



**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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

3 September 2023

Dear Parishioners

A big Thank you to Fr Alexio Tapiwa Matska who has been here-with us in our parish for the month of August for a supply in my absence. We thank him for his pastoral service. He is now in the Church of the Good Shepherd parish, Downham, for a similar service in the month of September.

Fr Alexio will visit us at the end of this month before he moves back to Rome.

We are delighted to announce that the parish toilet refurbishment project which was slightly delayed because of the time needed to purchase materials will be commencing this Monday 4th September 2023, we will be starting one section at a time in order to allow the congregation and hall users to use the remaining toilets. We will put clear signs to indicate that, please be cautious at the time of work. So far we have received **£8,007.01** from many parishioners, that is over 80% of the money needed for the project. We are grateful for your generous contribution, we appreciate your contribution to make the remaining 20 %. As usual you can donate using a bank transfer to the parish account, the electronic plate in the narthex or in cash.

Fr Habte

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - What a turn-around! Last Sunday Peter was being congratulated on at last realising the Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why the change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose, and Peter shied away from it. What is that particular soft option which you find it so easy to take? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you, and you are avoiding? We are no better than his first disciples! It happens twice more in the gospel that Jesus foretells his passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word. Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck! *What is the heaviest Cross in your life?*

How can you share it with Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our Parish Families after the summer holidays and pray for those starting school/college/university for the first time or returning for the new academic year.

REMINDER - SCHOOL STREET RESTRICTIONS RESUME FROM NEXT WEEK -

please remember no access during term time to Brockley Park without an exemption
Mon to Fri- 8.30am to 9.15am & 2.45pm to 3.45pm

MISSIONARY APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

We will have a Missionary priest visiting our parish next weekend from the Society of African Missions and we will have a second collection. Many thanks in advance for your support.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2023, Pope Francis encourages us to “live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.” [CLICK HERE to Read the full text of the Pope's message](#)

In 2022 the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales issued a new edition of its teaching document on the environment – The Call of Creation.

[CLICK HERE to Read The Call of Creation](#)



SOUTHWARK JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION AUTUMN ASSEMBLY

Saturday 23rd September 2023 entitled “**The Right to Stay: Free to Choose**” in response to the message of the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, at St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP. Parish Mass 10am. Registration 10.30am.

Programme starts 11am. Finishes 4pm. Free Entrance. Donations suggested.

Lunch provided. All welcome.

Keynote speaker: Rt. Rev. Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migration & Refugees and Member of the Department for International Affairs at the Bishops Conference for England and Wales on ‘Love the Stranger’, What really happened at Napier Barracks?

To reserve a place email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

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.

27th September 2023 at 6.30pm at 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 - 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

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 9.30 am to 4.00 pm on**

Saturday, 28th 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 that day there will be contributions from a range of

speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan

Archbishop of Southwark. To register for the Seminar, please scan the QR Code or

click on the following link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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

MASS ATTENDEES

12/13 August-195 19/20 August-187 26/27 August - 149

PARISH DIARY

Thur 7 Sept 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 8 Sept 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler group	Cafe York
Sat 9 Sept 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Mon 11 Sept 8pm	1st Reconciliation & Eucharist Catechists Meeting	Cafe York



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 (live-streamed)

Monday 4 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 Deceased members of the McGurran & Pluska families

Tuesday 5 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 Catherine Teresa O'Connell RIP

Wednesday 6 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 John Warner RIP & family (live-streamed)

Thursday 7 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 8 September 2023 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Nellie Malone

Saturday 9 September 2023 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 In Honor of the Sacred Heart (FM)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Education Day

Saturday 9 September 2023

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 10 September 2023

09:30 Adrian McGurran RIP

11:30 Massimo Dereani & Dosolina Dereani

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/