



**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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**14 JULY 2024**

**TODAY'S READINGS** - Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - When Jesus sent out the 12 apostles to spread the Good News, he chose to send them in pairs. A helpful reminder that on our journey of faith our gifts can complement each other's when we work together.

The instructions to travel light can feel challenging if you like to pack for every type of weather and eventuality. We so often carry more than we need! But perhaps Jesus was inviting them not to overthink, and to get on quickly with the important task.

He encouraged them to stay in the first house they went into, rather than to pick and choose their company. Perhaps his instructions suggest we should have confidence in the goodness of the majority of people we meet, and to trust the God whose Good News we want to share.

The disciples went to encourage people to change for the better (preach repentance) and to anoint and heal others. This Gospel could be seen as an invitation to inject positivity into our conversations, empowering those we meet, and to help people, especially if they are unwell, to feel valued and more whole.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

**THE SPIRITANS, HOLY GHOST FATHERS MISSION APPEAL - 13 & 14 July 2024**

This weekend at all Masses, there will be a Mission Appeal given by a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, a Missionary congregation who work caring for the poor, marginalised and most abandoned in our world but particularly in Nigeria and West Africa. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

<https://spiritans.co.uk/>



**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Anastasia Walker. Congratulations to Anastasia and her parents Rachel and Daniel from all at St William of York and welcome Anastasia to our parish family.

**2025 RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST PREPARATION PROGRAMME**

An information evening will be held on **Sunday 14 July 2024** at 6.00 pm in the Church for the parents/carers of children in year 3 (KS2) and above who wish to present their children for the Reconciliation and Eucharist programme for 2025. The meeting will last for approximately 30 minutes. **IMPORTANT** - If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Fr Habte via the parish office tel:- 020 8690 4549 or email [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) **BEFORE** the 14th July. Please collect a copy of the Information leaflet from the Narthex.

**DIACONAL DAY** - **On Sunday 14 July** we are celebrating our first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as we pray for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to Fr Habte or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: [ianblack@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ianblack@rcaos.org.uk)

## **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.

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> October at St Stephen's Church, Welling**. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)**

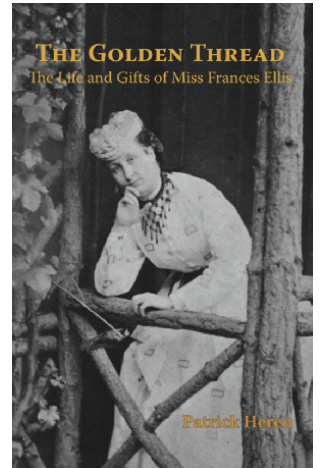
## **INTERNAL AUDITORS NEEDED**

We are looking to recruit additional Internal Auditors for our Archdiocesan Audit Programme. The purpose is to demonstrate to HMRC that parishes are adequately recording Gift Aid donations and claiming tax refunds. Work includes visiting a handful of parishes per year, for which a rate per day plus travel expenses will be paid. If you know someone who has a good financial background, with audit and reporting experience, please contact Paul Jackson [pauljackson@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:pauljackson@rcaos.org.uk)

## **BIOGRAPHY OF MISS FRANCES ELLIS, FOUNDER-BENEFACTOR OF ST WILLIAM OF YOK CHURCH by Patrick Heron**

Born to a life of wealth and privilege in 1846, Frances Ellis converted to Catholicism in 1900, and set about giving away her money to support the church. Over the course of a decade, she was responsible for the building of 40 new Catholic churches, mostly in the diocese of Southwark, nearly all of which are still in active use.

She sought no recognition for her intensely practical generosity and received none from the church authorities. She was content with the giving. Frances herself lived in west Cornwall with nuns of the Daughters of the Cross, an order she also supported financially, helping to build hospitals, schools and convents. Hundreds of letters preserved by the order give a lively picture of her life and remarkable character.



The Golden Thread tells Frances' story and sets it in the context of the evolving English church and its many challenges in the early 20th century. It draws pen portraits of remarkable men and women like Cardinal Francis Bourne, Canon Edward St John and Mother Iphigène Butner.

### **ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS**

On Saturday 13 July, Archbishop John Wilson celebrated a Mass for married couples at St Georges Cathedral. We wish them, and all married couples, every blessing in their lives together.

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2024** - For the pastoral care of the sick  
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

### **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*

**Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of**

**Paul Emuan Junior RIP**

Please pray for Paul's family and friends at this difficult time  
(Funeral at St William of York on 15th July at 11.00am)

**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**

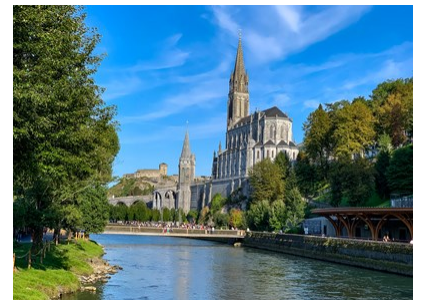
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**PARISH DIARY**

Sunday 14 July 6pm	Parents/Carers Information meeting 1st Eucharist 2025	Church
Thursday 18 July 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 19 July 9.30am	Parents and Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 20 July 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 21 July 11.30am	Retirement Thanksgiving Mass for Sharon Lynch Refreshments	Church School grounds
Sunday 21 July 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday 22 July 7.45pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York

**SOUTHWARK LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

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





**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sea Sunday**

**Saturday 13 July 2024**

**18:00** Renate Betson RIP

**Sunday 14 July 2024**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

**Monday 15 July 2024 -St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** Martin Costello RIP

**11:00** Funeral of Paul Emuan Junior RIP

**Tuesday 16 July 2024 -Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**09:30** Alice Gillett (FM)

**Wednesday 17 July 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Frances Ellis (FM) (live-streamed)

**Thursday 18 July 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 19 July 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Ivan Charles RIP Anniversary

**Saturday 20 July 2024 - Feria**

**10:30** Holy Souls

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Saturday 20 July 2024**

**18:00** Helena Walsh RIP

**Sunday 21 July 2024**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Sharon Lynch Retirement Thanksgiving

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

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