

# St William of York Catholic Church, Stanmore



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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 arrangement with Fr Jonathan

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28/29 January 2023

**Sat 28 Jan**

4.30-5.15pm **Confessions**

5.30pm **Vigil Mass**

Patrick, Jimmy and all the deceased members of the Hession family

**SUNDAY 29 January**

**4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A)**

*Psalter week 4*

8.00 **Mass** People of the Parish

10.00 **Parish Mass and Angelus**

Roque Dias RIP

**Mon 30 Jan** *Feria of 4th Week of Year*

9.30 **Mass** Francis Rebelo RIP

**Tue 31 Jan** *St John Bosco, Memorial*

9.30 **Mass** Emma Annessa

**Wed 1 Feb** *Feria of 4th Week of Year*

9.30 **Mass** Anicetio Barretto RIP

**Thurs 2 Feb**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

*No Mass day* **Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

**Fri 3 Feb** *Sts Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore of Canterbury, Memorial*

*Friday abstinence*

7.00pm **Mass** Alessia Annessa

**Sat 4 Feb** *Feria of 4th Week of the Year*

*1st Saturday* 4.30-5.15pm **Confessions**

5.30pm **Vigil Mass** People of the Parish

**SUNDAY 5 Feb**

**5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A)**

*Psalter week 1*

8.00 **Mass** Elvira & Tony D'Souza

10.00 **Parish Mass and Angelus**

Paul Boyle RIP (Anniv)

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME** and use the calendar to help you pray.

**WELCOME** to Mass today, especially if you have not been for a while. We are pleased to see you, and hope we shall see you again.

**PREPARATION FOR 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. **Amen.**

*After the prayer, please keep silent until the bell begins the Mass.*

**AFTER THE 10am MASS** ... in the Parish Hall – refreshments (often cakes!) and chance to connect. Everyone is very welcome.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** *The Order of Mass* can be followed in the gold Parish Mass Book – first from **p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers – from **p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer – **p.56**. The **Readings** for today's Mass are to be found in the gold Parish Mass Book on **pp.130-32**

Today's **psalm response** is: **How happy are the poor in spirit. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Reflection** The three scripture readings this week fit together unusually well. At the centre stands the *Gospel*, with the Beatitudes – a very famous passage which can only truly be understood from the viewpoint of the life and destiny of Jesus Christ himself. Behind that stands the *first reading*, from the prophet Zephaniah, which reveals the history that Jesus takes up and completes. The *second reading* reveals the results in the Church, the people that God has deliberately shaped according to the person of Jesus: according to His attitudes, to "the *mind* that was in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2.5).

**First Reading (OT): Zephaniah 2.3, 3.12–13** The disciples could not have understood Jesus when he gave them the Beatitudes, had they not had *some* understanding to base them on from their ancient Jewish heritage. Israel firmly understood *wealth* as valuable, and poverty as *lacking* in value. That said, they also understood (as the scriptures show) that the *poor have the advantage* of hoping for and expecting everything from God; while the rich run the risk of relying on themselves, their possessions and achievements; and the even bigger risks of oppressing the poor out of greed, and robbing the poor of what little they have. Such things were a violation of the old covenant. However! What the old testament knows nothing of is *voluntary* poverty. Nor does it know anything about *voluntary* mourning, or *voluntary* renunciation of violence. To this we must wait for Jesus of the Beatitudes.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 1.26–31** This reading from St Paul shows exactly what it means to follow Christ the teacher of the Beatitudes. Paul lists various features of Jesus's attitudes: *foolishness* (in contrast to intellectual strength), *weakness* (which cannot defend itself in the face of power), *lowliness* (which cannot be refined and distinguished). God chose all of these things to equate them with the wisdom of Christ's Cross, which overwhelms human power with divine weakness. For Christian believers to "glory in the Lord" (that is, to be *able*

