



**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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

21 APRIL 2024

Dear Parishioners

The RCIA journey in faith programme will be back after a brief Easter break, the period of the Catechumenate will be commencing, as the Rite of Christian Initiations for Adults says "This is an extended period during which the candidates are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training them in the Christian life" the parish community assumes its responsibility by supporting the candidates in prayer and involvement in Catechising.

I and the RCIA team appreciate the support of parishioners and catechists in this ministry and mission. Please pray for the candidates Mica, Alexa and James. I encourage the parish community to join us during the Tuesday evening sessions we hold fortnightly. The details of the programme will soon be available in the narthex.

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

Jesus is the good shepherd who has laid down his life for his sheep. He knows his own and his own know him. In our daily lives we follow his voice, which calls us to be united in love for God and for the people around us, our neighbours. We must be on guard against the voices of false shepherds, who care more about their own opinions than our well-being, preaching the discord and division of self-important pride. If we, like sheep, feel lost in our search for the right path, we should be comforted by this message from Jesus, that he is our shepherd, he will find us and he will show us the way.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION - 21st APRIL

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers.

Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you !

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



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

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. Thank you in advance for your support.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the Role of Women

This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognised in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Eastertide:

New Members of the Church, Vocations - *especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Survivors of Sexual Abuse - *especially on Tuesday in the fifth Week of Easter.*

The Right Use of the Media - *especially on World Communications Day, Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Church - especially at Pentecost*

Human Work - *especially on 1st May, Saint Joseph the Worker*

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.

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 June at 6:00pm.**

PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS Please also remember that we will be celebrating the parish international Mass on **Sunday 9th June 2024 at 10.30am**, followed by shared lunch at the school hall. Children will be involved in the liturgy, music and various shows at the school grounds

The hymns, readings and the Gospel will be proclaimed in foreign languages and so will the prayers of the faithful. Parishioners of diverse nationalities and languages are encouraged to participate in the celebration. Both in the liturgy and the shared lunch afterwards. Everyone is invited to this Joyful day of celebration and unity

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE July 13th, at St George's Cathedral - If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk

As the subject of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Forest Hill and please copy in the parish foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

THANK YOU FROM GERALD GUNASINGHAM'S FAMILY

Dear Fr. Habte and all the parishioners!

We just wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the amazing help, masses, support, sympathy cards, donations, and kind words you've provided us with during this incredibly tough time after Gerald's passing. Your unwavering support has truly meant the world to us. We're so grateful to each and every one of you, and we're really looking forward to staying connected with all of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

With love, Gerald Gunasingham's family!

TRIBUTE TO GERALD GUNASINGHAM RIP

Total collected £2,595.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

ANNAMARIA PAOLILLO RIP

mother of Zaira Presutto

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

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

MASS ATTENDEES

30/31 March - 584 6/7 April - 251 13/14 April - 259

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 21 April 3pm	Eucharist 3 Session Parents/Carers Meeting	Church School Hall
Sunday 21 April 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.	Church
Sunday 21 April 6pm	Confirmation 6 Session Parents/Carers Meeting	Church School Hall
Thursday 25 April 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 26 April 9.30am	Mother and Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 27 April 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 28 April 6pm	Confirmation 7 Session	Church
Monday 6 May 12.30pm	Mass in celebration of London Migrant Workers	St George's Cathedral
Wednesday 5 June 6pm	Evening Prayer 60th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church	Church
Sunday 9 June 10.30am	Parish International Mass followed by shared lunch and activities	Church School

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Saturday 20 April 2024

18:00 Patrick Maguire RIP & Peter Hann RIP

Sunday 21 April 2024

09:30 Joan Godwin RIP 13th Anniversary

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 22 April 2024 - Feria

09:30 Mary Garvey RIP

Tuesday 23 April 2024 - St. George, Martyr, Patron of England

09:30 Michael Ibini

Wednesday 24 April 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Mary McCarthy RIP

Thursday 25 April 2024 - St. Mark, Evangelist

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 26 April 2024 - Feria

09:30 Sylvester Orieso

Saturday 27 April 2024 - Feria

10:30 William & Jessie Thorpe (FM)

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

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/