



**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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

21 JULY 2024

Dear Parishioners

In a family the harmonious collaboration and willingness to help each other makes the family strong. I see our school and parish communities as one and the same with a complementary role that helps grow its members. Working for the good of our community, putting children at the heart of our service and mission. Sharon is leaving a great legacy of collaboration, harmony, peace and love.

At a personal level, I was privileged to work alongside Sharon since I came to the parish, from day one she has been welcoming with “a welcoming smile” great attention and care, and it has been an enjoyable journey. I felt a great sense of belonging and settled quite quickly and She has been one of the many wonderful parishioners who were instrumental in making me feel welcomed.

A truly great presence, a wonderful colleague in the mission. As a friend she was available to listen, who solved serious problems with intelligence and common sense open and friendly and, in many cases, even sisterly.

On behalf of the parish community I thank Sharon for the many years in which she led our school community with great love that characterises it, for her generous self-giving and of faithfulness in shaping the next generation.

Thank you for your commitment, effort and sacrifice.

We wish Sharon to live these years with joy, fullness and serenity, as she has done until now. Now a new path opens; every end represents a new beginning, we wish you every blessing, and success in your future plans and endeavours.

Thank you sincerely Sharon, for everything you have done and you have been to our communities.

God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Today's Gospel is full of wonderfully personal moments showing how Jesus responds to his followers. It helps us see who Jesus is.

When Jesus sees how busy his disciples are after they return from their first mission, he commands them to rest – “You must come away to some lonely place...and rest”. Like the disciples, Jesus calls us to live in the busy world but he also tells us that rest is essential. It's not always possible to make a retreat, or but even if we can only take a few moments to relax or retreat into a quiet inner space, we are obeying God's call to rest. Jesus cares about our wellbeing.

Later Jesus encounters a large crowd and he teaches them because they are “like sheep without a shepherd”. His compassion for the crowd is extreme. We read that he “took pity on them”, the original version describes a more extreme gut-wrenching emotion of compassion. And it's a heart rending image, helpless, lost sheep. This is how our God reacts to us in our need, with more emotion and love than we can imagine.

Reading Mark's Gospel reminds us of the excitement that must have been the hallmark of those brief years of Jesus' ministry. But at its heart is an encounter with a man of limitless love and compassion, who cares infinitely for our wellbeing and happiness.

JD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

SCHOOL LEAVERS' & END of TERM MASS on TUESDAY 23 JULY AT 10.30AM

This week we celebrate a Mass with our school community as the academic year ends. We congratulate our school on its achievements this year and we wish everyone a restful summer holiday. Best wishes to the children of Year 6 who will be moving on to their secondary school. All welcome.

(Please note the 9.30am Mass has been cancelled on Tuesday 23/7 - all parishioners welcome to attend Mass at 10.30am)

A PASTORAL MESSAGE - Archbishop John has recently returned from a visit to Nigeria and he has asked for his Pastoral Message to be made widely available. There are paper copies in the Narthex and you can download a copy [HERE](#)
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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.

INTERNAL AUDITORS NEEDED - We are looking to recruit additional Internal Auditors for our Archdiocesan Audit Programme. If you know someone who has a good financial background, with audit and reporting experience, please contact Paul Jackson pauljackson@rcaos.org.uk

ANNUNCIATION & ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH, BECKENHAM HILL Is in need of a part time parish secretary Two days a week from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. If you are interested please contact Fr Uduak Abara, MSP 07577 412174

OUR CHOIR sing for the last time this Sunday before taking a well deserved break for the summer. They will resume in September. We wish them a restful summer holiday.

MASS ATTENDEES

29/30 June - 493 6/7 July -283 13/14 July - 251

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 21 July 11.30am	Retirement Thanksgiving Mass for Sharon Lynch Refreshments	Church School grounds
Sunday 21 July 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday 22 July 7.45pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 20 July 2024

18:00 Helena Walsh RIP

Sunday 21 July 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sharon Lynch Retirement Thanksgiving (live-streamed)

Monday 22 July 2024 - St. Mary Magdalene

09:30 Margaret Day (FM)

Tuesday 23 July 2024 - St. Bridget, Patron of Europe

School leavers and end of term Mass

10:30 Martin Doherty RIP

Wednesday 24 July 2024 - Feria

09:30 Mary Mother of Jesus (FM) (live-streamed)

Thursday 25 July 2024 - St. James, Apostle

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 26 July 2024 - St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Marie Dominique RIP Birthday & Ann Henry Birthday Blessings

Saturday 27 July 2024 - Feria

10:30 Forgotton Souls in Purgatory (FM)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 27 July 2024

18:00 Norbert Prill RIP

Sunday 28 July 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Gerald Gunasingham RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/