



**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 LENT (B)

17 MARCH 2024

Dear Parishioners

Lent is a time with a dual character for each believer: of grace, for the rediscovery of baptismal identity, and of penance, for the awareness of sin in one's life. For this reason, the faithful are invited to reflect through a more intense listening to the Word of God and through the more abundant use of the baptismal elements of tradition as well as the penitential elements (SC 109). Let's focus on penance.

The public penitential sign with which the Church begins the season of Lent is that of the imposition of ashes on the heads of the faithful: Lent calls us to conversion through prayer and penance. Therefore, alongside, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, taking the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation is an important aspect of our Lenten Journey, we had several opportunities in the past few weeks for our school and parish community.

The sacrament of reconciliation is a wonderful chance for us to fulfil our Easter duties and to receive from God his merciful forgiveness which helps us to have

an adequate preparation for the great feast of Easter. We have our parish penitential service this coming Friday 22nd March at 7:30pm, dedicated for the sacrament of reconciliation.

God Bless

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last Supper and the Passion. In it we witness how Jesus' dread (his soul is 'troubled') is mixed with confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest, for in John the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly understood as the triumph of the Son of Man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning (when he permits the guards to take him into custody) until the end (when he calls out that he is ready to die: 'It is complete'). This is all about the hour of the exaltation of the Son of Man, when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important, then, for John to show that, before the Passion, the cost for Jesus was real. He does this with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent to the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews is another variant on Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All these prayers express Jesus' very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and his loving confidence in his Father's care. *Does Jesus fear death? Do you? What are the grounds for Jesus' confidence? Do you share this confidence?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

MONDAY 18 MARCH & WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH - Please note the 9.30am Masses have been cancelled as we have funerals on these days.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN LENT - FRIDAY 22 MARCH 7.30pm

This is an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spend quiet time in prayer and contemplation. Visiting priests will be assisting,

PALM SUNDAY 24 MARCH - NEXT SUNDAY

Please note the earlier Mass start time of 9.15am which will begin at the school hall. The Vigil and 11:30am Sunday Masses will begin with the Palm Liturgy in the lower hall. Please do try to come early. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES - Please click [HERE](#) for our parish Easter Card containing the timetable for Holy Week and Easter. Copies also available in church and on our website <http://www.swoy.org.uk>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY: - Children's Way of the Cross on Good Friday, 29th March. The children of the parish will have their own 'Way of the Cross' at 10.30am. Please bring your child/children to participate; we would be grateful for additional parental help with the children. Thank you

EASTER FLOWERS SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

We ask for your help us to make the church look beautiful for the Triduum and Easter. Next Sunday we will take a second collection, something from everyone will make that possible. Thank you in advance.



ASSISTANCE TO FR HABTE - SACRISTAN & CHURCH DUITES

Fr Habte will be grateful for volunteers to assist with Sacristan and Church duties in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Please let Fr Habte know or contact Mary if you will be able to spare some time to assist.
Many thanks in advance for your support.

EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE - As we approach Easter, please see the yellow Easter Offering envelopes, available in the Narthex, so you can make a donation, giving thanks to our Parish Priest for all his hard work and dedication to St William of York. If you are going away at Easter, please use the envelope and post it in the letter box of the presbytery whenever you can. For those of you in the gift aid scheme, please write your gift aid number on the Easter offering envelope as the parish will benefit. You may also give via the Contactless device. QR code or via the parish bank account details:-
Sort Code 60-50-01 -Account number 79124437 - RCAS FOREST HILL
Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/Easter. Many thanks



Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

DR ALEXANDER UCHÈ RIP

father of Emmy

Please pray for Dr Alexander's family and friends at this difficult time

GRAZINA McCARTHY RIP

**A long standing parishioner who was a welcomer and a member of the choir
and art group during Fr Patrick's time in the parish**

Funeral details to be advised

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

MARGARET O'SULLIVAN RIP

sister of Catherine Doherty

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

LYNDA TARLING RIP

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

Lynda's funeral will be at St William of York on Monday 18th March at 10.30am

GERALD GUNASINGHAM RIP

Please pray for Gerald and his family and many friends at this difficult time.

Gerald will be received into St. William of York at 5.30pm on Tuesday 19th March 2024

Funeral to take place at 11.30am on Wednesday 20th March 2024

As a tribute to Gerald in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the parish over many years, we have received suggestions from a number of parishioners that we set up a fund to pass to the family in Gerald's memory.

**If you wish to contribute to the fund, donations may be sent via cash/
cheque payable to RCAS Forest Hill, via the contactless device in the
Narthex via our secure website link [https://donate.mydona.com/st-
william-of-york-rc-church](https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church) or by scanning the QR Code,
or direct to our bank account**

**Bank: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437
Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Gerald/Gift Aid no**



**Please ensure all donations are cleared marked in memory of Gerald so we
can easily identify them,**

Gerald's family would be so grateful if anybody has photographs of Gerald that they would be willing to lend to be displayed at the funeral reception. Please email them to the parish foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or post through the presbytery letter box.
Thank you

**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

24/25 February - 283 2/3 March - 367 9/10 March -273

PARISH DIARY

Sun 17 Mar 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sun 17 Mar 6pm	Confirmation Session 5	Church
Tues 19 Mar 8pm	RCIA Gospel Reflection Refreshments afterwards	Church Lower hall
Thurs 21 Mar 8pm	Singers Practice	Church
Fri 22 Mar 9.30am	Mothers & Toddlers	Cafe York
Fri 22 Mar 7.30pm	Penitential Service	Church
Sat 23 Mar 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

GIFT AID - Envelopes for the period April 2024 to March 2025 are now available for collection from the Narthex for those parishioners who are currently using envelopes.

Please collect the envelope number that you have been using through 2023 as you leave the church. If you need a reminder of your gift aid number, please contact Mary via the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8690 4549.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

Saturday 16 March 2024

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 17 March 2024

09:30 Fidelis Dako RIP

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 18 March 2024 - Feria

10:30 Funeral of Lynda Tarling RIP

Tuesday 19 March 2024 - St. Joseph

09:30 Gerald Gunasingham RIP

17:30 Reception of Gerald Gunasingham RIP

Wednesday 20 March 2024 - Feria

11:30 Funeral of Gerald Gunasingham RIP

Thursday 21 March 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 22 March 2024 - Feria

09:30 Kay Krauze RIP

Saturday 23 March 2024 - Feria

10:30 Pa Sylvester & Agnes Orieso RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

Saturday 23 March 2024

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 25 March 2024

09:15 Angela Madronero

11:30 Gerald Gunasingham RIP

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**

