

St. William of York R.C. Church



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The Most Holy Trinity

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Saturday 6th June Piedade Dias RIP
Sunday 7th June The Most Holy Trinity In honour of St William of York
Monday 8th June People of the parish
Tuesday 9th June Tsui Intention
Wednesday 10th June Dona Family Intention
Thursday 11th June St Barnabas, Apostle For a cure/vaccine for the virus
Friday 12th June Fletcher Intention
Saturday 13th June St Anthony of Padua Priest & Doctor Saint Anthony (Thanksgiving) Vena & Roque
Sunday 14th June The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sullivan Intention

The feast of the Holy Trinity and Saint William of York

‘Normally’ (whatever that means in our present circumstances) we would be celebrating our patronal feast day – with a special liturgy and ‘party’ in the hall. Bring back the parties - Father Michael writes - but ‘only when safe and appropriate’. Saint William of York had a tough life and was even sent into exile twice, by the King. Eventually returning as Archbishop of York he remained a strong servant of God and shepherd to his people. The readings and prayers of Mass this weekend focus on the mystery of the Trinity. At one level we know so much about the nature of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed the ‘inside truth’ about God – who is Father and Holy Spirit (celebrated last weekend at Pentecost). Jesus the Son of God and Messiah has shared with us - through His death and Resurrection - the way to life and the hope for ever. This is the guarantee and promise we have all received. I bless you all dear brothers, sisters, families, children and young people- in the name of the Father+ and of the Son+ and of the Holy Spirit + Father Michael

Saint Charles Lwanga and the Ugandan martyrs - BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Father Michael writes again: ‘On Wednesday I put a little video on the parish website for the feast of the Ugandan martyrs who are a wonderful example to the Church in every land. Despite persecution by the King and his authorities, despite assaults on their integrity of life - but most of all because of their Catholic faith - Saint Charles and his companions were executed. They were, in the main, young people. Saint Charles Lwanga himself was only 22 years old. They were all in the very best tradition of the diversity of African saints. Currently - after recent events in America - there is a worldwide chorus of ‘BLACK LIVES MATTER’. It seems to me that there is no denying that racism is everywhere. It manifests in all our hearts disguised as some type of keen nationalism, or militant tribalism. It runs through countries and constitutions; through politics, personal lives and public debate. As followers of Christ - we shout out clearly. Black lives matter. Oriental lives matter. Asian lives matter. East European lives matter. **ALL LIVES MATTER.** Dear brothers and sisters – on this matter there can be no double-talk. We are united and keen to help root out any type of racism wherever it appears.

Reopening of the Church no. 2

Details have been received from the Diocese on high level discussions with the Government in relation to the reopening of churches for public

worship. These discussions suggest that initially Churches will be allowed to open for Private Devotion only, and not for Mass or other services. Each Parish will thus be expected to follow recommended safety guidelines, and put in place measures to enable safe worship.

At St William of York, plans and measures have been developed to enable reopening. Once a reopening date has been officially received, full details of the new safety arrangements will be advised to Parishioners.

It is hoped that the reopening will be in early July. In the meantime, preparatory arrangements for a special deep clean of the Church, installation of safety signage etc are currently under way.

Tony Murphy, Finance Committee / Property & Safety Matters

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau : June 2020 : now postponed

More than 30 Stanmore people had signed up to attend the world famous Passion play in Bavaria. It was due to run from May until September; thousands of people from all over the world had booked and over the coming days, the Stanmore group would have been setting off! Due to the virus - the play has been postponed until 2022!!! Initially - it was suggested that those who had signed up should remain committed for the 2022 performance. "However I have now asked Pax Travel to return all monies to the pilgrims. We can START AGAIN for 2022 - for those who wish. Please make direct contact with Pax Travel - if you were a signed up/paid up pilgrim." Father Michael

Thank you from Mrs Amandini

Ileana recently celebrated her 90th birthday; two socially distancing parties were held in the front garden and pavement. Even in the rather strange world at present - it was a really lovely day and Mrs Amandini is very grateful to everyone involved.

No going back!

Of course we all wait for things to get back to 'normal' (that word again). Yet it is also increasingly clear that something/everything is changed. Yes, we all need stability and a recognised pattern of life - but at this time, and particularly for us as followers of Jesus - a special type of courage is needed. What lies ahead will be demanding - but we know we are in safe hands.

