



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

27 August 2023

TODAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 22:19-23, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - At last Peter recognises that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. At last he realises that in Jesus he can see the action of God made visible. The disciples followed Jesus as soon as he called, but for a long time they were puzzled about what to make of him, of his wonderful teaching and his godlike personality. Now comes a shaft of light and understanding. We too often take some time to appreciate the true worth of someone we know well: a little gesture can sometimes reveal just how generous and thoughtful they are. Peter suddenly grasps that here is the Son of God, acting among them, a daunting or even terrifying thought. Jesus replies to Peter's recognition with his own generosity, giving him a new name, 'Rock', for this is what 'Peter' means. If you name something, you make it your own, take it to yourself. This is just what Jesus does with Simon who becomes his own Peter, his own 'Rock'. That is the importance of the naming of a child at Baptism: Jesus takes us to himself and we become his. The early Christians called themselves 'Those over whom the name of Jesus has been called'. We may have been named Mary or John, but the name of Jesus has been called over us and we have become his. *What are the implications for us of Jesus' promise to Peter?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Last weekend we baptised Mathias Fajardo Bravo. Many congratulations to his parents Carmen and Javier from all at St William of York and welcome Mathias to our parish family.



BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2023

Please note Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August will be at 10.30am

SERVICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, REFLECTION & PRAYER

The Archdiocese of Southwark & LoudFence warmly invite you to a Service of Acknowledgement, Reflection & Prayer for those that have been harmed by Abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed.

Date-27th September 2023

Time-6.30pm

Venue-St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY

After the service, in partnership with LOUDFENCE, we invite everyone to tie a ribbon to our tree of reflection as a sign of solidarity, care, hope to survivors and as a memorial for those that have been lost by abuse.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists. This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process.

Where: Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR

When: Saturday 30 September 2023

Start: 10:00am finishing with Mass at 4:00pm

<https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/iu6nxig8>

Please book online as soon as possible.

PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION

A Seminar at the Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday, 28th October 2023. For registration, please use this link.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>

Or write to us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

MASS ATTENDEES - 5/6 August-193 12/13 August-195 19/20 August-187

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 £7,982,64 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

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

LOCAL GARDENER AVAILABLE FOR LAWN CARE

A neighbour of Margaret Cooper, please call for details - 020 8265 5315

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

Monday 28 August 2023 -

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10:30 May O'Brien RIP

Tuesday 29 August 2023 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

09:30 Martin James Quin RIP & Family

Prayers for John Warner RIP 80th Birthday

Wednesday 30 August 2023 - Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward

09:30 Sue & Vic Hepworth Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 31 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 1 September 2023 - Feria

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

09:30 Godwin Okivurviv Anne

Saturday 2 September 2023 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 Mary Storey (FM)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 2 September 2023

18:00 Giovanni & Lucia Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 3 September 2023

09:30 Fr Patrick Aikens RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners