



**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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

28 APRIL 2024

Dear Parishioners

On Thursday 25th April, Janet Emmanuel and I went to the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. We represented our parish Citizen's UK group at the London Mayoral Assembly, which was attended by about 2000 people from all corners of London. It was good to see many Catholic parishes, schools and organisations taking a leading role in advocating and campaigning for the common good, demanding a fairer and just living wage, bringing to the fore the of lack of affordable housing and its quality etc....

The social teaching of the church encourages Catholics to be the voice of the voiceless, to play their Prophetic role by speaking to those who hold public offices, and drawing the attention of leaders towards the challenges that affect Citizens.

I encourage Parishioners who are interested and passionate about social actions that can bring about a change within our community and beyond, to join the parish Citizen's UK group and similar parish groups that work for the common good.

God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus gives us a picture of himself as the true vine, God the Father as the gardener nurturing the vine, and we, his disciples, are the branches providing the grapes, the fruit of the vine.

The fruit we produce is through revealing God's Will, which is Love. We are privileged that God wants to work in us and through us; we know He loves us and that He wants us to reveal His Love to others. We are only able to produce such fruit because we rely on the teaching of Jesus, founded in the love of God for each one of us. As branches, we cannot bear fruit if we cut ourselves off from Jesus; we cannot rely on ourselves without God nurturing our faith.

The analogy is carried further. Every gardener knows that branches produce some shoots which serve no purpose and should be cut off, because they sap the energy of the plant. In the same way, God prunes back our vain efforts to achieve our own ends, so that all our energy is devoted to producing the fruit of God's Love.

When we seek to do God's Will with sincerity and humility, our prayers are answered and our efforts bear fruit.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - SECOND COLLECTION - 28th APRIL 2024

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.



Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not

receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.



- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the St George’s Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.
- Contactless device in the Narthex or use the DONA link on our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church>

Thank you!



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Freddie Robert Edward Ogden. Congratulations to Freddie and his parents Rebecca and Joseph from all at St William of York and welcome Freddie to our parish family.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH - To mark the 60th Anniversary of the consecration of our parish Church we will be having an evening prayer on **Sunday 5th May at 6:00pm** followed by a reception.

Do come and join us in celebrating the 60th Anniversary of this important event click here to read [History of our Church](#)

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT MY PAINTING EXHIBITION

Dear Parish Members, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who attended my painting exhibition last Saturday, April 20th. The turnout exceeded my expectations, and your presence made the event truly special.

I especially want to thank Fr. Habte for his inspiring remarks during the Q&A session, which left a positive impression on me. Your support and interest in my artistic journey mean a great deal to me, and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to share my story with you all.

Once again, thank you for making the exhibition a memorable and meaningful experience for me. Warm regards, Matthew Medupin

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 24

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS - 6th MAY 2024

The Mass for Migrants will take place in St George's Cathedral this year on **Monday 6th May at 12:30pm**, with a preceding banner procession at 12.15pm. This service jointly celebrates the diversity of our communities and the contribution of migrant workers to London and Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood Diocese. Come in honour of St Joseph to celebrate the important contribution migrant workers make to our evolving multigenerational places of work & home across the London boroughs. All are warmly welcomed to join us for this Mass.



PENTECOST SUNDAY: this year Pentecost Sunday falls on **19th May 2024**, following our decision last year to celebrate one Sunday Joint Mass on four selected Sundays, we will be celebrating one Mass at 10:30am. Please remember to put this in your diary.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS SUNDAY 9 JUNE AT 10.30AM

- **your favourite songs from around the world**

Do you have a favourite song in any language from any country you would like us to sing at the International Mass? We're looking for songs or mass parts (eg Gloria, Lamb of God) that we can teach the whole congregation. Or would you like to sing or play an instrument with the music group that week? We would love to have you join us.

Please speak to Liz after 9.30 Mass or Kathleen after 11.30, or any other member of the music group. Or text 07789 368 736 or email foresthillemusic@rcaos.org.uk

NEW PARISH YOUTH GROUP STARTING SOON (hopefully early May)

please lookout for further announcements in the coming weeks

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.

The dates are as follows

- Saturday 11th May 2024, St George's Cathedral, Southwark
- Saturday 6th July 2024, St John Fisher School, Chatham
- Saturday 28th September 2024, Richard Challoner School, New Malden
- Saturday 9th November 2024, St George's Cathedral, Southwark

During the day there will be a range of opportunities, from learning more about the Catholic faith through catechesis and adoration. to fun with friends through crafts and sport. All are welcome [sign up here](#)

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

NORBERT PRILL RIP

Brother-in-law of Fennell Betson

ANNAMARIA PAOLILLO RIP

mother of Zaira Presutto

Please pray for Norbert's & Annamaria's family and friends at this difficult time

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

MASS ATTENDEES

6/7 April - 251 13/14 April - 259 20/21 April - 267

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 28 April 6pm	Confirmation 7 Session	Church
Thursday 2 May 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 3 May 9.30am	Mother and Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 4 May 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 5 May 6pm	Evening Prayer 60th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church	Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 27 April 2024

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 28 April 2024

09:30 Matthew & Adrian McGurran RIP

11:30 Michael Doherty RIP 3rd Anniversary

Monday 29 April 2024 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor

09:30 Joseph Dominique RIP Anniversary

Tuesday 30 April 2024 - Feria

09:30 Honorine Tia RIP

Wednesday 1 May 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 AB Birthday Blessings

Thursday 2 May 2024 - St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 3 May 2024 - Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

09:30 Yvonne Owokede Personal Intentions

Saturday 4 May - The English Martyrs

10:30 Gerald Gunasingham RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 4 May 2024

18:00 Kathleen Ryan RIP

Sunday 5 May 2024

09:30 Farrell Family Intentions

11:30 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



THE LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS MASS AND THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Celebrating the valuable contribution migrants make to life in our city of London

hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark,
the Diocese of Westminster and
the Diocese of Brentwood

supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions, London Ethnic Chaplaincies and
Citizens UK

on Monday 6th May at 12.30pm

**at St George's Cathedral,
Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR**

Presider: Archbishop John Wilson

Concelebrants: Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and the Bishop of Brentwood.

St Joseph like Our Blessed Mother said yes to all, as worker, carpenter, foster father, spouse of Our Blessed Mother, patron of our universal church and patron of migrants. A determined and trustworthy leader, consistently blessed by God.

Come in honour of St Joseph to celebrate the important contribution migrant workers make to our evolving multigenerational places of work & home across the London boroughs.

Those attending are advised to be seated by 12 noon for a banner procession at 12.15pm. Those taking part in the banner procession please gather outside Amigo Hall at 12 noon.

Everyone is invited to attend in their national dress.

