



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

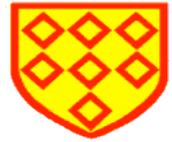
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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday - Friday 9.30am Mass

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

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
22 JANUARY 2023
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Dear Parishioners

Last year in June we jointly celebrated the feast of our Patron Saint and our parish international day, a wonderful and colourful day of our unity and diversity which was enjoyed by many, a day that brought most of our parishioners together to give thanks to God for the welcoming and open parish we are, here in Forest hill.

It was decided that we celebrate this day as our yearly event, this year it will fall on the feast of Corpus Christi, on Sunday 11th June. The parish liturgy committee and the music group are looking for a wider participation of the community. Therefore, we ask you to please suggest and advise us of any hymns in your language that we can all learn and sing together.

I encourage you to contact us as soon as possible so that we can make sure we have enough time to learn and prepare. Please contact Maria Noronha from the music group, Fr Habte in person or Mary in the parish office, Using our parish e mail or telephone number.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Isaiah 8:23,9:3, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-23

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

Today's Gospel Reading places us at the very beginning of Jesus's ministry. As Matthew recalls it, Jesus did not start with a fanfare and a mind blowing statement about who he was and what he was about to do. No, he made a simple statement – "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." This should give us a great deal of confidence to know that any mistakes (or sins) that we make, great or small, will be forgiven if we openly and honestly admit our wrongdoing to the Lord, ask for forgiveness and make a genuine commitment not to repeat them. But even if we do, that forgiveness is still there for us – we only have to ask.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Clara Longley and Michael Thiongo. Many congratulations to Clara and Michael and their parents Mary and David and Margaret and Nathan from all at St William of York and welcome Clara and Michael to our parish family.



COULD YOU HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY?

Children's liturgy has restarted at 0930 Mass with a session for toddlers to year 6. We have a great team who run 2/3 sessions each per term. We can support you with ideas and materials and buddy with you for your first few sessions. You'll need to complete a DBS. Contact Clare Hill for a chat about what's involved clare_em_jones@hotmail.com

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We welcome all children in Year 4 and above who have celebrated their First Eucharist to join our parish serving team. We will be running a training session for new servers on **Saturday 4th February 2.30-3.45pm** and again at **4.00-5.15pm** if needed. The number of children we can have at the session is limited, so please email us at swoy.altarserving@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming. This helps us to plan the session and know how many children to expect. If you cannot come, please let us know and we will try to arrange another time. If you would like to start serving at Mass, you need to come to a training session first.

OUR LOCAL CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK SERVICE - THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

This year the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18 to the 25 January. During this time, we should remember in our prayers the important task of uniting all parts of our Christian family. This year our local Christian Week Unity Service, to which all SWOY parishioners are invited to attend, takes place on **Thursday 26th January at 7pm** at St Saviours, Brockley Rise. Our thanks to Fr. David Vyvyan and the members of St Saviour's Church for hosting this service on behalf of all the churches in Sydenham and Forest Hill.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023

At the Inaugural RJS Mass in 2022, Archbishop John Wilson stated strongly that there was no place for Racism in the Catholic Church, and encouraged all to '...broaden our hearts to love and minds to understand and to recognise that in the cultures of others, in the languages and traditions of others, there is something enormously enriching for the whole of the world.' This year on Racial Justice Sunday, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland encourage us to remember Stephen Lawrence. The 30th anniversary of the racist killing of the black teenager in Eltham will fall on 22nd April 2023, In life he aspired to be an architect, but his legacy has seen him become an architect for justice, equality, dignity and unity. All are invited to the Racial Justice Sunday Mass at St George's Cathedral, which will take place at 10 am on Sunday 5th February 2023 and will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass will also be live-streamed via the RC Southwark YouTube account: <https://bit.ly/RJS2023>

Those attending Mass in person are encouraged to wear cultural dress and are asked to be seated by 9.45 am for a prompt start at 10 am in St George's Cathedral.

SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY: Saturday 11th February 2023

On 11th February, between 10 am and 5 pm at the QEII centre (London), Catholic Voices, the Word on Fire Institute and the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom will be hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. The vision of the conference is to bring people together in person for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission.

Bishop Robert Barron will be the keynote speaker. All are welcome. Find out more details by clicking the link below: <https://www.sharingthechurchstory.com/>

ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT

Celebrate St David's Day with The Passage on **Thursday 3rd March 2023** at St Paul's Knightsbridge. Hear an inspiring mix of traditional Welsh music, as well as some popular classic tunes in a stunning venue. The London Welsh Male Voice Choir will be joined by special guests Eiry Price [soprano] and John Ieuan Jones [baritone]. All proceeds from this event will go directly to The Passage, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/st-davids-day-concert/> "



WORLD YOUTH DAY : 31st July to 7th August 2023

There are a few remaining spaces on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day from 31st July to 7th August 2023. The price is £1,396, which includes flights, 3* B&B accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you're 18-35, please book by 31st January to secure the above price. For full details and booking link, please visit <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>

Please direct any queries to youth@rcaos.org.uk

VACANCY: FINANCE DIRECTOR

A role offering an exciting opportunity to a fully qualified ACA, ACCA, CIMA accountant to provide direction and oversight to the financial management of the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. The role will also provide financial oversight to Missio an associated charity helps local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background.

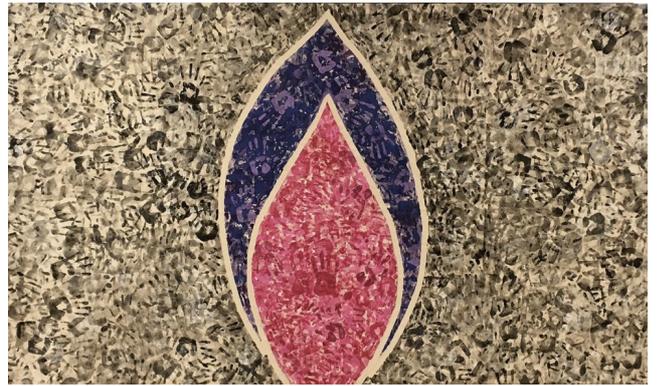
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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - JANUARY 2023

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY TRUST (HMDT)
FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023**

HMDT encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) – the international day on 27 January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution of other groups and during more recent genocides



in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. 27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

The Holocaust threatened the fabric of civilisation, and genocide must still be resisted every day. Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable and we cannot be complacent. Even in the UK, prejudice and the language of hatred must be challenged by us all. HMD is for everyone. Each year across the UK, thousands of people come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future. We know they learn more, empathise more and do more.

Together we bear witness for those who endured genocide, and honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition.

[Click here to Read More](#)

Prayer

Loving God, you care for each and every human life.

All people are cherished as your beloved children,
no matter how ordinary or extraordinary their stories are.

Today we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust,
the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of all genocides.

May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory, and our hearts be
moved to bear witness to their lives.

Help us all to turn away from hatred and division, and to build a world
where genocide is no more.

Strengthen us so that we, in our own ordinary ways, may show
extraordinary love in the world today.

Amen

Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Clare Bedding RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York
Tuesday 24 January at 12.00pm

Hannah Janiszewska RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York
Monday 20 February at 12.00pm

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

MASS ATTENDEES

31 Dec/1 Jan- 209 7/8 Jan- 299 14/15 Jan- 337

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 22 Jan 6pm	Confirmation Session 2	Church
Wednesday 25 Jan 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Thursday 26 Jan 7pm	Christian Week Unity Service	St Saviours, Brockley Rise
Saturday 28 Jan 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Saturday 4 Feb 2.30-3.45pm & 4.00-5.15pm	Altar Server training	Church
Sunday 5 Feb 10am	Racial Justice Mass	St George's Cathedral
Sunday 5 Feb 3pm	Eucharist 1 Session	Church
Sunday 5 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Session 3 (with parents)	Church

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sunday of the Word of God

Saturday 21 January 2023

18:00 James Maguire RIP

Sunday 22 January 2023

09:30 Adrian McGurran RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 23 January 2023 - Feria

09:30 John McGlynn RIP Senior

Tuesday 24 January 2023 - St. Francis de Sales

09:30 John & Helen O'Connor (FM)

12:00 Funeral of Clare Bedding RIP

Wednesday 25 January 2023 - The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

09:30 Nicaraguan Catholic Church, Bishop Alvarez
and innocent political prisoners ([live-streamed](#))

Thursday 26 January 2023 - Sts. Timothy & Titus

09:30 William & Jessie Thorpe (FM)

Friday 27 January 2023 - St. Angela Merici

09:30 Herrintta Ihagbedua RIP

Saturday 28 January 2023 - St. Thomas Aquinas

10:30 Winifred Watt (FM)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 28 January 2023

18:00 Adrian McGurran RIP

Sunday 29 January 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon