



**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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

14 APRIL 2024

Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend at the 11:30am Mass, Rachel Allen who has been in the RCIA journey in faith programme will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation, as the catechism of the Catholic Church states, brings growth and deepening of baptismal grace.

With this sacrament the Christian initiation is completed and the grace we received in baptism is strengthened: With confirmation, the Holy Spirit will descend on the candidate and will guide her/him forever on his/her journey in faith.

As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the sacraments commissions us, like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' love, mercy and forgiveness to the whole world.



I would like to thank Rachel for the long and at times demanding journey she was willing to be part of, I thank everybody who has been part of her journey and supported her in many ways, to mention few, Matteo, Martha Casey her Sponsor and our parish RCIA team and many other parishioners who have been involved in supporting our team.

God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

The two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better. Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. It is perhaps an account of the same incident that we heard last Sunday, but with different emphasis. Now the stress is on the meeting with a real person, and not with a ghost. That is why Jesus eats a piece of fish. The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and all will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St Paul reminds us that we should not get bogged down with worrying about what sort of body we will have at the resurrection, but rejoice that each of us will be raised as a whole person.

What do you imagine the risen life to be like? Is love, friendship and companionship part of this?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

INVITATION TO PAINTING EXHIBITION - UPPER HALL, Saturday 20 April 1pm – 5pm

Matthew Medupin long standing parishioner will be holding an Art exhibition in the Upper hall next Saturday afternoon from 1pm-5pm. Matthew will be hosting a conversation at 2pm and will share more about becoming an artist, his journey to finding his visual style and story behind some of his work.

Please see the flyers in the Narthex and come and support this event.

All welcome

THANK YOU FROM GERALD GUNASINGHAM'S FAMILY

Dear Fr. Habte and all the parishioners!

We just wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the amazing help, masses, support, sympathy cards, donations, and kind words you've provided us with during this incredibly tough time after Gerald's passing. Your unwavering support has truly meant the world to us. We're so grateful to each and every one of you, and we're really looking forward to staying connected with all of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

With love, Gerald Gunasingham's family!

FINANCES

MARCH 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,226.70

Donations for Tribute to Gerald Gunasingham RIP Collection - £1,912.27

Donations for the Diocese Poor Parishes Collection - £168.42

Donations for the Maundy Thursday Lenten Alms Collection - £372.64

Donations for the Good Friday Holy Places Collection - £326.66

Donations for Fr Habte's Easter Offering - £2,992.13

Donations for the knitted Easter Chicks - £75.90

Donations for Easter Flowers - £281.65

Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £217.22

From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,673.00

Thank you for your continued support

Please Gift Aid where possible

TRIBUTE TO GERALD GUNASINGHAM RIP

Total collected £2,595.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 21 APRIL 2024 - In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 21st April 2024, which marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - SECOND COLLECTION - 21 APRIL 2024

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - SECOND COLLECTION - 28 APRIL 2024

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you for your support.

SWOY Citizens have had two meetings so far.

We discussed the results of the Listening Campaign and the issues that mattered most. The top two issues cited were Housing and Mental Health and Well-Being. Given the work on housing is well established and ongoing, it was decided the focus would be on mental health and well-being. One idea put forward is for a community gathering be it a lunch or a tea to be held in the upper hall on a quarterly basis. This would be for people who live alone or who are socially isolated. We were particularly keen for one of the dates to be at Christmas. We would like to invite you to suggest any other ideas you may have to support the Mental Health and Well-Being in our community.

We will be outside Mass on the weekend of **13th and 14th April** to listen to ideas and answer any questions. If you wish, you can record your ideas on the form below, hard copies will also be available in the Narthex.

[Mental Health and Well-Being Ideas and Activities Form](#)

On Thursday May 2nd, 9-10 am we will be conducting a Listening Campaign with the families of St William of York School.

Upcoming Citizens Event:

London Citizens 2024 Mayoral Accountability Assembly Thursday 25th April; 18.00-20.00; Methodist Central Hall, Westminster.

You are invited to the London Citizens Mayoral Accountability Assembly where we will hold the next Mayor of London to account on issues that affect our local communities. The candidates attending are Susan Hall; Conservative, Sadiq Khan; Labour.

Agenda:

1. Work and Wages: Ensure all in our city benefit from a real Living Wage and Living Hours by influencing key sectors and using the powers of the GLA
2. Housing and Repairs: Address the dire need for affordable, safe, and sustainable housing to foster a sense of security and belonging among residents, through building more Community Land Trust homes, tackling rogue landlords, and quicker repairs and retrofit in social housing.

3. Migrants and Refugees: Provide asylum seekers access to free bus travel, support ESOL through publicity campaigns, an annual ESOL day with the Deputy Mayor for Skills and funding for childcare, and support our national campaign on fair pathways to Citizenship.

This assembly is a beacon of hope and a platform for meaningful social dialogue between London Citizens and the mayoral candidates.

As a member of Citizens, St William of York have been allocated 10 free tickets please complete the form below (copies in the Narthex) if you wish to attend; or speak with Father Habte. We can arrange for group travel.

[Mayoral Accountability Assembly](#)

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the Role of Women

This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognised in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Eastertide:

New Members of the Church, Vocations - *especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Survivors of Sexual Abuse - *especially on Tuesday in the fifth Week of Easter.*

The Right Use of the Media - *especially on World Communications Day, Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Church - especially at Pentecost*

Human Work - *especially on 1st May, Saint Joseph the Worker*

RCAOS LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Life in the Spirit Seminars will again be held during Eastertide (starting on **St George's Day, Tuesday 23 April**) at the Cathedral, on Zoom and at various parishes around the Archdiocese. Full details can be found at <https://bit.ly/LISS2024>
Last year over 450 people took part.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS

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. All are warmly welcomed to join us for this Mass.

CALLED TO LOVE - A new, unique retreat for singles, dating and engaged couples who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others. Runs from **Saturday 4 to Sunday 5 May**, with the option of a night's stay on the Friday.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/> to book and for more information.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE July 13th, at St George's Cathedral

- If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk

As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Forest Hill and please copy in the parish foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

MASS ATTENDEES

Maundy Thursday 28/3 - 145 Good Friday 29/3 - 214
30/31 March - 584 6/7 April - 251

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 20 April 1pm -5pm	Matthew Medupin Art Exhibition	Upper Hall
Sunday 21 April 3pm	Eucharist 3	Church
Sunday 21 April 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.	Church
Sunday 21 April 6pm	Confirmation 6 Parents/Carers Meeting	Church School Hall

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 13 April 2024

18:00 Beth O'Connor-Coffey RIP

Sunday 14 April 2024

09:30 Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 15 April 2024 - Feria

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 16 April 2024 - Feria

09:30 May Miller RIP

Prayers for Architect Steve Adejoh RIP 3rd Year Anniversary.

Wednesday 17 April 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Dr. Alexander Uche RIP

Thursday 18 April 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 19 April 2024 - Feria

09:30 James Costello RIP

Saturday 20 April 2024 - Feria

10:30 John & Helen O'Connor (FM)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday 20 April 2024

18:00 Patrick Maguire RIP & Peter Hann RIP

Sunday 21 April 2024

09:30 Joan Godwin RIP 13th Anniversary

11:30 For the Parishioners

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/