



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am
*(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from
9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions)*

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

13 August 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

20 August 2023

TODAY'S READINGS - 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The Christian people are often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus the disciples were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him – and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? In all these situations we may discover God's presence, and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me.' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time, and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can help, even in a life-threatening situation. *Why is Peter such a good role-model for us?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023

We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Tuesday 15 August 2023.

Masses at 10.30am and 8pm.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Catherine (Teresa) O'Connell RIP

Mary Farrell's mother who sadly died this week

Please remember Teresa and her family and friends in your prayers

**Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her,
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

MASS ATTENDEES - 22/23 July - 312 29/30 July -182 5/6 August-193

FINANCES - JULY 2023

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,513.31

Donations for Sea Sunday - £569.70

Donations for Peter Pence - £255.54

Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £154.41

Donations for Toilets Refurbishment Project - £ 1,743.43

From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,495.00

Thank you for your continued support

Please gift aid where possible

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support for our Toilet Refurbishment Project. To date we have received a grand total of £7,948.23 towards our £10,000 target. All donations will be gratefully received direct to our bank account, via cash or cheque or via the contactless device in the Narthex or via the QR Code. Please remember to gift aid your donation as we will be able to claim an additional 25% from HMRC. Many thanks

**Our next newsletter will be issued for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time on
Sunday 27th August 2023**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 12 August 2023

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 13 August 2023

09:30 Fr Patrick Aikens RIP

11:30 Ron Howell RIP

Monday 14 August 2023 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

09:30 Madeleine (Ruth) Branigan RIP

Tuesday 15 August 2023 -

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holyday of Obligation

10:30 Ivan Phillip Charles RIP Birthday

20:00 For the Parishioners

Wednesday 16 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Joseph Maning RIP

Thursday 17 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 18 August 2023 -

09:30 Fr Henry Tims (FM)

Saturday 19 August 2023 - Feria

10:30 Edmund & Christine Murphy (FM)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 19 August 2023

18:00 Giovanni Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 20 August 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Beata Bajer RIP

(FM) Foundation Mass

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 19 August 2023

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 20 August 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Beata Bajer RIP

Monday 21 August 2023 - St. Pius X, Pope

09:30 John Warner RIP

Tuesday 22 August 2023 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Ruth Branigan RIP

Wednesday 23 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Nellie Malone RIP & Siobhan Malone

Thursday 24 August 2023 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 25 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Giovanni & Lucia Del Guercio RIP

Saturday 26 August 2023- Feria

10:30 Phillip O'Reilly RIP Centenary

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 26 August 2023

18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 27 August 2023

09:30 Ruth Brereton RIP 15th Anniversary

11:30 For the Parishioners