



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

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

24 NOVEMBER 2024

World Youth Sunday

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, the theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. The Jubilee year happens every 25 years.

The Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican is opened on 24 December 2024, thus starting the Jubilee year.

As we know, the Jubilee is a special year of grace, a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which the Church offers the faithful the possibility of asking for plenary indulgence, that is, the remission of sins for themselves or for deceased relatives.

Pope Francis is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using St. Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year. In the words of the pope "For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope"



The papal basilicas of St Mary Major, St John the Lateran and the Paul outside the wall will be opening their jubilee doors in December and January, and there will be designated Jubilee churches in our diocese to visit.

The Ordinary Jubilee will end with the closing of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Epiphany of the Lord.

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

The readings for Christ the King remind us of Holy Week and the Passion. Pilate questions Jesus and in his reply Jesus talks about The Kingdom and what form that will take. The future kingdom is not something that people in Jesus time or those who don't have a faith in modern times understand. As Christians we should live our lives in such a way that we plan for our future life with God

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2024

Sunday (24 November) is World Youth Sunday. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.



ST WILLIAM OF YORK PARISH YOUTH GROUP.

It is truly encouraging to see many young people of our parish in our recent youth group evening. So far, we have two successful meetings since the youth group was launched.



I like to reiterate the purposes of the existence of a parish youth group “to encourage young people, mainly from the parish community, to become active within the group and community, to establish a programme of activities which respond to the needs and aspirations of the young people and to contribute, as part of the parish youth work team, to the development of work with young people from the parish, promoting the spiritual, social and fun aspects of Christian living”

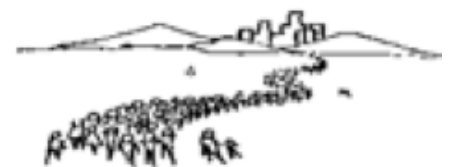
With the involvement of many more young people from our parish, I can envisage the growth of our youth group, I have spoken to a number of young people and their parents to consider being involved and they are all welcome to join. Let us build our parish community by creating the space and the attention our young people deserve. They are the future of our community.

I encourage every young person to come and join us and on the first Friday of the month from 6pm to 8pm in the evening. I am grateful for the team of adults who have volunteered to work with the young people. We need more adults to help with the team, if you are willing to help please contact the coordinators of the team or the parish office. Many Thanks
Fr Habte

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH -

Our next session will be on Tuesday 26 November at 7.45pm Conscience and Authority

All parishioners are welcome to attend session in the lower hall to support Fiona, Alexa and Mica followed by tea, coffee & biscuits. We aim to finish by 9.00pm.



HOLY SOULS - 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. Alternatively you can post your envelopes through the presbytery letter box.

Mass offerings for Holy Souls may also be via the contactless device or via our website or QR code. Thank you



FAMILY MASS Our next Family Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 1 December led by year 3 & 4 children from St William of York School. We hope to see many families at that Mass.

**SISTERS OF ST ANDREW, BELMONT HILL, LEWISHAM OPEN AFTERNOON
Sunday 1st December 2024 - 2.30 pm and 5.30 pm.**

At 4.30pm, join the community for an afternoon prayer in the chapel. No need to book but it would be helpful if you let us know you are coming(welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com). Thank you.

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 30 Nov - 1 December and during the following week until the weekend of 7-8 December.**



This year, we are asking for donations of New toys or gift vouchers for children and teenagers. Small Christmas food and other items - e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, crackers. Many thanks

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. Collect an Advent leaflet from the Narthex this weekend or download a copy [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 18 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 18th December at 7:30pm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING ADVENT WILL BE FOR THE HOMELESS

Please give generously! THANK YOU.

ART GROUP - PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

It's that time of year again and the Art Group is making preparations for Christmas. This year, we are filling the church with stars and we invite you to get creative with glitter, glue, stickers, paint and anything else you can think of to decorate our stars.



Please take a template from the narthex, decorate it and return it to us by **15th December at the latest**. Do not cut them out as we will do that before we hang them.

We look forward to receiving your beautiful stars and thank you for helping make our church so special this Christmas.

CREATIVE CHRISTMAS - A GALAXY OF STARS Last year we had an amazing response to our request for hearts to share at the carol service. All kinds of hearts appeared in our basket at the back of the church and everyone at the Carol Service took a heart home. This year we are asking for stars – knitted, crocheted, fabric or any which way!

There are patterns in the narthex or you can download a copy [HERE](#). If you would like to craft with a cup of tea and company come along to Café York after morning Mass on a Wednesday.



There is yarn and fabric at the back of the church if you need it. Bring your completed stars and leave them in the narthex. Contact Maureen Swift for more details 0776 5428299.

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 the easier it is during this busy festive season.

Please contact Mary if you will be able to assist. foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8690 4540 Thank you

EVENING PRAYER - A small group of parishioners say Evening Prayer together on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm over Zoom. We've been meeting and praying together since Easter 2020, when we couldn't meet together in church. The prayer lasts 15-20 minutes and we have a chat afterwards! If you'd like to come and join us, you can either click on the link or use the Meeting ID and password if you don't have the online newsletter.

[SWOY Evening Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 813 9177 6863

Password: 061154

PRAYING THE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN - Advent is a time people return to Mass, sometimes after many years - for others Mass is the cornerstone of their spiritual lives. To help people, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, connect more prayerfully with the Lord Jesus, Archbishop John has [recorded a message \(tinyurl.com/prayingthemass\)](https://tinyurl.com/prayingthemass) which guides us on how to pray through the Mass. Archbishop John said: 'the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Mass, but also the Church. It is an invitation from the Lord Jesus to participate in His sacrifice'.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE ROSARY PRAYER PROJECT

Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or download a copy [HERE](#) or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com.

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION ADVENT REFLECTIONS The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning here: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Advent and Christmas Time:
Migrants and Refugees especially on Migrants' Day, 3rd December.
Expectant Mothers especially on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14 December (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson.

SPONSORED LECTIONARIES - Many thanks to all the parishioners who generously sponsored our new lectionaries and Books of the Gospel. Each volume will contain an insert with name of the sponsor and their dedication request.

To help you prepare for this transition, we strongly encourage you to download the Universalis app on your phone or tablet. This app provides the latest readings, allowing for reflection and preparation prior to proclaiming the Word at Mass. While there is a small cost, we hope it remains affordable for all <https://universalis.com/>

CAFOD FUN RUN - 7 December. Join CAFOD on 7 December at 11am (10am registration) for a Nativity Fun run in Clapham Common. [Sign-up here.](#)

IMPORTANT SCAM EMAILS IMPERSONATING PARISH PRIESTS - The ICT department of the Archdiocese is drawing to our attention the concerning rise in scam email targeting parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. A number of parishioners have fallen victim to these scams, with some individuals losing up to £600 to the fraudsters. We have been asked to spread awareness of these emails and what to look for:-

- Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest based on an email request, unless we have verified the request directly in person or through trusted means. -
- Double -check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office. -
- Avoid sharing personal financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

If you encounter any of these emails, please report them as spam and inform the parish office immediately.

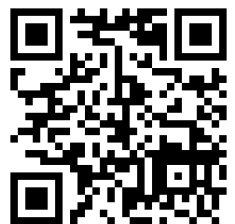
FINANCES - OCTOBER 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,158.74
Donations for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - £594.05
Donations for MISSIO World Mission Sunday - £618.86
Donations for Missionary Sisters of Peter Claver Appeal - £779.82
Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £109.52
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,695.00

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:
Account name: RCAS Forest Hill, Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

Thank you for your continued support
Please gift aid where possible

OPPOSE ASSISTED DYING BILL - . Archbishop John has [urged us all to oppose](#) assisted suicide. As followers of the Lord Jesus, he said: "we are called care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death". The bill has been published this week, as it continues to make its way through parliament. Use the link below, or the QR code (right), to write to your MP and voice your opposition to assisted suicide.



[ACT NOW](#)

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of those that have died:-

TRACY HOLME RIP

(sister of April Holme)

Funeral at St. William of York on Wednesday 27 November at 10.30am

(Please note the 9.30am Mass has been cancelled)

MARGARET DOUGLAS RIP

(mother of Jonathan Douglas)

**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

2/3 November - 251 9/10 November - 312 16/17 November - 317

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 26 Nov 7.45pm	RCIA - Journey in Faith Conscience and Authority	Lower Hall
Wednesday 27 Nov 10am	Christmas Stars & Tea	Cafe York
Wednesday 27 Nov 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 28 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 30 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 1 Dec 3pm	Reconciliation Session 3	Church
Sunday 8 Dec 12.30pm to 2.30pm	Christmas Fair	SWOY School
Sunday 15 Dec 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Church
Wednesday 18 Dec 7.30pm	Parish Penitential Service	Church
Sunday 22 Dec 4pm	Parish Carol Service	Church

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 24

For pilgrims of hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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World Youth Sunday

Saturday 23 November

18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 24 November 2024

10:30 Peter Healy RIP

Monday 25 November 2024 - Feria

09:30 Forgotton Souls RIP

Tuesday 26 November 2024 - Feria

09:30 Alphonse Williams RIP & Owenia Williams RIP Birthday

Wednesday 27 November 2024 - Feria

10:30 Funeral of Tracy Holme RIP

Thursday 28 November 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 29 November 2024 - Feria

09:30 John McGlynn RIP Senior

Saturday 30 November 2024 - St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

10:30 Veronika Prill RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Saturday 30 November

18:00 John Warner RIP

Sunday 1 December 2024

09:30 Family Mass

Igbo Community at St William of York

11:30 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Southwark Archdiocese Rosary Prayer Project

What it's all about

An intercessory prayer initiative - part of the 'prayer symphony' preparing for Jubilee 2025 and the 60th anniversary of Southwark becoming an Archdiocese.

The idea is simple - hundreds of people across the Archdiocese praying regularly for the priests and parishes in their Deanery (i.e. local group of parishes).

How you can take part - it's easy!

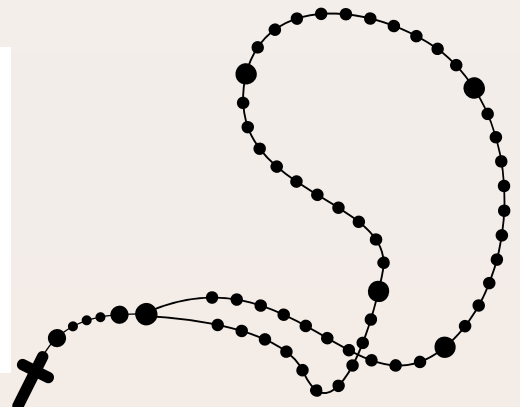
By praying a decade of the Rosary for a different local parish and its priests each day, at a time to suit you:

Either WhatsApp: join the Lewisham Deanery WhatsApp Group to unite with others - QR code below
Or offline: on your own or in a group - see leaflet or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com

What it's leading up to

The prayer will continue right up to the Southwark in-person Jubilee celebration at Aylesford Priory on **Pentecost Saturday 7th June 2025 - Save the date!**

Scan to join the
Lewisham Deanery
WhatsApp Group:
jubilee 2025





For the Feast of St Andrew

the Sisters invite you to their

Open Afternoon

Sunday 1st December 2024

Come any time between 2.30pm and 5.30pm
Enjoy * Relax * Spend time together * Games *
Mini Craft Market * Refreshments
4.30 – 5.00pm Prayer with the community

Free. Everybody welcome

Sisters of St Andrew, 99 Belmont Hill, SE13 5DY Lewisham
welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com
www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com
Carpark on site. Bus 54, 89, 108.



WORLD GIFTS

SPREAD JOY WITH A GIFT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life-changing - **CAFOD's World Gifts**. In a world where many of us already have what we need, why not choose a gift that makes a real difference for those facing the injustice of poverty around the world?

Choose from our range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs.

Give the Gift of Hope This Christmas

Buy World Gifts



**Order by 11th December to ensure your
gift arrives in time for Christmas!**

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/?>



ARCHDIOCESE *of*
SOUTHWARK

You're cordially invited to the

South East
NINE LESSONS &
CAROL
SERVICE

Sunday, Dec 15, 2024 | 7:00 PM

At Sacred Heart Church Camberwell
(2, Knatchbull Road - SE5 9QS)



Come and enjoy a spiritually uplifting evening of lessons and carols in preparation for Christmas on this Gaudete Sunday.

RSVP

Canon Victor Darlington
evse@rcaos.org.uk