



**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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

7 JULY 2024

Dear Parishioners

This weekend at the 11:30am Mass our RCIA Candidates, Mica Santana and Alexa Roberts will be welcomed by our parish community. Having been through the period of Evangelization and Pre-catechumenate, today, we will be celebrating The Rite of Acceptance and welcome. This rite recognises the Catechumens decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and welcomes the Candidates, those who have been baptised in another denomination or baptised Catholic as a child, but never catechised in the Catholic faith, into the process of full communion with the Church.

“Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the pre-catechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church” *RCIA and introductory material page 11.*

I call upon all members of the parish community to keep Mica and Alexa and their sponsors and their families in your prayers as they go through this journey.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 2:2-5, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Mark 6:1-6

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - When Jesus goes to his hometown to preach he is not accepted and feels unwelcome and leaves abruptly. The towns people cannot believe that the son of Joseph who is a carpenter could possibly perform any miracles or teach them anything new, basing their assumptions on Joseph being in a low profile job rather than giving Jesus opportunities and listening to his message. People often make negative assumptions about people especially if they have known them from childhood or they are not seen as important. They base their impressions on outward signs and how they remember the person rather than making time getting to know and understand them and letting them show us who they have become so that we can see them in a new light. This can also be true of our faith. Do we make time to listen and are we open to what God has to say to us and where he is leading us? Do we make too many assumptions or are we open to seeing things with fresh eyes and open to new opportunities.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-1



SEA SUNDAY - 2nd COLLECTION TODAY
(as Mission appeal next weekend)

STELLA MARIS Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea

Sunday is Sunday 14th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/ donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you for your support.

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

Next 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/>

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 **BEFORE** the 14th July. Please collect a copy of the Information leaflet from the Narthex.

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.

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

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.

PARISH UPPER HALL PROJECT SURVEY -

Thank you for all the survey responses so far, we appreciate your feedback and comments. The survey will remain open until further notice so if you haven't had an opportunity to complete there is still time to do so.

Hard copies of the survey are available in the Narthex, please post through the presbytery letter box. You can also download a copy of the survey form [HERE](#) via our website <https://www.swoy.org.uk> We look forward to receiving your feedback and comments as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your help Fr Habte

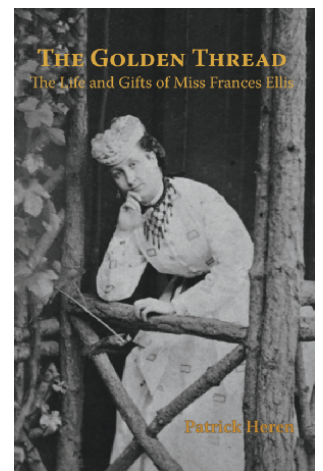
BIOGRAPHY OF MISS FRANCES ELLIS, FOUNDER-BENEFACTOR OF ST WILLIAM OF YOK CHURCH by Patrick Heron

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.

All forty of the "Ellis churches" are described together with a brief history of each. Its title is *The Golden Thread: the Life and Gifts of Miss Frances Ellis*. At 320 pages with photographs of the churches and all the leading characters in the tale, available at <https://www.gracewing.co.uk/page406.html> (or Amazon if you prefer).



FINANCES - JUNE 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £3,144.23
Donations for Day for Life - £184.18
Donations for Peter's Pence - £127.48
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £154.16
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,755.00

Thank you for your continued support
Please gift aid where possible

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

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**

Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Michael McDowell RIP

(Brother of Paula)

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

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

MASS ATTENDEES

15/16 June - 480 22/23 June - 303 29/30 June - 493

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 7 July 12.30-2.30pm	SWOY School Summer Fair	School
Thursday 11 July 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 12 July 9.30am	Parents and Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 13 July 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 14 July 6pm	Parents Information meeting 1st Eucharist 2025 programme	Church
Sunday 21 July 11.30am	Retirement Thanksgiving Mass for Sharon Lynch Refreshments	Church School grounds



SWOY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 7th July 12.30 - 2.30pm

**Raffle with great prizes donated by local
businesses. ALL WELCOME**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 6 July 2024

18:00 Family Del Guerco and Ficetola RIP

Sunday 7 July 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Margaret O'Sullivan RIP (live-streamed)

Monday 8 July 2024 -Feria

09:30 Katie Scanlon RIP

Tuesday 9 July 2024 - Feria

09:30 Evelyn Reynolds RIP

Prayers for Michael McDowell RIP

Wednesday 10 July 2024 - Feria

09:30 Julia Bentham RIP Birthday (live-streamed)

Thursday 11 July 2024 - St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 12 July 2024 - Feria

09:30 Holy Souls

Saturday 13 July 2024 - Feria

10:30 Clement Spooner (FM)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sea Sunday

Saturday 13 July 2024

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

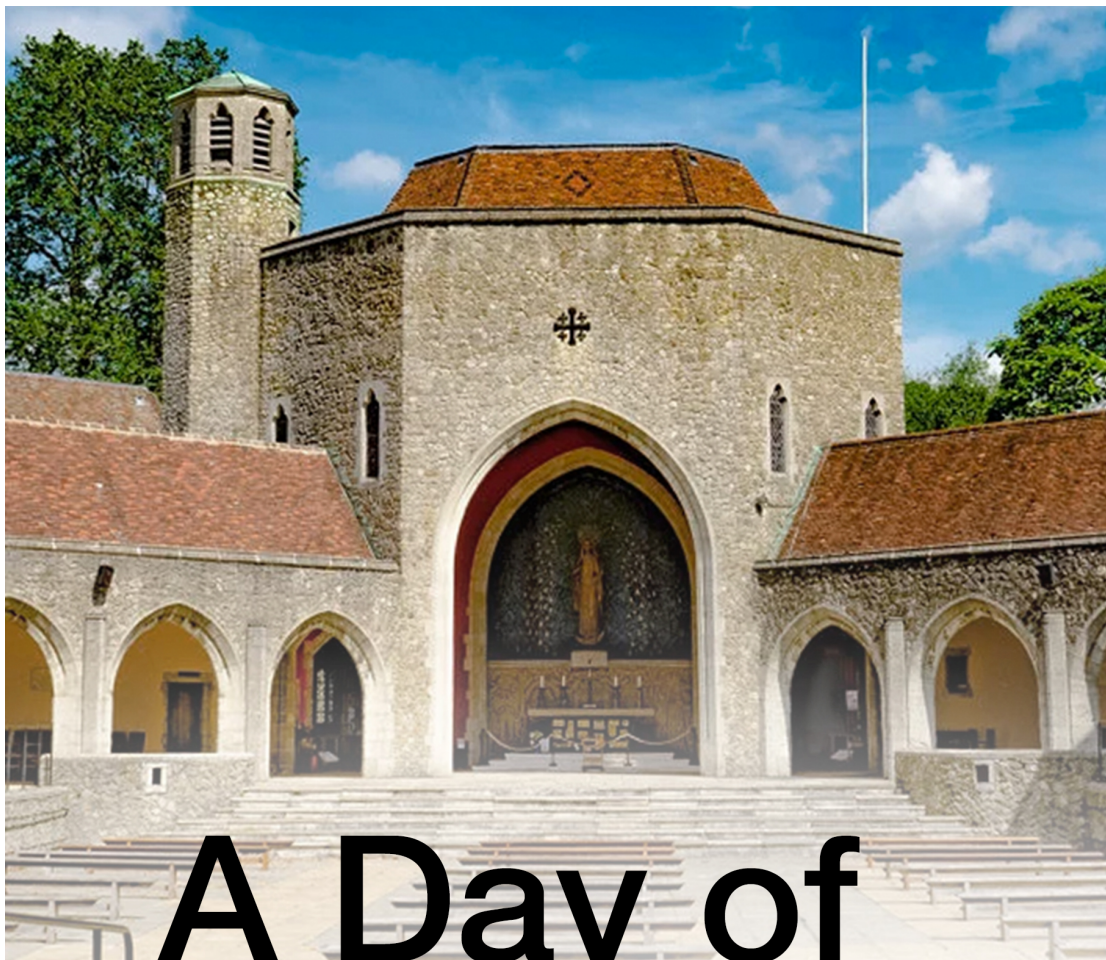
Sunday 14 July 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



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



SEA SUNDAY 2024

I was a stranger....

Seafarers can lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will welcome seafarers and fishers and help them to get the support they need.

£20

£20 could help to send a chaplain to support a sick or injured seafarer in hospital. Please donate now at [Stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](https://stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday)



Please donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk
Or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5

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STELLA MARIS

“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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