

# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

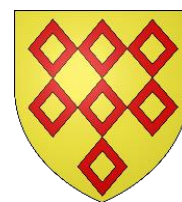
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## 24—25 JUNE 2023 – 12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

<b>Sat 24</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<b>BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <b>Mass</b> – for local Catholic schools
<b>SUN 25</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for our assistant bishops – John, Nicholas and Paul
<b>Mon 26</b> 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>Feria, 12th Week of the Year I - Ps wk 4</i> <b>Mass</b> – For all men preparing for ordination
<b>Tues 27</b> 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>St John Southworth, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Alec Moody RIP
<b>Wed 28</b> 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>St Irenaeus of Lyons, Memorial</i> <b>Mass</b> – for the Church in France
<b>Thurs 29</b> 9.30am R: Luminous	<b>ST PETER AND ST PAUL</b> Solemnity <b>Mass</b> – for our Holy Father The Pope
<b>Fri 30</b> No Mass R: Sorrowful	<i>First Martyrs of Roman Church, Memorial</i> [Readings: Gen 17.1, 9-10, 15-22; ; Matt 8.1-4] Friday abstinence
<b>Sat 1 July</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<b>Dedication of our Cathedral</b> Feast <b>Mass</b> – for the Cathedral chaplains <i>Second Collection for Peter's Pence</i> First Saturday
<b>SUN 2</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – Ludovina Dias (80 <sup>th</sup> b'day) <i>Second Collection for Peter's Pence at both Masses</i>

**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.

◆ **BEFORE all Sunday Masses, a prayer before worship:** 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 keep silence until the 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**.

◆ **Today's readings** are to be found **pp.94—96**. And the **psalm response** is, 'In your great love answer me O God.'

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

**REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures** The first three centuries of Christian history are often referred to as the Age of Martyrs, yet even when the Emperor Diocletian (+305) launched a full scale persecution only small sections of the Church were affected. Today, alas, outbursts of violent persecution against Christian communities, particularly in the Middle East but also elsewhere, are not uncommon. 'In 2022, advocacy group Open Doors said that at least 360 million Christians experienced "high levels of persecution and discrimination." 20 million higher than 2021. The group also estimated that the number of Christians killed for their faith rose to 5,898 in 2022, up from 4,761 in 2021.' The Middle East, Nigeria, and North Korea saw the highest rates of persecution globally. (Source: The House of Commons Library online) The work of Aid to the Church in Need and the Gateshead Institute (check them both online) give adequate testimony. Behind *persecution* is the far wider issue of *religious freedom*. How the churches were treated in lock-down has deeply divided Christian opinion. We live in an open and generally tolerant society, yet many issues of public debate, policy and legislation trouble the Christian conscience. Some are irreconcilable with Catholic faith or Christian conviction. While we must not minimize the reality of others' *persecution* it also takes courage

### ◆ 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



**Reflect on next week's readings** (2 Kings 4.8-16; Romans 6.3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10.37-42) with the help of [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)

to raise our Christian voice here – at school, university, work, social settings, wherever. And that is the issue which is at the heart of today's readings. The prophet Jeremiah is pained by the plots of his enemies; St Paul writing to the Christians in the capital of the Roman empire is candid about sin; and Jesus warns his disciples of the (unavoidable) conflict that will confront any commitment to the kingdom of God.

**First reading (OT): Jeremiah 20.10–13** Jeremiah suffered what we might now call a mobbing. Normally speaking, someone in such a situation might hope s/he has friends to call on for support. Jeremiah, however, turns to God. God would not abandon him. Today many with difficulties turn to professional therapists or organisations

**20th June** every year is World Refugee Day, one of the 'awareness days' kept by international bodies across the world. 2.8% of the world's entire population are refugees or migrants – more than twice the population of the UK! Refugee Week is an initiative founded in the UK. The theme for this year's Refugee Week is *compassion*, which Pope Francis has called 'the language of God' and 'the path of true justice'. Maybe this week read the Catholic Bishops' Conference new document *Love the Stranger* at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/> Know what your Church is saying ahead of any general election.

**missio** We now have 94 people who have a Red Box at home, or give directly to **missio**. That's just short of a 25% rise on previous numbers. **Thank you!** Boxes are still available if you have not yet collected one. Please ask.

**This Thursday** is a **Holy Day of Obligation** – St Peter and St Paul. **Mass will be at 9.30am.** (Please note, that consequently Friday is this week's 'No Mass' day.) The collection of **Peter's Pence** in support of the sacred and humanitarian ministry of the Pope will be **next Sunday**.

**Condolences** It is with great sadness that we have to announce that **Alec Moody**, an extremely loyal and devout member of the parish and a server here since the days of Fr Finnegan, was gathered to the Lord last Sunday. His Funeral Mass will be on **18 July** at 10, followed by a Committal at 12 noon. More details later. Please keep Alec, his widow Kay, and their family in your daily prayers. Fr Jonathan

**Volunteering in Lourdes** Emma Nwawulor says, "I would like to thank the parish immensely for helping me exceed my target for the Lourdes volunteer-trip at the end of July. Sadly, I'll not be at Mass this Sunday to thank you in person: I will be at the Lourdes training day! Please continue to give me your prayer petitions to offer Our Lady at Lourdes."

**Mon 3-Sun 9 July** Fr Jonathan will be away on leave and attending ordinations in the north (it's that time of year). The Mill Hill Fathers will celebrate the masses here at St William's for the week.

that can help; and yet many also turn to God in prayer, to the support of their parish community.

**Second Reading (NT) Romans 5.12–15** Paul refers to two proto-types: *Adam*, the first man, and *Christ*, the new man. The reality of sin is recognised as having infected all of humanity, and yet through the coming of the new man (and the sacrificial death he endured on the cross) the consequences of human sin have been repaired and redemption has been secured.

**Gospel: Matthew 10.26–33** As if he could foresee how much his disciples would suffer for their fidelity to his teaching, Jesus counsels them to have no fear.

**Divine Mercy Retreat** in the Deanery, **8 July 2023** from 1.30—4.30 at St Georges, Harrow Road, Sudbury HA0 2QE. Check out the noticeboard or call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

**Racial Justice in the Church** - a webinar for people working on this topic to learn from one another, to share experiences and initiatives, and to inform diocesan mission in this area. *When?* **11 July** 2-3.30pm *Where?* via **Zoom** *Cost?* **Free** to anyone [www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/)

**Sunday 16 July** at 3.30 pm at St Peter's Italian Church, 136 Clerkenwell Road EC1R 5DL – a Procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (first held in 1883), followed by an Italian street fête with music and stalls selling Italian food, drinks and lots more; all in a very Italian atmosphere!

**October Synod** The Vatican has now published the working document for the Synod of Bishops. If there is an appetite for it, we can talk about it in the parish. *Please let me know. FrJ*

**Intercessions Board** If you have a personal prayer request, please complete the form at the small notice board in the Narthex. It can be anonymous if you wish. They're different from named Mass Offerings, but we shall remember them at Mass.

#### **Readers Rota**

24 June 5.30 Martin Rush

25 June 8.00 Georgina Martins

10.00 Carol-Anne Chandler, Robert Chandler

1 July 5.30

2 July 8.00 Rosemary Chukwulobelu

10.00 Maureen Ruane, Monika Tabarrok

#### **Church Cleaning Rota**

1 July Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris and Beatrice McAdam

8 July Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrė Balčaitė and Viktoriia Vrublievska