

# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

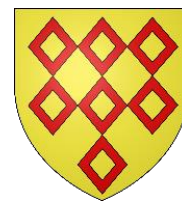
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## 10-11 JUNE 2023 – THE MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

### Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 10 5.30pm	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i> <b>Vigil Mass</b> – Mary-Ella Fabonge (5 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
SUN 11 8am 10am	<b>BODY AND BLOOD of CHRIST</b> Solemnity <b>Mass</b> – People of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – Bridie Grimes RIP Followed by the <b>St Williams-tide Lunch</b>
Mon 12 9.30am	<i>Feria, 10th Week of the Year - Ps wk 2</i> <b>Mass</b> – Onoroh Joy Chinemerem (thanksgiving)
Tues 13 9.30am	<i>St Anthony of Padua, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – Thanksgiving to St Anthony (Vena Dias)
Wed 14 9.30am	<i>Feria, 10th Week of the Year</i> <b>Mass</b> – Peace in Ukraine
Thurs 15	<i>Feria, 10th Week of the Year</i> No Mass Day [Readings: 2 Cor 3.15-4.6; St Matt 5.20-26]
Fri 16 7pm	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> Solemnity <b>Mass</b> – Day for Life initiative and <i>Litany of the Sacred Heart</i> NB No Friday abstinence
Sat 17 5.30pm	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial</i> <b>Vigil Mass</b> – Roy Bourne RIP
SUN 18 8am 10am	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – Eileen Dooley RIP <b>Parish Mass</b> – People of the parish

#### ◆ 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 or [lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net).



Reflect on next week's readings (Exodus 19.2-6; Rom 5.6-11; Matt 9.36—10.8) with the help of [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)

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

◆ **PRAYER before Mass** to say together, or as you arrive, ... **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.**  
*Afterwards, please keep silent until the Mass begins.*

◆ **ORDER OF MASS** See the **ORANGE Parish Mass Book** – start on **p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers, go to **p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer, **p.56**. Today's readings are to be found **pp.83—86**. The **psalm response** is, 'O praise the Lord Jerusalem.'

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** in the Parish Hall – **St Williams-tide Bring and Share Lunch** Plenty of time to talk. Many thanks indeed to all who have contributed food or drink; and please show your appreciation to all those who have prepared and run the lunch.

**REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures** The thing which Catholic, Orthodox and many if not all Anglicans most missed during the various bouts of social lock-down was being able to be present at Mass on Sunday and receive Holy Communion. The lack was all the sharper precisely because we were experiencing together a major social upheaval, and a threat to many lives.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and he specifically asked his disciples to repeat his actions to recall His constant promise to be with them. As St Paul underlined (1 Cor 11), Jesus said "This is my body; it's for you! Do this as a memorial of me" And, after supper, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; whenever you drink this cup, do this as a memorial of me."

From the 11th century onwards a major debate raged in the universities: in what way can we understand, and in what language can we best express, the Church's belief that Jesus is *present* in the Eucharist. By the 13th century St Thomas Aquinas had helped solve the intellectual issue with a philosophical explanation that comes closest to the truth of the mystery. But it was Pope Urban IV who encouraged the debate to be resolved through prayer and devotion. And thus in 1264 he inaugurated the Feast

of Corpus Christi (for which St Thomas wrote the famous hymns so familiar to Catholics).

A Pew Forum survey three or four years back revealed a startling statistic: that 69% of American Catholics *do not believe* in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For them, is the Eucharist merely a *symbol* of Christ? and the Mass simply a collection of like-minded individuals gathering to remember His life and legacy? What—we have to wonder—would the percentage be here in Westminster? The US bishops have taken this as a wake-up call to the spiritual disaster of such a loss of faith. That loss of faith wasn't the issue in the middle ages; but it is the issue now. It is the issue this feast addresses today. The Eucharist is held by Catholics to be "the source and summit of the Christian life." The root and the fruit we might say. Is it? What should we do? ... we, here at St William's, to assess how deep this crisis is *here*, and its impact on our faith and witness? St Paul was clear:

if "you eat and drink *without recognizing the body*, you eat and drink judgement on yourselves." (1 Cor 11.29)

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 8.2–3, 14–16**

Moses articulates here the invitation, issued to devout Jews each year on the occasion of the Passover festival, to remember how God accompanied their ancestors through the Red Sea to freedom. This text may well have been read at the Last Supper.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.16–17**

St Paul begins his challenge to the Corinthians about their seriousness about the body and blood of the Lord which lasts for two chapters. "The cup of blessing – it is a sharing in the blood of Christ - isn't it? The broken bread, a sharing in His body - isn't it?"

**Gospel: John 6.51–58**

Jesus leaves his hearers in no doubt: "Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of Him; so the one who eats me will live because of me, and ... share the life of God's new age."

### FUTURE EVENTS

**16 June St Luke's Midnight Walk** St Luke's is our nearest hospice, and well worth Catholic support. This is their major annual fundraising event. The walk starts at 10pm on at Byron Hall HA3 5BD. Perhaps treat it as a Midnight Prayer Pilgrimage? [www.stlukes-hospice.org/midnightwalk](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org/midnightwalk).

**'When I was sick you visited me'** From 21-28 July **Emma Nwawulor** (our thurifer) is volunteering to take care of vulnerable pilgrims on a hospital ward in Lourdes. She needs to raise money to be able to go - £1000. **Can you possibly please, help?** Perhaps as a way of giving thanks to God for answered prayer? Emma is very happy to take prayer requests with her. Donations can be made direct to Emma – or via Fr J if you prefer.

**missio** Wherever the Catholic Church exists, so too does Missio (the Pope's official charity for overseas mission), with more than 120 offices across the world. This Sunday we welcome **Fr Noah Mbabazi** to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all of you who through the Red Box already give to **missio** and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries. But I want to encourage more of you to do so. There are of course ways of giving on line, but we, and visitors to our homes, often have cash we can spare.

**No one will be collecting money: but please consider collecting a Red Box**, and give it a prominent place in your home. It would be fantastic if every home in our parish had a Red Box to help us care for our Church family throughout the world. A powerful daily reminder of the faith, hope and love that we share, and the prayer we can offer. You can find more information, or set up a Direct Debit online at [missio.org.uk/redbox](http://missio.org.uk/redbox).

There is a **mandatory collection next Sunday 18 June** which is for the annual **Day for Life**. This year the three episcopal conferences in Britain and Ireland are marking the Day together – a stronger public sign of witness to the gospel of life. This year the Day for Life seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion, inspired by comments from Pope Francis both about the gravity of abortion and the magnitude of God's mercy.

The Bishops invite us to listen to the story of a young Catholic woman who was suffering after an abortion and found healing. They were inspired towards this message because of the ever-rising number of abortions across our nations, the impact of 'tele-medicine' after the pandemic, and stories of post-abortive trauma from trusted agencies who accompany women.

A Novena of Prayer is available at [www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/), which you can begin praying immediately. (It began Friday.) All resources, including the full message are available at [www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/) "The funds raised" says Bishop John, "will support life projects across the whole spectrum of life. This year we shall publish details about the use of funds."

### Readers Rota

10 June 5.30 Jennifer Bourke  
11 June 8.00 Freda Adzinku 10.00 Nwawulor Family  
17 June 5.30 Noretta Reece  
18 June 8.00 Audrey Da Costa  
10.00 Monika Tabarrok, Derrick Pereira & family

### Church Cleaning Rota

17 June Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balčaitė and Viktoriia Vrublevska  
24 June Team C: Dominick Martins and Derrick & Elaine Pereira