



**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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

5 MAY 2024

Dear Parishioners

This week the parish community here in Forest Hill remembers with joy and gratitude the 60th anniversary of the consecration of the parish church dedicated to St William of York, which took place on 5 May 1964 when The Right Revd Cyril Conrad Cowderoy was Bishop of Southwark.

With a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation we remember all the priests and deacons who served the people of God in this parish, the religious who have given their ministry in this church and then all the faithful who have frequented it, all those who came before us.

We also remember that in this church, the many human and spiritual events of thousands of Christians have been celebrated: children received baptism, becoming part of the family of the children of God; The churches sacraments received and the community gathered to listen to the word of God and to be nurtured, to celebrate the Day of the Lord united by the Sunday Holy Eucharist; our final farewell was given to the brothers and sisters destined for eternal life; and people supported in their time of grief, friendships forged and many people supported in various ways.

We thank the Lord for all the grace given to this parish community by the providence of God and the service of the Church.

We will meet this evening to pray and give thanks for grace received, the many years of service and dedication of many people. But also, as we have done recently at Holy Thursday to renew the prompt and generous will to be Christians faithful to Christ and his Gospel of salvation, to serve our parish community and to practice charity towards the poor and needy.

St William of York, Pray for us
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This Sunday's Gospel calls us to love each other selflessly, like Jesus loves. The commandments that Jesus followed are a manifesto of generosity and respect for ourselves, others and our creator. A blueprint for a fair and happy community. Jesus highlights his own joy and wants us to feel it too. This is his motivation for emphasising the importance of love in his new commandment: "So that *your* joy may be complete". By calling his followers friends rather than servants, Jesus is reminding them that he has shared with them what he has learned from his relationship with God and that to love is the key. This Gospel invites us to choose words and actions that bear fruit, that build a happy and just kingdom, because that brings joy to our lives. And friends can ask each other for things, so we can be confident of God's support for our mission to love. MMcD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19

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 Solemn Vespers on **Sunday 5th May at 6:00pm in church** followed by a reception.

Do come and join us in celebrating the 60th Anniversary of this important event click here to read the [History of our Church](#)

For those unable to join us the service will be live-streamed via our parish facebook page www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/ and a service booklet will be available to download later today via the following link [SWOY SERVICES](#)

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6 MAY - MASS at 9.30am

Please note Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May will be at 9.30am to enable sufficient travel time for those attending the Migrant Mass at the Cathedral.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

to Sam Webster & Lee Keeper who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this weekend. May God bless you both on this special day and bring many more years of love and good health together. Blessings & warmest wishes to Sam & Lee on your Silver Wedding Anniversary! CONGRATULATIONS



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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday 9th May 2024. Masses at 10.30am and 8pm.

STREET PARTY IN MEMORY OF ADRIAN MCGURRAN - SUNDAY 12 MAY 1-4PM

The Northwood Road residents would like to invite you to join us in celebrating and raising funds to plant trees in memory of Adrian McGurran, a long time and active member of the street community. Bringing together the SWOY congregation with those from Northwood Road, would be a wonderful opportunity to unite the communities that Adrian loved so dearly.

More information is included in the poster and it would be great to welcome as many of you as possible. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation please scan the QR code and follow the instructions.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - 2nd Collection next weekend

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) which seeks to be of service both to the church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and helping to promote Gospel through the media. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

NEW PARISH YOUTH GROUP STARTING SOON

please lookout for further announcements in the coming weeks

PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS SUNDAY 9 JUNE AT 10.30AM

- your favourite songs from around the world

Do you have a favourite song in any language from any country you would like us to sing at the International Mass? We're looking for songs or mass parts (eg Gloria, Lamb of God) that we can teach the whole congregation. Or would you like to sing or play an instrument with the music group that week? We would love to have you join us.

Please speak to Liz after 9.30 Mass or Kathleen after 11.30, or any other member of the music group. Or text 07789 368 736 or email foresthillmusic@rcaos.org.uk

RCAOS INTERNAL VACANCIES

Episcopal Vicar and Bishop Group Secretary

Job Type- Full Time, Monday- Friday, 35 hours per week. This is a hybrid role which will involve some office based work for meetings in London (SE1) and some travelling across London/South East as and when required.

Salary Range- £30,000-£33,000 per annum, dependant on skills and experience

Priests' Welfare & Wellbeing Officer

We are currently looking for a new Priests' Welfare & Wellbeing Officer to join our team. We are jointly responsible for the welfare & wellbeing of all sick and retired priests within the Diocese. We have one role each for South East London, South West London and Kent and we are recruiting currently for someone to cover the Kent area. We ideally would like someone already living in Kent, so that they are easily accessible for visiting.

For further information on these vacancies , please visit our [website](#)

FINANCES

APRIL 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,205.12
Donations for the Diocese Priest Training Fund Collection - £456.30
Donations for the Diocese St. George's Cathedral Collection - £146.59
Donations for the Tribute to Gerald Gunasingham RIP Collection - £250.00
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £153.73
Donations for Fr Habte's Easter Offering - £1,228.98
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,830.00

Thank you for your continued support
Please Gift Aid where possible

MASS ATTENDEES

13/14 April - 259 20/21 April - 267 27/28 April - 292

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 5 May 6pm	Solemn Vespers 60th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church	Church
Friday 10 May 9.30am	Mother and Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 11 May 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 12 May 3pm	Eucharist 4 Session	Church
Sunday 12 May 1-4pm	Street Party in memory of Adrian McGurran RIP	Northwood Road
Monday 13 May 8pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 24

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH - is pleased to announce that several Youth Days for 10 - 14-year-olds will be held across the Diocese during 2024.

Each event will take place between 11 am - 6 pm, with a charge of £5 per child or £8 per family, payable on the day. Lunch and dinner will be included.

All are welcome [sign up here](#)



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 4 May 2024

18:00 Kathleen Ryan RIP

Sunday 5 May 2024

09:30 Farrell Family Intentions

11:30 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2024 - Feria

09:30 Liam Brennan RIP

Tuesday 7 May 2024 - Feria

09:30 Winifred Watt (FM)

Wednesday 8 May 2024 - Feria

09:30 Flora O'Brien RIP

Thursday 9 May 2024 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation

10:30 For the Parishioners

20:00 Julia Bentham RIP 1st Anniversary

Friday 10 May 2024 - Feria

09:30 Mary Magdalene Orieso RIP

Saturday 11 May - Feria

10:30 Joshua Benn Birthday Thanksgiving

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Communications Sunday

Saturday 11 May 2024

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 5 May 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Margaret O'Sullivan RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



THE LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS MASS AND THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Celebrating the valuable contribution migrants make to life in our city of London

hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark,
the Diocese of Westminster and
the Diocese of Brentwood

supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions, London Ethnic Chaplaincies and
Citizens UK

on Monday 6th May at 12.30pm

**at St George's Cathedral,
Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR**

Presider: Archbishop John Wilson

Concelebrants: Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and the Bishop of Brentwood.

St Joseph like Our Blessed Mother said yes to all, as worker, carpenter, foster father, spouse of Our Blessed Mother, patron of our universal church and patron of migrants. A determined and trustworthy leader, consistently blessed by God.

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.

Those attending are advised to be seated by 12 noon for a banner procession at 12.15pm. Those taking part in the banner procession please gather outside Amigo Hall at 12 noon.
Everyone is invited to attend in their national dress.



NORTHWOOD RD STREET PARTY!

SUNDAY 12 MAY 1-4PM

Cake Sale • Sausage Sizzle • BYOB • Fire Engine
Bric a Brac Sale • Bake Off • Raffle • Music • Plant Sale

We'll have music from Ramfunk, a jazz collective, the Northwood Road band and more!

Invite Friends and family!

Please move cars by 11am

Any volunteers to help with set up and clearing gratefully appreciated!

Bric a Brac contribution welcome

Sample the Bake off Cakes when they're sold after judging!

Proceeds will go to fund street trees in memory of our neighbours Alan & Adrian

All donations welcome [HERE](#) or using the QR code below

