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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)  
20 NOVEMBER 2022**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday, I would like to extend our congratulations to Vivian Griffin who will be confirmed. I commend our candidate Vivian for her steadfastly participation for almost two years in the RCIA Journey in Faith to complete the Sacrament of Initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I also would like to thank her generous and faithful sponsor Betty Yabrifa-Lowe who journeyed with Vivian for the duration of the RCIA process.

Thank you to our parish RCIA team and all the collaborating Catechists for their dedication and hard work.

Please continue to keep Vivian and her Sponsor in your prayers for their continued growth and perseverance in the Faith.

God Bless  
Fr Habte



## **TODAY'S READINGS -**

2 Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

The crucifixion scene in Luke, as in all the gospels, is the climax of the story of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the role of Jesus as King. The soldiers mock him as such, but the Gospel's use of irony ensures that we understand that they are saying more than they realise. Jesus is also ridiculed as Saviour ('Save yourself and us as well!'): especially in Luke (from the Infancy Stories onwards) Jesus is presented as the true Saviour – who is God. In Luke the crucifixion scene is primarily a scene of forgiveness, where Jesus carries on to the very end his work of forgiveness, which Luke has underlined throughout his Gospel. The scene begins with the women of Jerusalem mourning for Jesus, and ends with all the spectators departing, beating their breasts, recognising their universal guilt. Jesus spontaneously forgives his executioners, asking God's forgiveness for them before they even ask it for themselves. He welcomes into his kingdom of Paradise the bandit who spontaneously acknowledges his wrongdoing. Here we see the culmination of all those scenes throughout Luke's Gospel where values are reversed: the King presented as a wretched figure dying on the Cross, to whom homage is paid not by dignified courtiers, but by another wretched figure dying by his side. *What sort of person should a citizen of the kingdom of forgiveness be?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

## **TODAY IS WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY**

World Youth Day is a day to recognise, celebrate and pray for young people. It is celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King (the Sunday before Advent) every year. Today's 2nd Collection is to support Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

Many thanks for your support.

## **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

## ST WILLIAM OF YORK SCHOOL - OFSTED REPORT

I am pleased and proud to share with you the Ofsted report that our School (SWOY) received towards the end of the week. The report acknowledges the school as an outstanding one. I congratulate and thank the school community for this great news. The parish Community is delighted to hear this news and would like to assure you of our prayers and support in all areas of the school life.

Fr Habte



### Ofsted Inspection

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022



<b>Overall Effectiveness</b>	<b>Good</b>
The Quality of Education	Good
Behaviour and Attitudes	Outstanding
Personal Development	Outstanding
Leadership and Management	Outstanding
Early Years Provision	Outstanding

*Pupils are very happy and safe at this school. They care about each other and treat each other with the utmost kindness and respect.*

*Pupils are taught to respect each others differences. ....they behave exceptionally well.*

*Leaders aim for excellence. Teachers....give clear explanations and connect new subject content to what pupils have already been taught.*

*The teaching of phonics is well organised and well delivered.*

*Pupils consistently show excellent attitudes to learning.....pupils are supported to develop positive character traits, such as resilience and determination. Pupils with SEND receive highly effective support.*

*Staff share leaders' commitment to doing the best for families and pupils....the school offers exceptional levels of pastoral care.*

## #RED WEDNESDAY

The annual ACN #RedWednesday event raises the plight of persecuted Christians to governments and societies across the West, informing them on how to alleviate the suffering of the world's most innocent victims of indiscriminate violence, harassment and oppression.

London's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral will host a very special #RedWednesday 2022, as we stand in solidarity with the suffering people of Ukraine. Please join us for the events on **23rd November** which start at 5.45 pm with the Rosary followed by the Divine Liturgy, both held at the cathedral, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ. **For details of further ACN events please see the poster at the end of this newsletter and in the Narthex.**

## HOLY SOULS

In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. On the tables at the entrance and exit of the church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Please note Holy Souls Masses are not attributed to a particular family but are offered for all the dead as we remember all those that have gone before us. Individual names and families are remembered collectively at Holy Souls Masses. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING & PAMPER EVENING

**Thursday 24th November 6pm-9pm - School Hall**

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping by supporting a great line of local creatives and makers, indulge in some well deserved pampering with our therapists and unwind with a drink and nibbles with friends.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Help SWOYSA support the School this winter and grab a high-quality Nordmann Fir Tree at competitive prices for a perfect Christmas! Trees can be collected from the school fair on Sunday 4th December. Orders should be placed no later than: **Thursday 24th November 2022** Standard Tree sizes available: 3-4 ft £29, 4-5ft £33, 5-6ft £41, 6-7ft £49, 7-8ft £59 Please email your order to [swoysa1@gmail.com](mailto:swoysa1@gmail.com) or complete the form at <https://forms.gle/AV2onPDrlLWaXLxN6>

## GIFT SUNDAY

We will once again be collecting gifts this year to pass on to local charities for their Christmas appeals. Voluntary Services Lewisham has now closed and their work has been passed on to other charities and groups. This year, we are collecting toys and gifts for the Salvation Army appeal and Christmas food items will be donated to the local food bank. We will be collecting gifts at all masses over the weekend of 26-27 November, during the following week and again on 3-4 December. This year, we are asking for donations of Toys or gift vouchers for children and teenagers, Small Christmas food and other items - e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, crackers

## ART at CHRISTMAS

The Art Group are busy making preparations for the celebration of Christmas in our community. This year, with your help, we plan to create a choir of angels for our church and are looking for your creativity to help us make this happen. There are templates of the Angel in the Narthex and we invite you to take one, and decorate it with your customary flair, colour and sparkle so that our choir of angels will be a glorious riot of joy.

Please return your finished angels to us by Sunday 11th December at the latest, you can leave them in the Narthex or the presbytery.

It is always a pleasure to see your beautiful creations and we look forward to bringing your angels together for Christmas.



## Knit n' Natter

Please continue to join us **every Tuesday at 2pm in Cafe York** to share ideas or just have a chat while you knit or crochet the Christmas Angels to decorate the Church ready for Christmas. All are welcome!

**Please get busy and bring your angels to church by 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

At our carol service this year we want to have a host of heavenly angels to share with the congregation

Knitted angel <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf>

Crochet angel [https://Christmas angel crochet pattern \(version 2\)](https://Christmas%20angel%20crochet%20pattern%20(version%202))

## **NEXT SUNDAY WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

that has a twofold character. It is a time of preparation for Christmas, when Christ's first coming is remembered and it is also a time to direct mind and heart to await his Second Coming. Advent is, therefore, a time of devout and joyful expectation. This week's newsletter includes our Advent leaflet which can also be downloaded here [Advent leaflet](#) You'll find ideas and suggestions about how to celebrate Advent at home and prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus at Christmas.



## **ADVENT PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE - TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER AT 7.30PM**

Advent is a good time to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance, either at the Saturday 11:00pm- 12:00 noon parish confession times, or any time during advent by contacting Fr. Habte in advance. We will also be holding a parish Penitential service on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

## **SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING ADVENT WILL BE FOR THE HOMELESS**

Please give generously!  
THANK YOU.

## **STEWARDS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

In order to plan and arrange the Christmas Masses once again this year we need the help of Stewards. The more stewards we have easier it is during this busy festive season. Please contact Mary if you will be able to assist.

[foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or 020 8690 4540

Many thanks

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE SOUTH-EAST PASTORAL AREA**

All parishioners in the deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, Camberwell, Greenwich Lambeth and Lewisham are warmly invited to a Christmas Carol Service to be held at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 103 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6EF on Sunday 11th December 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Reverend Canon Victor Darlington will be the Principal Celebrant.

## **FLAME 2023 - SATURDAY 4TH MARCH AT WEMBLEY ARENA**

Flame is the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. 10,000 young people will fill Wembley Arena, for an inspiring day of prayer, adoration, catechesis, reflection, celebration and praise. The Theme for Flame 2023 is “Rise Up!” For further information and to book tickets visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/flame2023?rq=flame%202023> or Contact Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis email: [aec@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:aec@rcaos.org.uk) or Tel: 020 8672 7684.



## **WORLD YOUTH DAY - AUGUST 2023**

The Archdiocese is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35 at the time of travel) to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023. Provisional dates are 31st July to 7th August. To register your interest and receive more information, please go to [bit.ly/wydsouthwark](http://bit.ly/wydsouthwark) Further information about World Youth Day is at [www.lisboa2023.org/en/](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en/)



### **MASS ATTENDEES**

29/30 Oct - 222    5/6 Nov - 314    12/13 Nov -298

### **PARISH DIARY**

<b>Sunday 20 Nov 5pm</b>	<b>Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Monday 21 Nov 8pm</b>	<b>PPC Meeting</b>	<b>Lower Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday 22 Nov 2pm</b>	<b>Knit n Natter</b>	<b>Cafe York</b>
<b>Wednesday 23 Nov 8pm</b>	<b>Singing Practice</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Thursday 24 Nov 6pm</b>	<b>Christmas Shopping &amp; Pamper Evening</b>	<b>School Hall</b>
<b>Saturday 26 Nov 9.15am</b>	<b>Instrumentalists</b>	<b>Church</b>



**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ( C)**

**World Youth Day**

**Saturday 19 November 2022**

**18:00** Rita Tildesley RIP

**Sunday 20 November 2022**

**09:30** Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

**Monday 21 November 2022 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**09:30** Anne & John Warner and family

**Tuesday 22 November 2022 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

**09:30** Paul Hanley RIP

**Wednesday 23 November 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** Sylvester Orieso RIP (**live-streamed**)

**Thursday 24 November 2022 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest**

**09:30** Rose Calver RIP

**Friday 25 November 2022 - Feria**

**09:30** Anne Orieso Personal Intentions

**Saturday 26 November 2022 - The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**10:30** Owenia & Alphonse Williams RIP Birthday Blessings

**First Sunday of Advent (A)**

**Saturday 26 November 2022**

**18:00** John Costello RIP

**Sunday 27 November 2022**

**09:30** Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

**11:30** 12<sup>th</sup> Forest Hill (St William of York) Scout Group

50th anniversary - Blessing & Promise Renewal

Rita Tildesley RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

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

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon





## **12<sup>th</sup> Forest Hill (St William of York) Scout Group 50th anniversary**

Sunday 27th November

11.30am Blessing and promise renewal at St  
William of York Church followed by social event at  
District HQ, St Germans Rd

Members and leaders past and present welcome,  
dust off your scarves and join us to look back and  
to the future.

**RSVP Antonietta Hesketh**

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# #RED WEDNESDAY

[www.acnuk.org/events](http://www.acnuk.org/events)



## #RedWednesday 2022

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Please join us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and during the month of November to Break the Silence on the persecution of Christians and all faiths, globally. **We ask you to pledge your prayer and action this #RedWednesday.**

Find out more at [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

#RED WEDNESDAY

**BREAK THE  
SILENCE**

ON CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

## THIS NOVEMBER:

**PRAY, LEARN, ATTEND,  
GO2MASS, GIVE!**

Choose one or more ways to show your support within your community:

- Order your free report
- Join us for an event
- Pray the Rosary in solidarity
- Go2Mass for someone who can't
- Fundraise or give at [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

## London

### Gathering

Brown Hart Gardens, W1K 6JQ  
(Opposite Ukrainian Cathedral)

**5:45pm – 6.05pm**

Join us for a moment of reflection and prayer against the dramatic backdrop of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. There will be a photo opportunity to mark all coming together united as one faith.

**At 5:50pm:** You are invited to say one decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. *(We encourage continuing this on your journey to or from the event.)*

**At 6:05pm:** The group will proceed into the Ukrainian Cathedral for Holy Mass.



**Stand in solidarity with Ukraine. All welcome. Wear RED from head to toe or a token accessory – the colour of martyrdom.**

### Holy Mass

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral,  
21-22 Binney Street, W1K 5BQ

**6:15pm – 7:30pm**

Join us at the Cathedral for Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass) for persecuted Christians, celebrated in the Greek Catholic rite. Practising Catholics may take Holy Communion. This is a rare opportunity to see the interior of this beautiful building. A wonderful piece of Ukrainian culture and tradition in the heart of London. This is your chance to **Go2Mass** for the families in Ukraine and elsewhere who cannot.

### Talk

**8:00pm – 9:00pm**

Following refreshments, John Pontifex, ACN Head of Press will introduce our latest 'Persecuted and Forgotten?' Report and petition. Hear first-hand testimonies from Bishop Jude Ayodeji Arogundade of Ondo, Nigeria. (The same diocese where gunmen killed over 40 parishioners in June 2022.)

## PERSECUTED AND FORGOTTEN?

ACN's 'Persecuted and Forgotten?' – a report on Christians oppressed for their Faith 2020 – 2022

will be launched on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The report is an overview of the situation facing persecuted Christians across the globe, looking at 24

countries in detail including China, Pakistan, Burma, Russia, much of the Middle East and parts of Africa. There is a media silence on the reality facing Christians today – mass killings, abduction and forced displacement.

**Please help break the silence by ordering your FREE copy of our 'Persecuted & Forgotten?' report using the form overleaf.**



## Scotland

### #RedWednesday Digital Event

Webinar sponsored by **Clare Adamson MSP 7.30pm – 9pm**

An evening for the people of Scotland to stand together and shine a spotlight on the persecution of Christians and other faith minorities. Join our livestream event hosted by Clare Adamson MSP. ACN's Dr John Newton will present the findings from our 'Persecuted and Forgotten?' report and the situation facing persecuted Christians globally, looking at 24 countries. Please help break the silence on Christian and religious persecution. To reserve your place, visit [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

### Christmas Carol Service

Farm Street, London W1K 3AH

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7:00 – 9:00pm**

Celebrate this season with us at our Christmas Carol service. Be delighted by the talent of the Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory, directed by Charles Cole with organ and brass ensemble. Don't miss out, book your tickets at [www.acnuk.org/christmascarols](http://www.acnuk.org/christmascarols)

## PETITION

Please sign ACN's **#RedWednesday petition**. We request that the UK Government call on their Nigerian counterparts to bring to justice those responsible for genocidal attacks such as the Pentecost Sunday 2022 massacre and countless other killings, abductions and other atrocities. The UK Government must demand the arrest and imprisonment of terrorists, the return of lands and villages, as well as compensation for the destruction of properties and livelihoods. **Please sign and share our new petition:** [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

**For details on all our events visit:**  
[www.acnuk.org/events](http://www.acnuk.org/events)



You are warmly invited to the:

# Christmas Carol Service

Of the South-East Pastoral Area, Archdiocese of Southwark  
Parishes in the deaneries of Bexley; Bromley; Camberwell; Greenwich; Lambeth and Lewisham



Date:

**Sunday 11th December 2022**

Gaudete Sunday

Time:

**7.30pm**

Venue:

**St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 103 Woolwich New Road  
London, Woolwich, SE18 6EF**

Theme:

*Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to you*

Featuring:

**St Peter's Chior**

**Voice of Africa Choir**

**St Paul's Thamesmead Choir**

Principal Celebrant:

**The Reverend Canon Victor Darlington**

Episcopal Vicar for the South East; Episcopal Vicar for the Commissions for Education; Promoting Racial & Cultural Inclusion; and Director of CARITAS for the Archdiocese of Southwark, London

