



**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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**14 May 2023**

*Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen*

Dear Parishioners

This weekend 34 children of our parish received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time: I would like to extend my best wishes to all the communicants, the parents/guardians and the extended family members who have been part of their journey. Thank you to the catechists who accompanied them on their journey of formation.

"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving to God". We have many reasons to thank the Lord. When we meet Jesus, we have the best occasion to thank him for everything, especially for his friendship which he shows us in the Eucharistic encounter.

I also would like to thank every member of our parish and school communities for your prayers, love and support during the preparation this year and for continued growth in the faith.

God Bless  
Fr Habte

**TODAY'S READINGS** - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Like the people in the early church, we ask ourselves how to relate our faith to our lives. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reassures us that we are not alone. That God's Spirit is not just with us, but in us.

We can know the Old Testament commandments and the teachings of Jesus to love ourselves and others. But it is a wonderful gift to have God's Spirit guiding us towards the spirit of the law and the authenticity of Gospel values.

Sometimes we're faced with situations where we aren't sure what to do or say. If we listen, God's Spirit can help us work out what the most loving approach might be, and encourage us to have faith and to trust our instincts for good.

Today's Gospel reassures us that we are loved. It invites us to be conscious of God's Spirit within us, supporting us to grow in love of God and each other.

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

### **FIRST EUCHARIST 2023**

Congratulations to all the children who will be receiving their First Eucharist this weekend. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers.

#### **Saturday 13th May 2pm**

Theo Lohan, Aris Latsis, Joseph Graham, Yoelma Da Silvera, Yvan Da Silvera  
Ava Mulchinock, Arion Callacher, Tyrese De Roche-Blair, Olivia Bambridge  
Hamish Cowan, Martha Crittenden, Abigail Dolan-Waters, Owen Durbin,  
Luke Newman, Ivy-Rose Parker, Shivanna Sewell-Spence

#### **Sunday 14th May 9.30am**

Alexa Uyiekpen, Naomilee Williams, Florence Moody, Cydñe Smith

#### **Sunday 14th May 11.30am**

Rebecca Casey, Anastasia Gomola, Louis Dugard, Nathan Phillips, Oreoluwa Dada  
Samson Johnson, Florence Clarke-Petty, Laura Makaj, Ian Da Cunha,  
Ariana Da Cunha, Cassius Chambers, Godrieann Yogakumar,  
William Alozie, Matteo Bruzzaniti

### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday 18th May 2023.

Masses at 10.30am and 8pm.

## **FRIDAY 19th MAY 2023 - ROY RAPHAEL RIP FUNERAL**

Please note the 9.30am Mass on Friday 19th May has been cancelled as we have the funeral of Roy Raphael RIP at 11.00am. Roy's family have invited everyone to wear colours other than black to the funeral. Also, instead of flowers any donations may be made to Crisis Homelessness Charity in memory of Roy.

<https://www.crisis.org.uk>

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

**Julia Bentham RIP**

who sadly died this week

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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**Fr Patrick Aikens RIP**

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## PARISH DIARY

Tues 16 May 10.00am	Knitting session	Cafe York
Wed 17 May 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Presbytery
Fri 19 May 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler Group	Cafe York
Sat 20 May 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
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
Sat 27 May 11.30am	Memorial Mass Fr Patrick Aikens RIP & refreshments	Church School Hall

## MASS ATTENDEES

22/23 Apr - 272    29/30 Apr - 271    6/7 May - 250

## NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY - 2ND COLLECTION

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

## KNITTING - THE FINAL STAGE

We have made an excellent start on sewing together the throw to cover the piano. Our aim is to have it completed by Pentecost and there will therefore be two further sessions to sew the squares together - both starting at 10.00AM in Cafe York.

Tuesday 16th May & Tuesday 23rd May

All are welcome! Refreshments will be provided!

## 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**. We will have one Mass on these two days. Please think what you can cook, bake or donate, we 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

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

## 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.

Marriage and Family Life South East,  
RC Archdiocese of Southwark

## 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.

Thank you

Fr Habte





**LEWISHAM DEANERY  
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**DATES: 18 to 22** SEPT 2023

**COST: £550**

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**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](mailto: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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**Saturday 13 May 2023**

**14:00** **First Eucharist Mass** (live-streamed)

For the Parishioners

**18:00** Kathleen Garvey RIP

**Sunday 14 May 2023**

**09:30** **First Eucharist Mass** (live-streamed)

Daphne Goddard

**11:30** **First Eucharist Mass** (live-streamed)

Fr Patrick Aikens RIP

**Monday 15 May 2023 -St. John Stone, Priest & Martyr**

**09:30** Flora O'Brien RIP

**Tuesday 16 May 2023 - St. Simon Stock, Priest**

**09:30** Alphonse Williams RIP Anniversary

**Wednesday 17 May 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Bentham Family (live-streamed)

**Thursday 18 May 2023 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Holyday of Obligation**

**10:30** Julia Bentham RIP

**20:00** For the Parishioners

**Friday 19 May 2023 - Feria**

**11:00** Funeral of Roy Raphael RIP

**Saturday 20 May 2023- Feria**

**10:30** Fr Patrick Aikens RIP

**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

**11:30** For the Parishioners