



**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 - Friday 9.30am Mass

**Reconciliations** - Saturdays 11-12 noon

**Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

1st & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**21 May 2023**

*Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen*

Dear Parishioners

After over 30 years of commitment and service to our parish as a Catechist and Coordinator of our Parish First Eucharist and Reconciliation team, and service in many other parish ministries and activities, Jackie Bishop, will not be able to continue her ministry as she is taking on new commitments, to care for her elderly mother.

I would like to thank you Jackie, for the dedication with which you have embraced this commitment and for having known how to be a real witness to the Gospel. You have been generous to add this service to your work, professional and family commitments. In being a catechist, you gave yourself generously to the service of the community, it is wonderful to see that you lived a vocation within a vocation.

On behalf of the whole community, the numerous children you have loved, cared and prepared for the sacraments, and their parents over the years, the many fellow catechists you have coordinated and worked with, all past priests and myself, I would like to say a very big and sincere thank you.

We wish you every blessing, success, happiness and good health in the days to come. May the Lord bless you! May the Lord still bless us with many catechists.

Fr Habte

**TODAY'S READINGS** - Acts 1:12-14, 1 Peter 4:13-16, John 17:1-11

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** -

This Sunday we are in a wonderful place, between the celebration of the Ascension last Thursday and the overwhelmingly experience of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, next Sunday. We are celebrating the glorification of Christ through his resurrection and praying for the coming of the Spirit. And the glory of Christ is the theme of today's Gospel.

The Gospel passage is taken from Jesus' prayer at the last supper in John's Gospel, from the night before he died. It is a prayer from the most intense evening of Jesus' life. What is extraordinary is that at the heart of his prayer to his Father that night is prayer for his followers, his disciples. We, Jesus' followers on earth, are at the heart of the prayer between the Son and the Father. The prayer that Christ prayed at the first Eucharist and now prays eternally in Heaven has his disciples as its intention.

This loving prayer assures us that we are supremely loved by God. However lonely, miserable, unworthy we feel, we are carried forever in the heart of God. The ascended Christ continues to pray for us today. The Gospel reminds us that this is why we share in the resurrection glory of Christ and this is why the Spirit is poured out on us, the people of God.

JD

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12.3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** -

This weekend we baptised Chimdiebube Great Alo. Many congratulations to Chimdiebube and his parents Chinazom and Okey from all at St William of York and welcome Chimdiebube to our parish family.



**TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY - 2ND COLLECTION**

World Communications Day is celebrated this Sunday, 21 May. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day)

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

**Julia Bentham RIP**

**Funeral at 10.00am on Monday 5 June 2023**

**St Joseph's Catholic Church, Weymouth**

(live-streamed link to be advised)

Please remember Patrick and family and friends in your prayers

**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**

**FR PATRICK AIKENS RIP**

We will be celebrating a Memorial Mass in memory and celebration of Fr Patrick's life here at SWOY on **Saturday 27th May 2023 at 11.30am**, followed by refreshments in the school hall. We will have a display of some photographs that reflect his time in our parish, **if you have any photographs, stories and written memories to share please send them to the parish email by Sunday 21st May 2023**, we will then include them in a small booklet we will be creating. The Memorial Mass will be live-streamed via this link : [www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](http://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

Mass cards and letters for Fr Patrick's family may be handed to Fr Habte or posted through the presbytery door and we will forward them collectively.

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## PARISH DIARY

Sun 21 May 5pm	Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sun 21 May 6pm	Confirmation 9th Session (with parents)	Church
Tues 23 May 10.00am	Knitting session	Cafe York
Thurs 25 May 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 26 May 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler Group	Cafe York
Sat 27 May 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sat 27 May 11.30am	Memorial Mass Fr Patrick Aikens RIP & refreshments	Church School Hall

## MASS ATTENDEES

29/30 Apr - 271    6/7 May - 250    13/14 May - 641

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY - SUNDAY 28 MAY & 11 JUNE 23

Please remember that Mass at **Pentecost on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** and **International Mass on Sunday 11 June** will be celebrated at **10:30am**.

The International Day Mass will be followed by an international lunch and activities in the school hall and grounds. [The parish refreshment team and SWOYSA would be very grateful if parishioners will cook, bake or donate for the International Day lunch celebrations, you will find sign up sheets in the Narthex.](#)



We will also need Volunteers to help set up and tidy up afterwards, if you can help please contact Denise Quadrucci, Betty Lowe from SWOYSA or Fr Habte if you can spare some time. Thank you

Please invite your families and friends as well. All are welcome.

## **MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

**Sept. 23rd, 3pm at St George's Cathedral**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let the Marriage and Family Life South East team know as soon as possible **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. With this information you will be able to receive an invitation from the Archbishop to attend this special Mass at which you can renew your wedding vows. Email them at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) and copy the parish [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) Please include **Forest Hill** in the subject line.

## **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THURSDAY MORNING MASS WEF JULY 2023**

All priests are strongly encouraged by the Archbishop to take a day off each week. This arrangement worked well when Fr Gregory was in the parish, he gladly celebrated Mass on Thursday mornings, however, since his departure it has become increasingly difficult for me to take a full day off and most weeks it has become a half-day. Therefore, starting in July 23, I propose we do not have morning Mass on Thursdays, excluding holy days of obligation and special occasions and the church will be open for private prayer instead from 9.30am to 10.00am.

For parishioners wishing to attend Mass on Thursdays, please consider going to a neighbouring parish.

If anybody wishes to discuss these proposals, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Fr Habte

## **FINANCES**

**APRIL 2023**

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,827.80

Donations for Holy Places - £226.54

Donations for Peters Pence - £221.00

Donations for Lenten Alms -£280.80

Donations for Easter Offering - £3,759.66

Donations for St George's Cathedral Maintenance Fund - £192.49

Donations for Priests Training Fund - £193.51

Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £195.61

From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,335.00

Thank you for your continued support

Please gift aid where possible



## ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### The BIG School Library project!

#### **The BIG school library CROWDFUNDER!**

*If you would like to contribute, and make a donation to our Crowdfunder - you can help us fund some of the furniture and bookshelves for our new library. Any donations would be gratefully received.*

*Perhaps your company might help us and sponsor a bookshelf?*

*Maybe they have a match funding scheme?*

*Do they contribute to community projects?*

*You can donate by following this link*

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-big-library-project>





**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**World Communications Sunday**

**Saturday 20 May 2023**

**18:00** John Cooper RIP

**Sunday 21 May 2023**

**09:30** **First Eucharist Thanksgiving Mass**

For the First Communicants, their Families and Catechists

Prayers for Mr James Ugwu RIP 8th Anniversary

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 22 May 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Roy Raphael RIP

**Tuesday 23 May 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Mary Mother of Jesus (FM)

**Wednesday 24 May 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Fr Patrick Aikens RIP **(live-streamed)**

**Thursday 25 May 2023 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor**

**09:30** Peter Healy 80th Birthday Blessings

**Friday 26 May 2023 - St. Philip Neri, Priest**

**09:30** Ellen Bratton (FM)

**Saturday 27 May 2023- St. Augustine of Canterbury**

**11:30 Memorial Mass for Fr Patrick Aikens RIP (live-streamed)**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)**

**Day of Prayer for the Church**

**Saturday 27 May 2023**

**18:00** Mary Kane

**Sunday 28 May 2023**

**10:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting: [www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](http://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

**LEWISHAM DEANERY  
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

DATES: **18 to 22** SEPT 2023  
COST: £550

**CONTACT FR ANTONY  
HOLY CROSS CHURCH, CATFORD**

WhatsApp: 07460371711  
EMAIL: catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk  
LAST DATE TO APPLY: 31 MAY 2023

### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

18 to 22 September 2023

Cost: £500

Contact: Fr. Antony, Holy Cross Church, Catford

WhatsApp: +447460371711

Email: catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk

**Closing date: 31st May 2023**

### **Pilgrimage to Fatima**

10 to 16 October 2023

Cost: £730

Contact: Juliet Eseinune, 07729391661

Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church,

Balls Pond Road, N1





# St Philomena's

## Catholic High School for Girls



"St Philomena's is an exceptional school."  
OFSTED March 2008

"St Philomena's High School for Girls is an outstanding Catholic school. It achieves both academic excellence and outstanding personal and spiritual development for all pupils.

Pupil's take full advantage of the opportunities offered to them at St Philomena's and are happy to contribute to all aspects of school life."  
Section 48 Inspection

The school has 1,493 students with 310 in the Sixth Form.

Headteacher  
Ms M Noone

St Philomena's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This role requires an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

## Examination Invigilator

### Immediate Start

Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 3.30pm, on an ad-hoc basis  
Term Time Only  
Salary: £11.95 per hour

We are looking to expand and add to our pool of Examination Invigilators to work on an ad-hoc basis, as required by the school.

You will have successful experience working with children and young people of relevant age in a learning environment, have an understanding of relevant policies / codes of practice / legislation, as well as being able to work and communicate well with children, young people and adults alike. As Examination Invigilators are only required as and when the need arises, you will be flexible in your approach to work and available to invigilate at short notice.

This is an excellent opportunity to be part of an outstanding school and make a major contribution to the schools continued success.

This is an excellent opportunity to be part of a thriving school and make a major contribution to the schools continued success.

Further details and an application form are available by contacting the school, or can be downloaded via [this link](#).

Applications from non-Catholics are welcome. All staff are required to be supportive of the Catholic ethos and we have a full time Chaplain that can help support individuals within their role.

Address: Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3PS  
Tel: 020 8642 2025 ext 202  
Fax: 020 8643 7925  
Email: [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk)  
Website: [www.stphils.org.uk](http://www.stphils.org.uk)

**Interviews:** A review of applications will continue until the position is filled, therefore early applications are advised.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

