



**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

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTERNATIONAL DAY

9 JUNE 2024

Dear Parishioners

Today we come together to jointly celebrate (the parish and school communities) the feast of our Patron Saint and our parish international day, a wonderful and colourful day that demonstrates our togetherness as a parish family and to give thanks to God for the welcoming and open parish we are, here in Forest Hill.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this Mass, and the reception and activities at the school grounds that follows it, such a splendid occasion.

Following Mass everyone is invited to the school hall and school grounds. We will have different activities and shows by our children, plenty of food, and conversation and company with fellow parishioners.



God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Genesis 3:9-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This week's Gospel is about the importance of recognising goodness wherever we see it. Jesus reminds us that "Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother." This Gospel calls us to be united, which means striving to be a welcoming inclusive parish family, where we respect and celebrate different approaches to life and expressions of our faith.

When we look for generosity, good intent and energy, in our parish and in our wider communities, we learn so much and grow in thankfulness. By valuing everyone's participation, we build supportive, welcoming communities.

We are so blessed by the rich cultures, heritages, languages, experiences and goodness in our parish family. Our diversity and openness is truly something to celebrate, as we come together joyfully this Sunday, for our international Mass.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

FIRST EUCHARIST 2024

This year's First Eucharist will be celebrated with families at the weekend Masses on June 15 & 16. On Saturday 15th at 2:00pm and on Sunday 16th at our 9:30am Mass.

A thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd June at 9.30am.

Please remember in your prayers all our first communicants their families and catechists.



DAY FOR LIFE - 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

This year's message for Day for Life is written by a hospital chaplain, who shares who shares a testimony of compassion, hope and care. [Day for life message 2024](#)

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

EVENT FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) IN THE PARISH

On July 6th, 2024, from 11:00 to 12:30, we are hosting an important event in the church. There will be a session of Recollection and Development, designed for all our current readers and especially for our confirmation candidates who are considering taking up a ministry in the parish. It's a crucial opportunity for all of us to understand and appreciate the official and effective practices that need to be followed and to enhance the delivery of the proclamation of the word.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, Fr Habte or Peter Julien, who is organising this event.

SAVE THE DATES -" CALLED TO HOLINESS" DAY FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Saturday 19th or 26th October 2024

Please note there will be two formation days for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese., coming up on **Saturday 19th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling**. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And on **Saturday 26th October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Streatham**, for the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham, and Lambeth.

Participants can attend either of the days more convenient for them.

Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. The theme for this year is –“Called to Holiness”, in preparation for the Jubilee year and to help us all live a good Christian life amidst the daily challenges of life. **Please register your attendance with Mary via the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk**

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

As Catholics, we are called to take our responsibilities as citizens and voters seriously, with Gospel values informing how we look at the world, putting the common good before self-interest. Our Catholic bishops have been quick off the mark in providing resources to help us reflect on some key election issues from a Catholic perspective, on their “General Election 2024” webpage

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> They remind us that “we are not merely the passive recipients of politics, but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead”.

The topics include criminal justice, family life and domestic poverty, education, the environment, life issues, migration, human rights and peacebuilding.

FINANCES - MAY 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,569.28
Donations for World Communications Day - £151.09
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £99.66
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,436.00

Thank you for your continued support
Please gift aid where possible

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 24 -

Pope Francis dedicates June to praying “for migrants fleeing wars or hunger, forced into journeys full of danger and violence, to find acceptance and new life opportunities in their host countries.”

SOUTHWARK LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.



FORCES BISHOP TRAVELS TO NORMANDY FOR D-DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Bishop Paul Mason, the Catholic Bishop of the Forces, travelled to the north coast of France to Normandy to stand in solidarity with, and pray for, the veterans of D-Day and World War II. D-Day was the largest seaborne invasion in history and marked the start of the campaign to liberate France and western Europe. You can read Bishop Mason's reflection on our website. [READ MORE](#)

LIFTING THE FAITH IN SCHOOLS CAP

We welcome the decision by the Education Secretary to lift the cap on new free schools in England. The decision is subject to a consultation on removing the cap, that closes on **20 June**. We would encourage Catholics in England and Wales to respond positively to this consultation. [TAKE ACTION](#)

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Ordinary Time (Summer):

For a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews

For those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights especially on 22nd June, the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

For Human Life especially on the third Sunday in June

For Seafarers especially on the second Sunday in July, Sea Sunday

For Europe especially on the Feasts of Saint Benedict, Saint Bridget and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patrons of Europe

The Divine Office, volume III. 7th week in Ordinary Time, ferial cycle 2, psalter week 3.

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](#)

MASS ATTENDEES

18/19 May - 291 25/26 May - 226 1/2 June - 292

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 9 June 10.30am	International Day Mass shared lunch and activities	Church School Hall
Thursday 13 June 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 14 June 9.30am	Mother and Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 15 June 2pm	First Eucharist Mass	Church
Sunday 16 June 9.30am	First Eucharist Mass	Church
Sunday 16 June 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 23 June 9.30am	Thanksgiving Mass	Church
Sunday 30 June 11.30am	Confirmation Mass	Church
Saturday 6 July 11.00-12.30	Event for all Ministers of the Word (Readers) in the Parish	Church

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 8 June 2024

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 9 June 2024 (live-streamed)

10:30 Tony Frisoli RIP 4th Anniversary

Monday 10 June 2024 - Feria

09:30 Simone John RIP

Tuesday 11 June 2024 - St. Barnabus, Apostle

09:30 Sheena Robbins RIP

Wednesday 12 June 2024 - Feria

09:30 Esther Gilbride RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 13 June 2024 - St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 14 June 2024 - Feria

09:30 T. Nguyen

Saturday 15 June 2024 - Feria

10:30 St. Francesca Cabrini (FM)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 15 June 2024

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

For the First Communicants, their families and catechists

18:00 Norbert Prill RIP

Sunday 16 June 2024

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

For the First Communicants, their families and catechists

11:30 Annamaria Paolillo RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

<http://ksc.org.uk>

KSC Pilgrimage & Full-Knighthood Ceremony

SUNDAY JUNE 30TH, 2024

Mass: 12 pm

Celebrant: Bishop Pat Lynch, Auxiliary
Bishop Emeretis of Southwark

Presiding officer: Supreme
Knight Brother Harry Welsh

**ROSARY
PROCESSION
3:15 PM**

**Beautiful ground for
picnic - parishoners,
family & friends are
welcome**

*For more information:
please contact your Parish
Knights of St Columba*

**The Friars, Aylesford, Kent
ME20 7BX**



“Summertime 2024”



Altar Servers Summer Break



Monday 29th July – Thursday 1st August

Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner

A few days for boy and girl servers aged 11- 17 of the Southwark Diocese

Meet in a holiday atmosphere

Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport,
Thorpe Park visit and Swimming,

A coach will be provided from St. Anselm’s Dartford



Cost £189

Cost for week covers:
All board and lodging
Thorpe Park

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