



**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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

16 July 2023

TODAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus tells the parable of the sower to a crowd, but he does not explain it to them. Only his disciples receive the explanation, because only they are open to hearing the truth. He tells them that the seed is the word of God and that the places where it lands correspond to the natures of the people hearing the word. Those who reject it are the edge of the path, where the seed fails to take root and it is stolen from them by the birds of the air. Those who like to hear it, but lack the conviction to live by it, are the stony ground, where the roots are too shallow to survive. Those whose worldly concerns divert them from their intention to live by the word of God are the rough ground where the thorns smother the growing seedlings. Those who welcome it, live by it, and share it, so that others may also hear it and share it, they are the good soil producing a harvest of seeds, which go on to be planted to grow new crops, spreading the word ever more widely.

However we live our lives, we influence others by our words and actions;
may that influence always be grounded in the love of God.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew
13:24-43

SEA SUNDAY

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk



SCHOOL LEAVERS' MASS

This week we celebrate a Mass with our school community as the academic year ends. We congratulate our school on its achievements this year and we wish everyone a restful summer holiday. Best wishes to the children of Year 6 who will be moving on to their secondary school.

CHIEF SCOUT SILVER AWARD (TOP CUB SCOUT AWARD)

Congratulations to Joshua and George, who will be presented their Chief Scout Silver Award by the District Commissioner this week. This is the top award for Cub Scouts and it shows that they are adventurous, have helped their community and learnt about the world. It also means that they have gained skills, worked in a team, completed their Challenge Awards and a minimum of six activity badges. Well done to you both!

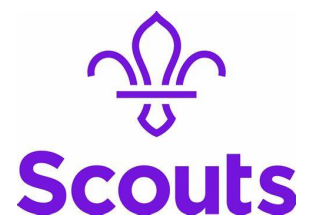


CHIEF SCOUT BRONZE AWARD (TOP BEAVER SCOUT AWARD)

The Beaver Scouts have been busy too - Congratulations to Iris, Oscar, Arthur, Eitan, Eli, Milo, Oliver and Isaac who will be awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards. It shows that they are adventurous, have helped their community and have learnt about the world. It also means that they have gained skills, worked in a team, completed all their Challenge Awards and at least four Activity Badges. Well done to them all!

In September they are moving from Beavers to Cubs, so we will have a few spaces for new members aged 6 to join our Beaver Colony. Check out our website <http://www.12thforesthill.scoutsonline.co.uk/>

Adults - if you have a skill you could share with us, please get in touch. We all love learning. Could you be one of our volunteers? Get in touch if you would like to find out more ahesketh@12thswyoyscouts.org



Akela/Antonieta Hesketh, Lead Volunteer

FINANCES - JUNE 2023

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,356.68
Donations for Day for Life - £131.46
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £129.32
Donations for Toilets Refurbishment Project - £5,699.42
From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,505.00

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 £7,114,52 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 for your generosity and support.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2023

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION IN OUR PARISHES SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES There will be a Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast*. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. **Registration is FREE.**

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Ruth Branigan RIP

Funeral at St. William of York on Monday 17 July at 11.00am

Please remember Ruth's family and friends in your prayers

Helen Iris Brown RIP

Funeral at St. William of York on Friday 28 July at 10.00am

Please remember Helen's family and friends in your prayers

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

PARISH DIARY

Thur 20 July 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Sat 22 July 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

24/25 June - 462 1/2 July - 302 8/9 July - 252



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 15 July 2023

18:00 Martin Costello RIP

Sunday 16 July 2023

09:30 Kevin Gavin RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 17 July 2023 - Feria

11:00 Funeral of Ruth Branigan RIP

Tuesday 18 July 2023 - Feria

09:30 Ron Marchant RIP

Wednesday 19 July 2023 - Feria

09:30 Ivan Phillip Charles RIP Anniversary (live-streamed)

Thursday 20 July 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 21 July 2023 - Feria

09:30 Con Manning RIP

Saturday 22 July 2023- St. Mary Magdalene

10:30 Holy Souls

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 22 July 2023

18:00 John Cooper RIP

Sunday 23 July 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Julia Bentham RIP & Bentham Family

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/