



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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 JUNE 2024

Dear Parishioners

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Holy communicants this weekend 15th and 16th June 2024. Let us keep them in our prayers so that they may continue to grow in their love of God, self and neighbours. The Grace of God obtained through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist will support them all the days of their lives. We also congratulate and extend our warm thanks to their parents, and their catechists, for their hard work in preparing this year's communicants.

Saturday 15th June 2pm

Blu Anjos, Dawid Corma, Christiana Elliott, Lewis Healy, Anastasia Krajewska, Amy Mendoza Bautista, Munachimso Obasi, Christie O'Callaghan, Aoife Probert, Gabriella Williams, Maja Jurkiewicz, Vincent Ueno, Phaniel Kouassi

Sunday 16th June 9.30am

Chiara Marinoni, Amelia Ongen, Stefano Ornato, Ofelia Payan, Edith Powles, Grace Powles, Heyden Pulikkan

God Bless
Fr Habte



TODAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

The Kingdom of God was a central idea in Jesus' teaching and a cause of hope and sometimes confusion to his followers. In today's Gospel he explores the Kingdom through two parables.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God, the saving reign of our God in the world, is like seed growing of its own accord. It grows through the world's times and seasons and even if we are inattentive its growth is assured, even if it's sometimes hidden. And the ultimate power and glory of the Kingdom of God is also assured. A universe-changing power which is out of all proportion to its apparently insignificant beginnings.

When it feels like goodness isn't winning in our world, when we struggle to see God's Kingdom, today's Gospel asks us to have faith. God's ways are not our ways and like seed growing in the earth, silently but surely God's love is shaping lives and changing things for the better. And this is because the seed of the Kingdom was sown by Jesus' own death, which he described as a grain of wheat thrown into the earth

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Job 38:1,8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

DAY FOR LIFE - 2nd COLLECTION This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

TODAY SUNDAY 16TH JUNE is FATHERS' DAY

On this special day we are saluting all fathers and wish them an enjoyable and blessed day. We pray for all fathers and grandfathers including spiritual fathers such as teachers, mentors, priests and all whose lives set an example to others. We wish all fathers a joy-filled Fathers Day!

We also remember and pray for all those that find this day difficult.

RETIREMENT THANKSGIVING MASS SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024 AT 11.30AM

We invite the parish and school community to come together for a special celebratory Mass to give our thanks to Sharon Lynch on the occasion of her retirement from St William of York School. Sharon has faithfully served our parish school community for 31 years, becoming the headteacher in 2005. This Mass will be a chance for us to give our thanks to Sharon for everything she has done to support, guide and nurture our children, families, teachers, and community. Alongside current pupils and families, we would love to see former pupils, staff and governors.

Please do share the word that **'all are welcome'** for the Mass and refreshments in the school grounds after.

PARISH UPPER HALL PROJECT SURVEY

Following feedback from Parishioners and hall users we wish to review our current facilities. We believe that by understanding properly how our hall is used we will be able to make some changes to it which will make it an even better place.

We want all of our parish family and friends to help us in that and as the first part of this journey we have prepared a short survey.

Please click the link to access the survey. [Hall Project Survey](#)

The survey is brief and should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

We look forward to receiving your feedback and comments as soon as possible.

Hard copies of the survey are available in the Narthex, please post through the presbytery letter box.

Many thanks for your help

Fr Habte

NEW LECTIONARY : Next Autumn the Lectionary, that is the books that contain scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments are changing. They will become mandatory for use from Advent this year. We therefore will have 4 ambo editions and the Book of Gospels (standard edition and processional edition), and some Liturgical music. If any individual or family who would like to dedicate one or more of these books in memory of a family member or a loved one or indeed in your name or your family name, we would appreciate the offer.

If you are interested please talk to Fr Habte or Mary in the parish office.

THANK YOU FOR THE PARISH INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Last Sunday we celebrated one of our great yearly events, the international Sunday, a day which enhances our unity and bond as members of the same church and parish family, while celebrating and appreciating our diversity. Any people felt a great sense of joy and real celebration.

I thank all who are involved in any capacity, from both the parish and school communities, organising the liturgy and music, helping out in various ways, singing, welcoming, volunteers and people who have cooked food, baked cakes prepared and brought food, those who served food and drinks and helped with clearing up at the end, all served to make this event successful.

Thank you and May God bless you.

Fr. Habte

EVENT FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) IN THE PARISH

On July 6th, 2024, from 11:00 to 12:30, we are hosting an important event in the church. There will be a session of Recollection and Development, designed for all our current readers and especially for our confirmation candidates who are considering taking up a ministry in the parish. It's a crucial opportunity for all of us to understand and appreciate the official and effective practices that need to be followed and to enhance the delivery of the proclamation of the word.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, Fr Habte or Peter Julien, who is organising this event.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – Removal of the 50% Cap on new faith schools

As you will all be aware, HMG Department for Education is currently running a consultation on ending the 50% Cap on admissions for new free schools. This has been a longstanding objective of the Catholic Education Service since the changes were introduced in 2010. The consultation is running until **20 June** and, notwithstanding the calling of the General Election for 4 July, it is essential that the Department for Education receives more positive responses than negative ones to have any chance of the Cap being removed in the future. There is now a section on the Bishops' Conference website which has a short form people can fill in, which will submit a positive response to the consultation. Please participate in this campaign -

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schoolscap/>

GENERAL ELECTION 2024 As Catholics, we are called to take our responsibilities as citizens and voters seriously, with Gospel values informing how we look at the world, putting the common good before self-interest. Our Catholic bishops have been quick off the mark in providing resources to help us reflect on some key election issues from a Catholic perspective, on their “General Election 2024” webpage <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> .

An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead”. The topics include criminal justice, family life and domestic poverty, education, the environment, life issues, migration, human rights and peacebuilding.

SAVE THE DATES -" CALLED TO HOLINESS" DAY FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Saturday 19th or 26th October 2024

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

DAY FOR CELEBRATION WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

7 July 2024 - Aylesford Priory 12noon Welcome service and 4pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks. Come and enjoy creative prayer in the chapels, a pre-workshop, Books Beyond Words, activities and visit the Rosary Way. In the afternoon there will be time to enjoy an Edith Stein retreat, explore Aylesford Priory, enjoy a picnic and take part in art activities. Aylesford also has a tea room where food can be purchased. Individuals or parish pilgrimage groups are welcome.

This event is being run by Cristina Gangemi, the Kairos team, Southwark Archdiocese and the Carmelite Order. The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX (use ME20 7BY for SATNAV)

SOUTHWARK LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.



BISHOP McALEENAN'S REFLECTION FOR REFUGEE WEEK 17 - 23 June 2024

To mark Refugee Week, Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees for the Bishops' Conference, offers a reflection on three themes – his recent visit to the Bibby Stockholm barge, the impact of the Rwanda Bill, and societal attitudes towards refugees and migrants. [READ MORE](#)

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 24 -For Those Fleeing Their Country
Pope Francis dedicates June to praying “for migrants fleeing wars or hunger, forced into journeys full of danger and violence, to find acceptance and new life opportunities in their host countries.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Ordinary Time (Summer):

For a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews

For those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights especially on 22nd June, the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

For Human Life especially on the third Sunday in June

For Seafarers especially on the second Sunday in July, Sea Sunday

For Europe especially on the Feasts of Saint Benedict, Saint Bridget and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patrons of Europe

The Divine Office, volume III. 7th week in Ordinary Time, ferial cycle 2, psalter week 3.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH - is pleased to announce that several Youth Days for 10 - 14-year-olds will be held across the Diocese during 2024. Each event will take place between 11 am - 6 pm, with a charge of £5 per child or £8 per family, payable on the day. Lunch and dinner will be included. All are welcome [sign up here](#)

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Michael McDowell RIP

(Brother of Paula)

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

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen**

MASS ATTENDEES

25/26 May - 226 1/2 June - 292 8/9 June - 414

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 15 June 2pm	First Eucharist Mass	Church
Sunday 16 June 9.30am	First Eucharist Mass	Church
Sunday 16 June 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Tuesday 18 June 7.30pm	RCIA - Parish, Deanery, Diocese	Church
Thursday 20 June 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 21 June 9.30am	Mother and Toddlers	Cafe York
Sunday 23 June 9.30am	First Eucharist Thanksgiving Mass	Church
Sunday 23 June 6pm	Confirmation Session	Church
Sunday 30 June 11.30am	Confirmation Mass	Church
Saturday 6 July 11.00-12.30	Event for all Ministers of the Word (Readers) in the Parish	Church
Sunday 21 July 11.30am	Retirement Thanksgiving Mass for Sharon Lynch	Church
	Refreshments	School grounds

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 15 June 2024

14:00 **First Eucharist Mass (live-streamed)**

For the First Communicants, their families and catechists

18:00 Norbert Prill RIP

Sunday 16 June 2024

09:30 **First Eucharist Mass (live-streamed)**

For the First Communicants, their families and catechists

11:30 Annamaria Paolillo RIP

Monday 17 June 2024 - Feria

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 18 June 2024 - Feria

09:30 Jean Marsden

Wednesday 19 June 2024 - St. John Rigby, Martyr

09:30 Peter Agius recovery (live-streamed)

Thursday 20 June 2024 - St. Alban, Martyr

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 21 June 2024 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

09:30 Holy Souls

Saturday 22 June 2024 - Sts. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs

10:30 Theresa Harris (FM)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 22 June 2024

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 23 June 2024

09:30 **First Eucharist Thanksgiving Mass**

For the children, their families and catechists

11:30 Liam O'Connor RIP 1st Anniversary

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

<http://ksc.org.uk>

KSC Pilgrimage

&

Full-Knighthood Ceremony

SUNDAY JUNE 30TH, 2024

Mass: 12 pm

Celebrant: Bishop Pat Lynch, Auxiliary
Bishop Emeretis of Southwark

Presiding officer: Supreme
Knight Brother Harry Welsh

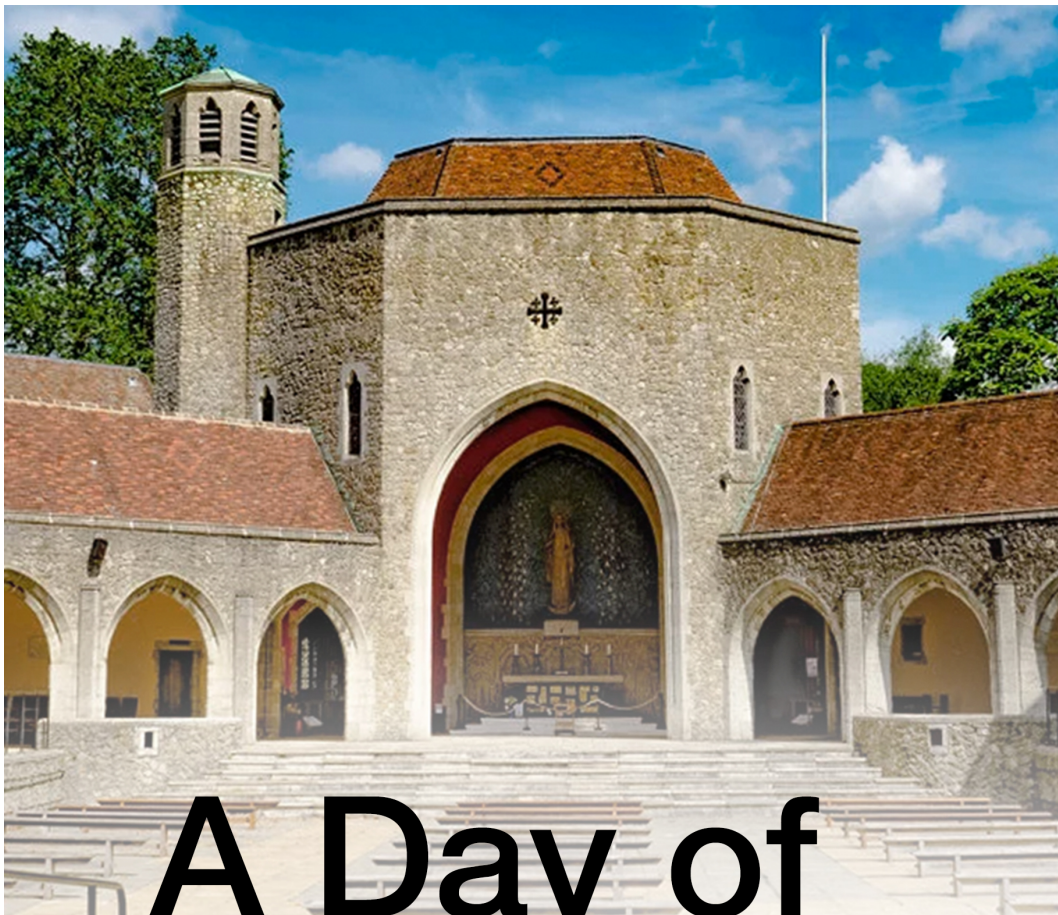
**ROSARY
PROCESSION
3:15 PM**

**Beautiful ground for
picnic - parishoners,
family & friends are
welcome**

*For more information:
please contact your Parish
Knights of St Columba*

**The Friars, Aylesford, Kent
ME20 7BX**





You



Prophet



Everyone

A Day of Celebration

Sharing in the Gift of People with Disabilities

Be a Prophet Go tell Everyone!

7 July Aylesford Priory | 12.00 start to 16.00 Mass

Bring Packed Lunch, bring friends!

Come and share your story...



**British Province
of Carmelites**



“Summertime 2024”



Altar Servers Summer Break



Monday 29th July – Thursday 1st August

Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner

A few days for boy and girl servers aged 11- 17 of the Southwark Diocese

Meet in a holiday atmosphere

Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport,
Thorpe Park visit and Swimming,

A coach will be provided from St. Anselm’s Dartford



Cost £189

Cost for week covers:
All board and lodging
Thorpe Park

For more details contact:
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