

# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

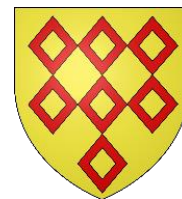
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## 29—30 JULY 2023 – 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

<b>Sat 29 July</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Emil Fernando RIP (Birthday remembrance)
<b>SUN 30</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – Alec Moody RIP <b>Parish Mass</b> – Domingos Dias (month's mind)
<b>Mon 31</b> 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>St Ignatius Loyola, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Kay Moody
<b>Tues 1 Aug</b> 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Tarlika Shukla (sickness)
<b>Wed 2</b> 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>St Peter Eymard, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Patrick Cooney RIP
<b>Thurs 3</b> No mass R: Luminous	<i>Feria, 17th Week of the Year</i> [Gospel of the Day: Matt 13.47—53]
<b>Fri 4</b> 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>St John Vianney (Cure d'Ars), Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Martha Fahey RIP (Birthday anniversary) <i>Friday abstinence</i>
<b>Sat 5 Aug</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Dedication of St Mary Major Rome, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Neville and Janet Fernando RIP
<b>SUN 6</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b> <b>Mass</b> – for Kay Moody <b>Parish Mass</b> – Glory to God for his merciful kindness (Nwawulor family)



### ◆ Reconciliation (Confession)

20 mins before any weekday Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.15pm; or by appointment anytime

### ◆ Mass: see times above

### ◆ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass until 8pm

### ◆ Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion),

**Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** by appointment

### ◆ Funerals: by arrangement with Funeral Directors

**Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130



**Prepare for next week's Mass: reflect on the readings – Isaiah 55.1-3, Romans 8.35-39, Matthew 14.13-21 with the help of [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)**

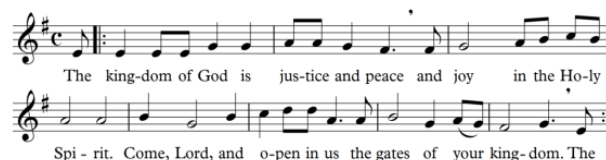
**A WARM WELCOME** to Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home** and use the calendar to help your daily prayer.

◆ **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.*

◆ **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, at the Lord's Prayer, go to **p.56**.

### ◆ OPENING SONG

**The Kingdom of God is justice and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come Lord! and open in us the gates of Your Kingdom. Repeat**



◆ **Today's readings** are to be found **pp.105—108**. And the psalm response is, **'Lord, how I love your law.'**

### ◆ Angelus reminder ... **A B A**

The Angel of the Lord ... **And she conceived ... Behold the handmaid ... Be it unto me ... And the Word was ... And dwelt among us.**

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is an opportunity to greet and meet one another in the Parish Hall.

**REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures** There can be no doubt but that the Church has sustained a body-blow as a result of the coronavirus. The altered pattern of worship, liturgy and church life the virus and the law imposed on us raised major theological questions, some of which have been set aside while we scramble back to the 'old normal'. Estimates vary, but a 20% drop in attendance seems a reasonable figure. It is clear that such statistics have major implications, financial, social and catechetical. There are those who claim that the pandemic only hastened the decline of the Church in the West by ten years, that church life as we know it was

going to unravel anyway: severe shortage of vocations to the priesthood, the age profile of priests in active ministry, declining income of parishes, and the continuing damage done by abuse scandals. The need for wise government and faithfulness to the Gospel is more urgent than ever. The suggestion from the Old Testament in today's liturgy—prayer and complete reliance on God's providence—is perhaps the only way of addressing the multiple challenges in the Church's decline. The prayer of Solomon, the priority he set himself as ruler, and the way in which God rewarded the moral principle the young man set himself as he became king, comes as a great comfort to us today.

**First Reading (OT) 1 Kings 3, 5, 7-2** Many, led by the Holy Father, are currently arguing for a more so-called 'synodal' Church: that is, a listening Church authority, which reconciles itself to radical changes in

both the world and in church congregations, so that a consensus may emerge with which people committed to kingdom values will be happy. Perhaps, after the example of Solomon, Church authority and people should—before, during and after listening to one another—listen *more* to our Almighty Father?

**Second Reading (NT) Romans 8, 28-30** Paul here outlines his faith in a providential God, in a God who knows what he is doing. He urges reliance on God, despite doubts and reservations. We are 'pencils in God's hand' instruments of His Will.. And with his Spirit motivating our actions great good can be done.

**Gospel Matthew 13.44-6** These crisp images of the kingship of God suggest to us that it is something so precious it has value beyond price. But it requires great effort and concentrated searching to get our hands on it.

**Confirmation** Who can be confirmed? Anyone who is baptized, and may have begun to receive Holy Communion. So, **first**, I'm asking for names for those who wish to be prepared for Confirmation next year. The course will begin in the autumn. The lowest age is 13 – ie those who will be 14 in 2024. But, **second**, there is no *upper* age! Do you receive Holy Communion but have never been Confirmed? Put that right. God wants to give you His Holy Spirit! *Fr J.*

**During August** the choir will take a break, but all those who like to sing in church are invited to sit where the choir usually sits and help leads our praises. We will have a slightly reduced amount of singing during the month, and use a simple plainsong Mass setting.

**Tuesday 15 August** is the solemnity of **The Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses at 9.30am and 7pm.

**Prayer to learn and use in August:**

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

*Prayer of the Angel, Fatima, Spring 1916*

**This week** sees **World Youth Day** – the gathering of young people from around the world, including the dioceses of England and Wales, with the Holy Father. Please pray for them, and for the clear word of the Gospel to so many young people.



**New Lectionary** to be launched across Britain for Advent 2024 "The new Lectionary [using the *English Standard Version* Catholic edition] gives us an opportunity to hear that word with fresh ears. I hope that parishes and other communities will engage in preparation for the Lectionary so that all the faithful will hear the word of God with deepened faith and understanding." (Abp Stack) [www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-for-england-and-wales/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-for-england-and-wales/)

**SATURDAYS ...**

- **Taste of Lisbon** Between 16 and 35, and unable to attend the World Youth Day in Lisbon? Then reserve **2 September** for Westminster Youth Ministry's Summer Picnic. Further details forthcoming. Sign up: <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>

- Fr Graham Stokes has asked me to draw your attention to a **Divine Mercy Afternoon Retreat**, next door, at St John Fisher, Harrow HA2 7LW on **9 September** from 1.30-4.30pm. It will include teachings on the message of Divine Mercy, Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction. All welcome. No advance booking or registration required.

- **16s-25s to Walsingham** on **23 September** as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Westminster Youth Ministry will be taking 45 young people. Bookings open until 16th September, so sign up now at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/> If you have any questions email Ola on [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). The coach leaves Westminster at 7am, returning around 8pm. The cost, is £35. *If you want to go but cannot afford the cost, speak to Fr Jonathan.*

**Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline Service** – for those who are returning to faith, and to the Church – free, 4-7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri, on 0800 448 0704 or [catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclisteners@gmail.com).

**Servers' cottas** Would anyone with a washing machine, be willing to wash and press the servers cottas? (They need it.) Please speak to Fr J.

**Readers rota**

29 July	5.30	Lily Meghji
30 July	8.00	Freda Adzinku
	10.00	Monika Tabarrok
5 August	5.30	Martin Rush
6 August	8.00	Audrey Da Costa
	10.00	Carol-Anne Chandler

**Church Cleaning rota**

5 August	Team C	12 August	Team A
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