



**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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Education Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

This week our parish school of St William of York, has once again opened its doors to welcome its students. I would like to express my warm welcome to all the leadership and the teaching staff of the school, I hope all members of the school community are well rested, refreshed and ready for the new academic year ahead. Our school is at the centre of our parish life in many ways, preparing and forming the next generation in the many aspects of their life.

We cherish our collaborative work for the good of our community and the overall growth, maturity and benefit of our children and their parents.

I renew my best wishes for good studies and a good academic year.

God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - A deaf man with a speech impediment is brought to Jesus for healing. The people are expecting a laying on of hands, but Jesus takes him to a private place, touches his ears, puts spittle in his mouth, and, after looking up to heaven with a sigh, he commands, "Be opened" to heal him. We are not told why Jesus heals in different ways and sometimes the power just comes out of him when a believer touches his garment; it is almost as if he cannot help himself. When a leper says, "If you want to, you can heal me," Jesus replies, "Of course I want to." Today's reading from Isaiah reminds us that such miracles point to Jesus being the Messiah: the people around him are certainly wondering, quoting Isaiah: "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak." Jesus orders them not to tell others about such healing, because it is merely a pointer, an indicator that God cares. Jesus wants people to come to him to hear the Good News that God loves each one of us passionately and the real healing he offers is spiritual, leading to everlasting life, but only if we want to be healed - he also loves us so much that he will not impose it on us. PB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35

EDUCATION SUNDAY - SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024 - The theme for 2024 is, "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak", taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37). Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. [READ MORE](#)

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION 8 SEPTEMBER

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Many thanks in advance for your support.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS

Please collect a form from Father Habte after Mass if you will be applying for your child to attend a Catholic secondary school this year. Please email to foresthill@rcaos.org.uk of post the information/school forms through the presbytery letter box at 4 Brockley Park together with your contact details and copy Baptism certificate if your child was NOT baptised at St William of York by **Sunday 6th October 2024**.

Fr Habte will contact you if he has any points to discuss and we will let you know in good time when the forms may be collected

SWOY Citizens

As many of you are aware, our Listening Campaign highlighted mental health and well-being as a priority within our community. To promote positive mental health at St. William of York Church and School, we are exploring the possibility of becoming a Be Well Hub.

The Be Well initiative emerged in response to the psychological impact of the pandemic, addressing the increased risks of loneliness, depression, and anxiety. It aims to connect people with each other and with the right services. Past events under this initiative have included coffee mornings, lunch clubs, drop-ins, and Mindful walks.

To launch this initiative at SWOY, we will need to undergo training to become Be Well Champions. The training is divided into two parts: Mental Health Be Well Champions Training and Citizens UK Community Organising Training. It consists of a one-day training session. If we have more than six volunteers, we can arrange bespoke training sessions at SWOY. Otherwise, those interested will participate in training at a local venue. Online training options are also available for those who prefer them.

If you are interested in becoming a Be Well Champion, please reach out to Janet Emmanuel, David Longley, or Geke Ong.

In the meantime, we warmly invite the Community to join us for a Community Tea on 21st September at 4:00 PM, before the 6:00 PM Mass. We can arrange transportation for anyone who needs it.

We would also appreciate any volunteers who can assist with organising this event.

[Be Well Hub Brochure](#)

SEASON OF CREATION - 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2024

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. [READ MORE](#)

HOME MISSION SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND:

This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

SAVE THE DATE for the JPIC ASSEMBLY entitled 'God Walks with His People' on the **12th October 10AM Mass** at **St James the Great Roman Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1AY**. The theme is poverty in the UK and overseas. The Assembly is a time for the diocese to come together in fellowship, in pursuit of catholic social justice for those in need. Further details will follow shortly.

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. Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR on Saturday 28 September 2024 - 10:00am finishing with Mass at 4:00pm <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2024> Please book online as soon as possible.

" CALLED TO HOLINESS" DAY FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - 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 19th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling**. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And on **Saturday 26th 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**

FINANCES - JULY 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,289.45
Donations for the Spiritans Missionary Appeal - £460.49
Donations for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) - £550.01
Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £120.00
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,975.00

Thank you for your continued support
Please gift aid where possible

NAT WEST BANK CATFORD CLOSURE

Many of you will know that the Catford branch of NatWest closed during August. Each week for years and years we have gone there to pay in our collection money and they have provided an excellent service.

So, this closure will cause us considerable problems and additional work, not least hauling coins into the Lewisham or Bromley Branch or dealing with the limited banking facility at the local Post Offices.

We are, therefore, asking parishioners (if they have not already done so) to consider setting up a standing order to pay their collection money directly into the parish account, or use the Contactless device in the Narthex or our secure online portal via our website

Parish Bank details to set up a regular standing order:-

Account name: RCAS Forest Hill

Sort Code: 60-50-01

Acc No: 79124437

If you need any help with this or have any questions, do please contact Mary in the office and she will be happy to help. 020 8690 4549 or

foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

ROBERT ARNAUD RIP

(father of Aurore Arnaud)

Please pray for Robert's family and friends at this difficult time

ANNE CHERKEZ RIP

(mother of Suzanne Cherkez)

Please pray for Anne's family and friends at this difficult time

JOSEPH DE SOUZA RIP

(brother of Maurise Germaine de Souza)

Please pray for Joseph's family and friends at this difficult time

MICHAEL STANNARD RIP

(step-father of Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller)

Funeral on 20 September at 12 Noon at St Edmund's Church, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3NP

Please pray for Michael's family and friends at this difficult time

**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**

GRIEF IN LOSS - For anyone who has suffered bereavement, recently OR long ago!
HOPE IN CHRIST – 4-6 OCTOBER – THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD. Cost: £260.00 single; £230.00
shared. for more info and bookings contact: tel: 01622 717272
email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

MASS ATTENDEES

17/18 August -207 - 24/25 August - 207 - 31/1 September - 255

PARISH DIARY

Monday 9 Sept 7.30pm	1st R&E Catechists Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 12 Sept 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 13 Sept 9.15am	Parents & Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 14 Sept 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 15 Sept 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Education Day

Saturday 7 September 2024

18:00 Giovanni & Lucia Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 8 September 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Mary, Catherine & Margaret Jeffreys (FM)

Monday 9 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 The Gillian Family (FM)

Tuesday 10 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Margaret Wilson (FM)

Wednesday 11 September 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Rita Mellon RIP

Thursday 12 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 13 September 2024 - St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Frances Ellis (FM)

Saturday 14 September 2024 - The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

10:30 Holy Souls

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

Saturday 14 September 2024

18:00 Nancy Willis RIP

Sunday 15 September 2024

09:30 Peter Healy Wellbeing

11:30 For the Parishioners

(FM) = Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Annual service for those harmed by abuse



Service of hope & healing

25 SEP
6.30PM

*St George's Cathedral, London,
SE1 7HY*

Annual service of hope & healing for those who have been harmed by abuse and for those who work with or support the people who have been harmed.

After the service, people will be invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence", as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for survivors and as a memorial for those lost to abuse.



Scan the QR code to find out more.



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