



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Mass Time Survey during the first three weekends of August. Your participation was invaluable in helping us to make the most informed decision for the good of our paired parishes moving forward. Our goal has never been simply to change a schedule. Rather, it has been to prayerfully consider how we can best serve our parishes today while preparing for the future. Every decision we make is guided by our mission to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life.

As we look ahead, we must also recognize the reality facing the Church today. With fewer priests available to serve our communities, we have the responsibility to develop a Mass schedule that can continue to meet the spiritual needs of our paired parishes now sharing 2 priests—even if one priest is called upon to celebrate all of our weekend Masses. The Church, while recognizing the Eucharist as the source and summit of all its ministries, places restrictions on the number of Masses priests can celebrate daily. Ideally, a priest would celebrate one Mass per day; however, the possibility of offering two Masses (*binating*) or even three Masses (*trinating*) are meant to be **exceptions** (cf. Canon 905 of the *Code of Canon Law*).

For those of you who like figures there were a total of 243 responses from individuals or families from both parishes. 16 could not be counted because they either ticked both proposals, or they didn't offer a full 3rd Proposal (only offering 1 mass time), or were left blank! The results from both parishes individually, and also from both Online and paper submissions all favoured Proposal 2. When collated, the Overall result of choices was: Option 1: 31% Option 2: 58.5% Option 3: 10.5%. Insofar as I can tell, when family groups are taken into account Option 2 pushes through 66%; nevertheless, whilst there is a definite preference, I know that the new Mass schedule may not be ideal or work for everyone, but I remain confident that it is a good path forward for our parishes in order to unite us and give us a base to help grow more into the communities that God wants us to be.

I have also taken into consideration a number of comments that have been added to the submissions. When I spoke at all 7 current weekend Masses at the beginning of the Consultation, I noted that there would be a future decision on whether 2 Saturday Evening Masses was a realistic provision, and that we would be looking specifically at this when we review the new schedule at Easter to see how it is working, and if any adjustments might still be needed. Some suggested that we should cut one of the Saturday Vigil masses now, but many more asked if the times could be adjusted and I have tried to accommodate this request in the new weekend schedule.

Overleaf you will find the pattern of Masses from the weekend of October 3rd/4th. There will also be a new pattern of weekday masses, but this, of its nature, will be more flexible.

With every Blessing, *Fr Stephen.*

WEEKEND MASS PROVISION FROM 3/4TH OCTOBER 2026

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	SERVICE	
SATURDAY	5PM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	ANTICIPATED MASS OF SUNDAY	Simple said.
SATURDAY	6.30PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	ANTICIPATED MASS OF SUNDAY	Simple said
SUNDAY	8.45AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	MASS	Simple said
SUNDAY	10.30AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	SOLEMN MASS	Choir and Cantor
SUNDAY	12 NOON	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	SUNG MASS	Choir/ Filipino Choir
SUNDAY	5.30PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS - DIOCESAN PROVISION	Usually Low Mass

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE (When both priests are available).

DAY	TIME	PLACE		TIME	PLACE	
MONDAY	12.30PM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	Parish Surgery 1.15pm	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	
TUESDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Exposition until evening Mass.	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Confessions 6.15pm
WEDNESDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN		7PM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	Parish Surgery 5-6pm Confessions 6.15pm
THURSDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Bible Study	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	
FRIDAY	10AM	FIVE PRECIOUS WOUNDS	Followed by Stations in Lent	7PM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Followed by Stations in Lent
SATURDAY	10AM	SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN	Exposition until evening Mass.			