrice Anucha Stephen
<b>Wed 16</b> 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>St Stephen of Hungary, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Alec Moody RIP
<b>Thurs 17</b> <b>No mass</b> R: Luminous	<i>Feria of 19<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</i> [Gospel of the Day: Matthew 18.21–19.1]
<b>Fri 18</b> 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of 19<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</i> <b>Mass</b> Elizabeth (Dolly) O'Leary-Rice RIP Friday abstinence
<b>Sat 19</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of 19<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</i> <b>Mass</b> – Elisa Sammarco RIP (Anniversary)
<b>SUN 20 Aug</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for Patrick & Margaret Burke

**A WARM WELCOME** to Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this news-letter home** and use the calendar in your daily prayer.

♦ **A prayer BEFORE Mass** 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. *Please, now keep silence together until Mass begins.*

♦ **Parents and carers**, during Mass please feel free to do what you need to keep children quiet and content. Do not hesitate to move around with them. (The service is "piped" into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please* accompany any child who needs to use the toilet while you're in church. Thanks.

♦ **The ORDER of Mass** is in the **orange Parish Mass Book**. Start on **p.7**; then, after the Creed, go to **p.15**; and then, from the Lord's Prayer, go to **p.56**.

♦ **Today's readings** are to be found **pp.114-116** of the **Parish Mass Book**. And the psalm response is,  
**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.**

♦ **AFTER the 10am Mass**, thanks to Lawrence, there continue to be drinks in the Hall during August.

**REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures** - The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, and the consequent feeding of "five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children" (which we *would* have heard last week, but for the occurrence of the Transfiguration) and today's account of Jesus walking across the stormy waters to his frightened apostles have frequently been seen as a diptych – two pictures hinged to one another like an open book. The *hinge* is the first verse of today's gospel. St Matthew (like St Mark) says that Jesus 'enankasen' the apostles into their boat to cross the deep waters of Galilee. That's a very strong Greek word meaning He *ordered* them, *compelled* them.

Two stories: in the first we see Jesus feeding the hungry crowd (instead of His unbelieving disciples); and in the second He comes to the rescue of those who (having obeyed him) have now run into danger. St Matthew says, "the boat was a long way from the land, beaten by cross-winds". St Mark says it stronger: "The boat was out on the sea; He alone was on the land, and He saw that they were in trouble". When Jesus comes to them, they fail to recognise Him immediately. Do you

- ♦ **Reconciliation (Confession)** 20 mins before any week-day Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.15pm; or at anytime by appointment
  - ♦ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday after Mass until 8pm
  - ♦ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage**: all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
  - ♦ **Funerals**: by arrangement through Funeral Directors
- Northwick Park Hospital**: for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130

**Returning to faith?** or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful. (It's a free telephone helpline.) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri, on 0800 448 0704 or [catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclisteners@gmail.com)



Prepare for **next week's Mass** readings – **Isaiah 56.1-7; Romans 11.13-15, 29-32; Matt 15.21-28** – with **wednesdayword.org**

remember? ... the same thing happens *after the resurrection* when the Risen Lord appears on this shore. Both times He challenges their doubt.

We too find it difficult to credit that God comes close to us in our need. "God draws near to people in distress" says Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his wonderful hymn. He is very *close* to us. "Closer to us", as the Muslims (very powerfully) say, "than our jugular vein". Think about that one!

Now, when we gather for the Mass we believe that the Risen Lord is present with us. But what's the evidence? Are we acting as if He is? Could anyone, any passing alien, tell from our behaviour that *that's* what we believed!? And so in moments of challenge, difficulty or despair – when the boat (whether our own life or the life of the Church) is overwhelmed by cross-winds – we quickly demand to know, *where is God in all this?* Is He here? Like Elijah in our first reading we look for 'God's power' in all the obvious places (in miracles, escape, rescue, paybacks on others, etc) and yet God does none of it. So then at that point, we try to solve matters for ourselves (rather than *learn* something about ourselves or about God). Elijah only found God in the gentle breeze. God often makes His presence known to us by the *silent awareness* of His will in our hearts. *When we reach for other than Our Lord, not only are we reaching for what is weaker, we are also reaching past Him Who is closer and stronger, for what is further and more distant from us.* Think about that one too!

*The prayer I'm hoping you'll learn this month:*

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You!  
And I ask pardon for those who do not believe,  
do not adore, do not hope and do not love You!

**It's August so, no choir**, and a reduced amount of singing on Sunday. But if *you like to sing*, please ... sit where the choir usually sits, and help lead our praises.

**Tuesday 15 August** is **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Masses at both 9.30am & 7pm, and a Vigil on Monday at 7pm. Maximum opportunity!

**Catholic Herald** Check out this month's in the Narthex. £5 per month. Good value. Lots of content (nearly 100 pages). Order through the parish. I have 5 sample copies for sale this month.

**Think wider!** Masses can be offered for more than individuals, living or departed, important as they are – Mass intentions and offerings can be for many more of your needs and concerns than you perhaps realise. See the list on the notice-board for starters. Let's *expand* the range of our prayers, and our trust in God!

**Westminster Abbey** costs £108 for four adult visitor tickets, or 78 for 2 adults and two kids over 5. **Or it can be free** using the Church Pass Fr J can give you to use. A holiday treat, perhaps?

**Catholic Classics podcast** Sign up wherever you get your podcasts, and, **starting 2 Oct**, 'read' *The Confessions of St Augustine*. In each short episode discover why our weakness is no barrier to holiness.

**First Reading (OT): I Kings 19, 9, 11 – 13:** God is present in silence and solitude. The experience of the prophet Elijah on Mt Horeb (that is, Mt Sinai where God gave the commandments to Moses) revived his enthusiasm. He entered the cave despondent but leaves with fresh courage to continue the mission the Lord had given him.

**Second Reading (NT): Romans 9.1–5:** The thought that the gospel message was *refused* by those who should have been the first to welcome it *tortures* St. Paul! And yet he *knows*, one day God's gifts will bear fruit.

**Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33:** In the abundance of loaves and fish the disciples learned that they were capable of satisfying the hunger of the crowds, *so long as they turn to the Lord with confidence*. That faith should have stood up to the tempest on the sea. Instead they were overcome with fear. Having been obedient to his command did they not know that He would watch over them, and rescue them in time of trouble?

When Jesus came to Peter (always, like the boat, a sign of the Church in the gospels) He "stretched out his hand and seized him". An Eastern monk once reflected on this. "Each time", he wrote, "that I offer my hand to someone, may it be Jesus who offers his hand. When my hand takes that hand may it be Jesus who takes it in His hand to save that person from his secret trials, make him strong and lead him to where he wants to be. And, when I take an outstretched hand, may I take it with humility and gratitude, knowing that it is Jesus' hand."

### SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS ...

- **Taste of Lisbon World Youth Day, 2 Sept**, Westminster Youth Ministry's Summer Picnic. Sign up at [youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/](http://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/)
- **Divine Mercy Afternoon Retreat** St John Fisher, Harrow HA2 7LW, **9 Sept**, 1.30-4.30pm.
- **Young People to Walsingham 23 Sept** as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Diocesan Youth Ministry team is taking 45 16-25-year olds. Coach leaves Westminster 7am, returns c 8pm. Booking open until 16th Sept. Sign up at [youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/](http://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/) The cost, is £35. **Want to go? Can't afford it? Speak to Fr J.**

**Ever get worried about scams?** On **Fri 8 Sept**, 10-12, a local police community support officer will give a talk (in the Hall) on cybercrime and other scams. If you're interested ... you are certainly welcome.

### Readers rota

12 August 5.30	Jennifer Bourke
13 August 8.00	Georgina Martins
10.00	Derrick Pereira & family
	Patrick & Joseph Arthur
19 August 5.30	Noreta Reece
20 August 8.00	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
10.00	Robert Chandler
	Tim & Mel Goodger

### Church Cleaning rota

19 August Team B	26 August Team C
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