



**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 & last Friday of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**28 JULY 2024**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**4 AUGUST 2024**

Dear Parishioners

With the closure of the academic year and thanksgiving Mass in our school, we now have started the summer recess, this also marks the beginning of a slowing down of the pace of every ministry and activity in our parish life to facilitate this precious time.

I wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday time, which becomes an opportunity and precious time to rest, but also, a time to rediscover the joy of being with one's family, simply, without too many plans and without having to chase after goals or activities with which to fill the days. A time to have physical and mental rest, to visit new places and meet new people, and to make it a time of prayer and reflection.

Whatever you plan to do. I wish you a great time and thank you for your hard work, generosity, love and support to the parish.

We will have a visiting priest Fr Lameck Nkhata residing in the presbytery during the month of August.

We welcome Fr Lameck to our parish and wish him a joyful and blessed time with us.

God Bless

Fr Habte

### **TODAY'S READINGS -**

2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -**

Today's Gospel reading reflects the story in the first reading, where Elisha's servant questions how twenty barley loaves and fresh grain would be enough "to serve a hundred men" and have some left over. Despite his concern, the servant did as he was told and there was some left over.

In our Gospel reading, the same story can be found when Jesus is faced by a huge crowd and the Apostle Philip wondering where they could buy enough food to feed them all. Their faith was tested when Jesus asked for the crowd to be seated and the five barley loaves and two fish were handed out by him to feed all, with plenty left over.

The two stories give us the opportunity to reflect on the Lord's love for us and his willingness to help us in all sorts of situations which we may face in our lives, and his presence within us through the Eucharist.

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**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Gabrielle Zoe Rimando Sison. Congratulations to Gabrielle and her parents Ailyn and Jefferson from all at St William of York and welcome Gabrielle to our parish family.

## **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - Sunday, 28 July 2024**

The fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 28 July 2024. Pope Francis has given the day the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" from Psalm 71:9

In a special section on our website, you can read the full message from the Holy Father as well as prayers, podcasts, and links to help you celebrate the day.

As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly/>

Thank you to all our Grandparents and Elderly on this special day.

Dear Lord,

We thank you for grandparents and elderly relatives throughout the world, their lives and their vocation.

We are grateful for their love, care and the advice that they give to each of us.

Protect them dear Lord, in all that they do, as we continue to be blessed

by their wisdom in our communities.

Guide them in their earthly pilgrimage and

always keep them close to your heart,

so that they continue to generously respond to your call.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Ephesians 4:17,20-24, John 6:24-35

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -**

The five thousand who had been fed by Jesus followed him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, hoping that he would continue to feed them. Jesus reproached them for desiring nothing more than temporary physical nourishment, when they could be seeking the spiritual food that provides eternal life through doing God's work. The people asked what work God expected of them, so Jesus revealed that it was simply believing in him, that he is the bread of life and that anyone coming to him and believing in him will never hunger or thirst. It is made even clearer in Matthew's Gospel Ch.6: seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. For now, we live and work in the physical world, but if our priority is to follow Christ's command, to love God and neighbour in all our mundane activity, then we receive the spiritual nourishment leading to everlasting life, whilst God ensures that our physical work meets our material needs.

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**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - On 3rd August we will baptise Clara Jane Creelan-Sandford. Congratulations to Clara and her parents Alison and Benjie from all at St William of York and welcome Clara to our parish family.

**BENEDICTION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Please note we will not have Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday in August, we will resume in September after the holidays.

**STEWARDS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Many of our regular ministers will be on holiday during the summer period so it will be greatly appreciated if you are able to offer assistance as required at your regular Mass times. Thank you

**LIVE-STREAMING** Please note we will be unable to live-stream Mass throughout August, we will resume live-streaming in September after the holidays.

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2024** - For Political Leaders  
Pope Francis invites prayers "so that political leaders may serve their people, work for comprehensive human development and the common good, attending to those who have lost their jobs and prioritising the poorest."

## SAVE THE DATES -" CALLED TO HOLINESS" DAY FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Saturday 19th or 26th October 2024

Please note there will be two formation days for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese., coming up on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at St Stephen's Church, Welling**. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Streatham**, for the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham, and Lambeth.

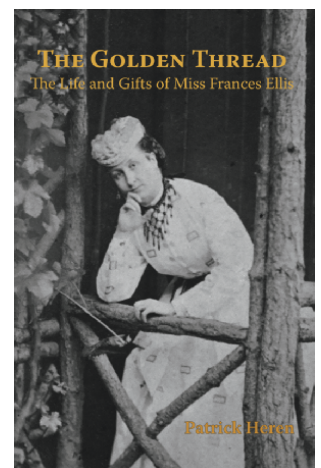
Participants can attend either of the days more convenient for them. Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. The theme for this year is –“Called to Holiness”, in preparation for the Jubilee year and to help us all live a good Christian life amidst the daily challenges of life. **Please register your attendance with Mary via the parish office [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)**

## BIOGRAPHY OF MISS FRANCES ELLIS, FOUNDER-BENEFACTOR OF ST WILLIAM OF YOK CHURCH by Patrick Heron

Born to a life of wealth and privilege in 1846, Frances Ellis converted to Catholicism in 1900, and set about giving away her money to support the church. Over the course of a decade, she was responsible for the building of 40 new Catholic churches, mostly in the diocese of Southwark, nearly all of which are still in active use.

She sought no recognition for her intensely practical generosity and received none from the church authorities. She was content with the giving. Frances herself lived in west Cornwall with nuns of the Daughters of the Cross, an order she also supported financially, helping to build hospitals, schools and convents. Hundreds of letters preserved by the order give a lively picture of her life and remarkable character.

The Golden Thread tells Frances' story and sets it in the context of the evolving English church and its many challenges in the early 20th century. It draws pen portraits of remarkable men and women like Cardinal Francis Bourne, Canon Edward St John and Mother Iphigène Butner.



## MASS ATTENDEES

6/7 July -283    13/14 July - 251    20/21 July - 479

## PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 30 July 7.30pm

PPC Meeting

Cafe York

### POPE: OLYMPICS AN “UNMISSABLE OPPORTUNITY’ TO FOSTER PEACE

Pope Francis, in a message to the Archbishop of Paris ahead of the Olympics, has heralded the Games as an opportunity to break down prejudices and bring friendship where there is hatred.

“The Olympic Games are, by their very nature, about peace, not war,” the Holy Father wrote to Archbishop Laurent Ulrich. “I hope that the Paris Olympics will be an unmissable opportunity for all those who come from around the world to discover and appreciate each other, to break down prejudices, to foster esteem where there is contempt and mistrust, and friendship where there is hatred.”

The Pope also expressed his belief that sport can unite and encourage dialogue. Read the full letter on [vatican.va](http://vatican.va).

**INTERNAL AUDITORS NEEDED** - We are looking to recruit additional Internal Auditors for our Archdiocesan Audit Programme. If you know someone who has a good financial background, with audit and reporting experience, please contact Paul Jackson [pauljackson@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:pauljackson@rcaos.org.uk)

**ANNUNCIATION & ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH, BECKENHAM HILL** Is in need of a part time parish secretary Two days a week from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. If you are interested please contact Fr Uduak Abara, MSP 07577 412174

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2024

We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday 15 August 2024.  
Masses at 10.30am and 8pm.

Our next double-edition newsletter will be issued for the  
Nineteenth & Twentieth Sundays in Ordinary Time  
on Sunday 11th August 2024



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Saturday 27 July 2024**

**18:00** Norbert Prill RIP

**Sunday 28 July 2024**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Gerald Gunasingham RIP

**Monday 29 July 2024 - Sts. Mary, Martha & Lazarus**

**09:30** Frances Ellis (FM)

**Tuesday 30 July 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Ellen Bratton (FM)

**Wednesday 31 July 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Charles & Emily Griffin (FM) (live-streamed)

**Thursday 1 August 2024 - St, Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 2 August 2024 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**

**09:30** Kathleen Redmond RIP Birthday

**Saturday 3 August 2024 - Feria**

**10:30** Dora Etafo RIP

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Saturday 3 August 2024**

**18:00** Renate Betson RIP

**Sunday 4 August 2024**

**09:30** Joseph Dominique RIP Birthday

**11:30** For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Saturday 3 August 2024**

**18:00** Renate Betson RIP

**Sunday 4 August 2024**

**09:30** Joseph Dominique RIP Birthday

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 5 August 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** William Jordan (FM)

**Tuesday 6 August 2024 - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**09:30** Sheila Cowell RIP

**Wednesday 7 August 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Condon Family (FM)

**Thursday 8 August 2024 - St. Dominic, Priest**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 9 August 2024 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

**09:30** Frances Ellis (FM)

**Saturday 10 August 2024 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

**10:30** Holy Souls

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Saturday 10 August 2024**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 11 August 2024**

**09:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

**11:30** Maeve O'Kelly (FM)

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# **Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life**

led by

**Rt Rev. Dr David Oakley**

**Bishop of Northampton**

**commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass  
in the Chapel of Reconciliation**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

**DEPARTURE 7.30 a.m. (prompt)**

**Westminster Cathedral**

**Ambrosden Avenue**

**Tickets : Adults £25.00, children £15  
from Christopher 01858 571242**

for more details

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