



**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 Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)

26 November 2023

World Youth Sunday

Dear Parishioners

This weekend, on the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate the National Youth Sunday, "this day is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, enable the youth ministry and parish community to celebrate young people and affirm the contribution of young people in the Church and those who work with them"

Here in our parish we need everyone's contribution, therefore also the irreplaceable one of young people. Our young people are encouraged and very much welcome to be involved in all activities of our parish life, to help fulfil this goal, we are relaunching our parish youth group.

Young people have the opportunity to grow in life and faith, to engage from a social and religious point of view, to realise ideas with others people and to contribute to the creation of a living community in the parish.

To make this ideal possible, on top of the plans we have, we will be very much open to listen to the young people, their parents and the wider parish

community. We will strive to give them time and space to express themselves. We have a team of adults who have volunteered with the young, on behalf of the parish community, I like to thank them for their enthusiasm and generosity.

25 young people of our parish also are preparing to start their preparation to receive the sacrament of confirmation, they are formally received in our welcome Mass this weekend, I hope they have a joyous time in their journey to receive the sacrament.

I ask the parish community to pray for our young people and for the success of our parish youth group.

God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28, Matthew 25:31-46

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted is that of the Final Judgement of all, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgement of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and re-assuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own sin and also our own infinite value before the transcendent figure of the Lord. Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not first of all on our prayer-life; not on our asceticism; not on penances undertaken; but on our respect for others - how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. The ten commandments of the Old Testament, the eight beatitudes of the New can be summarised in this way: speak the truth, be honest (including financially), honour father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, make peace. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ. *What does it mean that Jesus is in all other people, especially the stranger, the sick, the comfortless, even those in prison? How does this teaching of Jesus change my attitude to people I despise or avoid or just ignore?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37



TODAY IS WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

Today is National Youth Sunday, and the retiring collection will be for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35.

For more details about what is on offer, please scan the QR code to view the website tinyurl.com/scys1

Please also sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork

to receive regular updates.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further World Youth Sunday resources at worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023



GIFT SUNDAY

As in previous years, we will be collecting gifts again this year to pass on to local charities for their Christmas appeals. Our gifts this year will go to 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 2-3 December, during the following week and again on 9-10 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



GIFT BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS

The Art Group is making preparations for Christmas and once again we are calling on you to embrace the glitter, stickers and all things Christmassy to help us create beautiful gift boxes. **Please take a template from the narthex, decorate it and return it by 9/10 December. Do not cut them out as we will do that before we hang them up.**

It is always a joy to see your work, thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with us and for making our church a place of joy at Christmas. The Art Group



HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This year we want to spread a little love by giving everyone at the carol service a heart to take home and hang on their Christmas tree.

So we need you to get busy- knit, crochet or stitch a heart! Please pick up a flier with a knitting and a crotchet pattern and a heart template that you could use to make a heart out of felt or other fabric.

If you don't have yarn or needles please help yourself from the supply in the Narthex. If you would like to share ideas while you get creating, please come along to **Café York at 10.00am on a Wednesday morning (straight after the morning Mass)**. There will be tea and biscuits!

Please leave your completed hearts in the basket in the Narthex by **Saturday 16th December**.

If you want to know more please contact Maureen Swift on 0776 5428299

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**. 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 - WEDNESDAY 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 Wednesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING ADVENT WILL BE FOR THE HOMELESS

Please give generously! THANK YOU.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Why not try to make space for spiritual reflection this advent. Southwark Diocese Spirituality Commission will send a brief daily reflection to your own email! It is focused on the readings of the day, short and relevant to daily life!

Sign up at <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

and click on the box for Advent reflections – or email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

CYCLE OF PRAYER Intentions for Advent and Christmas Time:

Migrants and Refugees especially on Migrants' Day, Sunday 3rd December.

Expectant Mothers especially on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Ronald Bottone RIP

(Husband of Maria Bottone who died recently)

Please remember the friends and family of Ronald and Maria in your prayers

Funeral at St William of York on Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 10.30am

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

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

FR GREGORY Please continue to remember Fr Gregory in your prayers he is in hospital at present following a fall and is making steady progress in his recovery. He is due to be discharged from hospital soon.

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

If you are new to the parish or may have missed the planned giving appeal talks in Sept and October, please pick up a copy of the leaflet in the Narthex or download a copy here [Pledge Form](#) and [Volunteer Form](#) We will be so grateful to receive your assistance which will make a big difference to our parish. Please complete and post forms through the presbytery letter box and we will be in contact with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to discuss with Fr Habte or email Mary at the parish office.

A DAY WITH MARY - SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 10:00am to 5:30pm at St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HY. Please visit www adaywithmary.org .

MASS ATTENDEES

4/5 November - 348 11/12 November - 255 18/19 November - 292

PARISH DIARY

Mon 27 Nov 8pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York
Tues 28 Nov 7.45pm	RCIA Meeting	Lower Hall
Wed 29 Nov 10am	Hearts for Christmas	Cafe York
Thurs 30 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 1 Dec 9.30-12pm	Mother's & Toddlers	Cafe York
Sat 2 Dec 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec to Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec	Gift Sunday donations	Church
Sun 3 Dec 9.30am	Family Mass	Church
Sun 3 Dec 12.30-2.30pm	SWOY School Christmas Fair collect Christmas trees	School
Sun 3 Dec 2.50pm for 3pm	Reconciliation 3 Session	Church
Sun 17 Dec 4pm	Parish Carol Service followed by refreshments	Church School hall
Sun 17 Dec 7pm for 7.30pm	Christmas Carol Service South East Pastoral Area Archdiocese of Southwark	Corpus Christi Church Brixton Hill 11 Trent Road SW2 5BJ
Wed 20 Dec 7.30pm	Penitential Service with visiting priests	Church



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Youth Day

Saturday 25 November 2023

18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 26 November 2023

10:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 27 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Alphonse & Owenia Williams RIP Birthday

Tuesday 28 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Herrintta Ihgabedua RIP

Wednesday 29 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 David McCormick RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 30 November 2023 - St. Andrew, Apostle

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 1 December 2023 - Feria

09:30 Catherine Teresa O'Connell RIP

Saturday 2 December 2023 - Feria

10:30 Robert Farrell

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Day of prayer for Migrants

Saturday 2 December 2023

18:00 John Warner RIP

Sunday 3 December 2023

09:30 Family Mass - For the Parishioners

11:30 Robbie Sharp RIP (live-streamed)

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



St William of York
Catholic Primary School

Brockley Park, Forest Hill, London SE23 1PS

Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Lynch Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Mayers

Starting School in September 2024?

Come and visit our lovely small school!

Visits and tours by appointment!

Email: admin@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk

Telephone: 020 8690 2842

Please contact the school office for more information.

Experienced, and enthusiastic teaching staff. Forest School sessions.

Lovely children, parents, staff and school community!

One form entry, small, friendly and inclusive.

Only one class in each year group.

We know every child, and family, by name!

We celebrate and develop your child's unique gifts and talents.



**Ofsted (Oct 2022) - GOOD
with 4 out of 5 OUTSTANDING areas.**

Quality of Education	GOOD
Leadership & Management	OUTSTANDING
Personal Development	OUTSTANDING
Behaviour & Attitudes	OUTSTANDING

Wraparound care available from our Breakfast Club and After School Club Provider

We are a Catholic primary school.

However, we accept Non-Catholic children, and ALL religions are welcome!

We celebrate diversity and are an inclusive and welcoming school!





Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East
warmly invites you to the:

Christmas Carol Service

Of the South East Pastoral Area, Archdiocese of Southwark

for all the
Parishes in the deaneries of Bexley; Bromley; Camberwell; Greenwich; Lambeth and Lewisham



Date:

Sunday 17th December 2023
Gaudete Sunday

Time:

7.30pm

Gathering from 7pm
Clergy to vest in Cassock & Surplice or Alb & Stole from 7.15pm

Venue:

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill
11 Trent Road, London, SW2 5BJ

Theme:

Peace on Earth

Principal Celebrant:

The Right Reverend Philip Moger
Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark

