



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

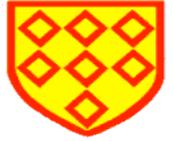
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**Mass Times**

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 LENT (B)**

**Laetare Sunday**

**Remembering especially "Our Mothers"**

**10 MARCH 2024**

Dear Parishioners

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March the Governors of our School announced that after a successful recruitment process, they have appointed Mrs Hayley Mayers as the new Headteacher of St William of York Primary School.

The parish community received the news with great pleasure, I would like to congratulate Mrs Mayers on her new role as our new headteacher. We extend our warm and sincere welcome to her. We extend our sincere and profound gratitude for her many years of hard work and service as a teacher and Deputy head teacher.

I am certain that she will face this new responsibility and adventure among us with her already recognised and esteemed professional and human skills, with her great passion for education and our school, for which she has always put herself at the service with a wonderful enthusiasm and humble dedication.

As a skilled builder of authentic relationships, she will certainly be able to help us build on the already existing close relationship and collaboration between our parish

community and the school. Together we will further strengthen the wonderful climate of trust, sharing and looking after the spiritual well-being of our school community.

I would like to assure Mrs Mayers of a full collaboration and complete availability to make our school and parish a place of welcome, inclusion, cultural, emotional and relational growth for our young people and for all of us.

Last but not least I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the governors of our school for their hard work, wisdom and dedication they have shown in the recruitment process and the crucial role they play in the life of the school.

God Bless

Fr Habte

### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

**THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - After Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus comes this reflection on Nicodemus' visit. Is it Jesus' reflection or the evangelist's? The text does not make it clear. Throughout the gospel of John people are coming to Jesus and judging themselves by their reactions to Jesus. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son. In his turn the Son does not judge, but we judge ourselves by our reaction to him. So at the wedding at Cana the disciples believe in him and see his glory. In the Temple the Jews refuse belief and are condemned. Then comes Nicodemus in secret and in fear. At this point he is sitting on the fence, afraid of the Pharisees - but by the time of the burial he has decided for Jesus. After Nicodemus the Samaritan woman approaches Jesus. Cheeky and unbelieving at first, she is won over by Jesus' playful persistence. And so on - the Jews on one side, the man healed at the Pool of Bethzatha on the other: the Jews on one side, the man blind from birth on the other. The decision is ours too. When confronted by Jesus, do we come to the light so that our deeds may be known, or do we shun the light?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -**

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33

## **TODAY IS MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Let us pray for all spiritual and biological Mothers. It was originally a time when people returned to the church where they were baptised or where they attended services when they were children. That allowed families reunion as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. Now people visit and take gifts to their mothers. Our spiritual and biological Mothers deserve our gratitude; may God bless and protect them always.

Let us also remember in our prayers all those that may find this day difficult.

## **POOR PARISHES - 2ND COLLECTION TODAY**

Our second collection today is for the poor parishes, formerly, the Needs of the Diocese collection, which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese. Thank you for your generosity

## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

For the new martyrs - We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## **WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

Every year up to six boys join [Westminster Cathedral Choir School](#) as choristers in Years 4 or 5. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in a world-famous choir, and to join a top school for boys age 4 – 13, with up to 100% off fees.

A warm welcome awaits families who would simply like to explore what it means to be a chorister. We'll take you on a behind-the-scenes look at chorister life and explain why being in a top choir is such a joyous experience.

[Families please sign up for the Zoom session here.](#)

or contact Lucy Auger

email [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com) Tel 020 7798 900r81

## **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 the website.

## **EASTER CHICKS ON SALE FROM THIS WEEKEND**

Kathy Doyle has once again very kindly supplied a supply of beautiful hand knitted Easter chicks complete with a chocolate egg inside which are on sale from this weekend. Suggested donation £3.50. All proceeds to the Church. Thanks in advance to everyone who contributes.

Hurry while stocks last !!!



**ARCHDIOCESE YOUNG ADULT EVENTS** - St George's Cathedral hosts a monthly Young Adult Mass at 6:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+). There are also weekly events and socials on Thursday evenings. Details can be found on the [RCAOS website](#), Facebook, and Instagram [@stgeorgesya](#). [facebook](#), and [Instagram @stgeorgesya](#).

- To receive regular updates on youth and young adult activities, please sign up to our Youth Network at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork)
- For details of forthcoming youth days, youth retreats, training, and other events, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/scysevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysevents)
- Please direct any enquiries to [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?**

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated.

If Interested, please contact – [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## **JOB VACANCY - SOCIETY PROTECTION UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)**

We're looking for an Administration Assistant for our London HQ!

The successful candidate will work within the Administration and Dispatch department, based out of our central London HQ.- Salary circa £24,000 per annum.

To apply for this role, please contact [charliemccluskey@spuc.org.uk](mailto:charliemccluskey@spuc.org.uk)

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED** - Please contact the Parish office if you have a 1 bedroom flat or accommodation available to rent in the SE23, SE4, SE15 or SE14 areas. This is needed by April 20th. Many thanks

## **GRIEF in LOSS and HOPE in CHRIST**

Friday 22nd- Sunday 24th March 2024

Ged Walsh O. Carm, Barbara Salamonczyk & Liz Taylor

For anyone who has experienced a bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve , remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection Jesus.

Cost : £230 single £210 shared

Contact [retreat@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:retreat@thefriars.org.uk)

**REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE** – Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## FINANCES

## FEBRUARY 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,848.15  
Donations for Clergy Support Fund - £368.25  
Donations for CAFOD Family Fast Day - £816.74  
Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £1,089.83  
Donations for Tribute to Gerald Gunasingham RIP - £659.51  
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,293.00

Thank you for your continued support  
Please Gift Aid where possible

**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](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or 020 8690 4549.

There are also supplies of white gift aid envelopes in the Narthex for one-off donations, second and special collections and for use by visitors to our parish. Please remember to add your gift aid number when using the white envelopes.

## MASS ATTENDEES

17/18 February - 240 24/25 February - 283 2/3 March - 367

## PARISH DIARY

Tues 12 Mar 8pm	RCIA Gospel Reflection Refreshments afterwards	Church Lower hall
Thurs 14 Mar 8pm	Singers Practice	Church
Fri 15 Mar 9.30am	Mothers & Toddlers	Cafe York
Sat 16 Mar 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 17 Mar 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sun 17 Mar 6pm	Confirmation Session 5	Church

**Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of**

**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**

**MAY MILLER RIP**

**A long standing member of this parish. May moved to the Isle of Wight a few years ago to  
be close to her family.**

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

**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](mailto: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**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**Laetare Sunday**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Saturday 9 March 2024**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 10 March 2024**

**09:30** Gerald Gunasingham RIP

**11:30** Samuel Wyse RIP

**Monday 11 March 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** John Warner RIP

**Tuesday 12 March 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Donal McDermott RIP

**Wednesday 13 March 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)**

**09:30** Gerald Gunasingham RIP

**Thursday 14 March 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 15 March 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Gerald Gunasingham RIP

**Saturday 16 March 2024 - Feria**

**10:30** Kian & Julie Channing Get Well

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**Saturday 16 March 2024**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 17 March 2024**

**09:30** Fidelis Dako RIP

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

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

# 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

## Mass & Celebration

16 MARCH 2024

12:30PM MASS



MAIN CELEBRANT

**THE MOST REVEREND JOHN WILSON**



**ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

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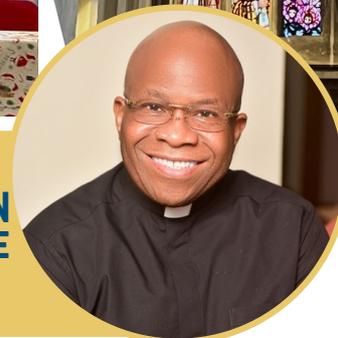
- REFRESHMENTS
- WELCOME ADDRESS FROM JOHN WILSON
- SPEAKERS INCLUDING:
  - RAYMOND FRIEL, CEO OF CSAN, OVERVIEW OF CARITAS ENGLAND AND WALES
  - JOHN COLEBY, CARITAS SOUTHWARK
- CARITAS UPDATES IN AMIGO HALL (2.00PM-4.30PM)
- Q & A SESSION WITH FOUR LOCAL PROJECTS
- NETWORKING

**SUPPORT CARITAS SOUTHWARK AND ALL THEIR WORK!**



CLOSING REMARKS

**CANON VICTOR DARLINGTON**  
• EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR THE SOUTH EAST AREA



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