



**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 LENT (B)

3 MARCH 2024

Dear Parishioners

Lent is a penitential time that prepares us for the Lord's Easter which will culminate on Easter Sunday, it is also a time of interior renewal for every Christian who wants to faithfully follow Jesus, which leads us to the beautiful sacrament of reconciliation, a clear sign of conversion. It is therefore a penitential time characterised by penance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

These external signs that demonstrate the desire to return to the Lord with all our heart are practices that help us in our spiritual renewal.

Lent is the time of spiritual renewal, a time of conversion, and the opportunity to experience the mercy of God. Therefore, here in our parish, we have our school Penitential service for our children their parents and the school community, "24 hours for the Lord", with time of reflection, adoration of the blessed sacrament and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on 8th March and our parish penitential service on 22nd March. (Please see the details below in the parish newsletter).

Please try to take these opportunities and come join and to receive the sacrament of God's love and mercy.

God Bless
Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

In our Gospel today Jesus "cleanses" the temple". He makes a whip and drives out the money changes and the stalls selling sacrificial animals that had turned his Father's House into a market. When questioned about why he did this his answer is mysterious "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up". This mysterious answer encapsulates the promise of Easter.

The Temple was the place where God and man met. But Jesus' words point to a new place where God and man will meet in the future - in his own resurrected body, raised after three days. Jesus's risen body is the church. The church is not a building but a living spirit- filled community of love. This is where man will encounter God. It is in our community. In our shared life in Christ we and others will find faith and forgiveness and experience the closeness to God that the Jewish people experienced in the Temple.

All the love and goodness we experience in our church community is promised to us by Jesus in this Gospel. We are the risen body of Christ. Jesus's mysterious answer promises our share in his Easter life now and forever.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

SCHOOL & PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN LENT - On Friday 8th March, at 1:45pm, we will have our School reconciliation service for our children, parents and parishioners are welcome to receive the sacrament after the children. Also, on **Friday 22 March at 7:30pm** we will have another opportunity. Visiting priests will be assisting.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - This will be marked over two periods on **Friday 8th & Saturday 9th March**. We will have Mass at **6pm on Friday 8th March**, and the church will remain open afterwards for quiet prayer and reflection with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, finishing with Night Prayer at 11pm. On Saturday 9th March, we start again with Morning Mass at 10.30am and the church will remain open until 12 noon with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

FILM ON SAINT FRANCESCA CABRINI -A film on the life and (1850-1917), who visited our parish and prayed in our Church will be shown in small venues in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland to mark International Womens' Day on 8th March. Find more details and the trailer: [Cabrini \(2024\) | Official Website | In Theaters March 8, 2024 \(angel.com\)](#) To find cinemas near you : [Cabrini Tickets & Showtimes | Angel Studios](#)

ARCHDIOCESE YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

St George's Cathedral hosts a monthly Young Adult Mass at 6:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+). There are also weekly events and socials on Thursday evenings. Details can be found on the [RCAOS website](#), Facebook, and Instagram @stgeorgesya. facebook, and Instagram @stgeorgesya.



- To receive regular updates on youth and young adult activities, please sign up to our Youth Network at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork
- For details of forthcoming youth days, youth retreats, training, and other events, please visit www.tinyurl.com/scysevents
- Please direct any enquiries to youth@rcaos.org.uk

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

MAY MILLER RIP

A long standing member of this parish. May moved to the Isle of Wight a few years ago to be close to her family.

Please pray for May's family and friends at this difficult time.

GERALD GUNASINGHAM RIP

It is with great sadness we received the devastating news that Gerald died unexpectedly at his home.

Please pray for Gerald and his family and many friends at this difficult time.

**Gerald will be received into St. William of York at 5.30pm on Tuesday 19th March 2024
Funeral to take place at 11.30am on Wednesday 20th March 2024**

As a tribute to Gerald in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the parish over many years, we have received suggestions this week from a number of parishioners that we set up a fund to pass to the family in Gerald's memory.

If you wish to contribute to the fund, donations may be sent via cash/cheque payable to RCAS Forest Hill, via the contactless device in the Narthex via our secure website link <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church> or by scanning the QR Code, or direct to our bank account



**Bank: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437
Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Gerald/Gift Aid no**

Please ensure all donations are cleared marked in memory of Gerald so we can easily identify them,

Gerald's family would be so grateful if anybody has photographs of Gerald that they would be willing to lend to be displayed at the funeral reception. Please email them to the parish foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or post through the presbytery letter box.

Thank you

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

GIFT AID

Envelopes for the period April 2024 to March 2025 are now available for collection from the Narthex for those parishioners who are currently using envelopes.

Please collect the envelope number that you have been using through 2023 as you leave the church. If you need a reminder of your gift aid number, please contact Mary via the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8690 4549.

There are also supplies of white gift aid envelopes in the Narthex for one-off donations, second and special collections and for use by visitors to our parish. Please remember to add your gift aid number when using the white envelopes.

If you are a UK tax payer, please sign up for gift aid as we will be able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no cost to yourself. It makes a huge difference to us.

Please scan the QR code with your phone camera to access the secure Dona online portal or access via our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church> or use the contactless device facility in the Narthex to make a donation and sign up to GiFT Aid or if you prefer download a [Parish Pledge and Gift Aid Form](#) and please email or post back to the parish office.

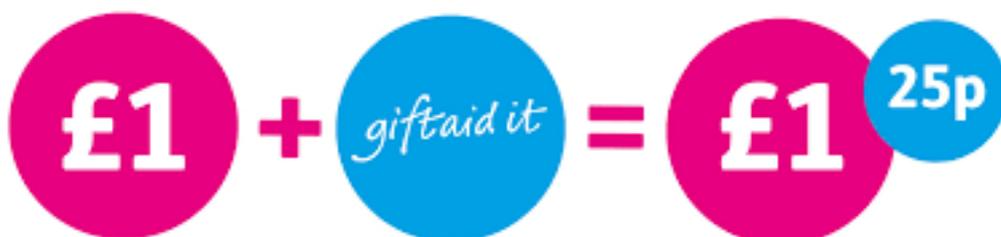


Please make a note to advise the parish office via email if you change your address or if your tax status should change so we may update our records accordingly.

If you should require a report of your gift aid donations or if you have any questions regarding gift aid, please do not hesitate to contact Mary.

Please click the link to download a [GIFT AID INFORMATION LEAFLET](#)

Many thanks for your continued support.



MASS ATTENDEES

10/11 February - 272 17/18 February - 240 24/25 February - 283

PARISH DIARY

Sun 3 Mar 2.50pm for 3pm	Eucharist 2 session	Church
Sun 3 Mar 6pm	Confirmation Session 4	Church
Tues 5 Mar 8pm	RCIA Gospel Reflection Refreshments afterwards	Church Lower hall
Wed 6 Mar 10am	Stitch up knitted squares	Cafe York
Thurs 7 Mar 8pm	Singers Practice	Church
Fri 8 Mar 9.30am	Mothers & Toddlers	Cafe York
Fri 8 Mar 1.45pm	School Penitential Service	Church
Fri 8 Mar 6pm	Start of 24hrs for the Lord	Church
Sat 9 Mar 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs - We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

JOB VACANCY - SOCIETY PROTECTION UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

We're looking for an Administration Assistant for our London HQ!

The successful candidate will work within the Administration and Dispatch department, based out of our central London HQ.

This is an exciting opportunity to work for the UK's leading pro-life organisation, at our headquarters in London!

35 Hours per week - Salary circa £24,000 per annum.

To find out more, and to apply for this role, please contact

charliemccluskey@spuc.org.uk

ACCOMMODATION WANTED - Please contact the Parish office if you have a 1 bedroom flat or accommodation available to rent in the SE23, SE4, SE15 or SE14 areas. This is needed by April 20th. Many thanks



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Saturday 2 March 2024

18:00 Assunta Campione RIP

Sunday 3 March 2024

Family Mass

09:30 Adrian McGurran RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Monday 4 March 2024 - Feria

09:30 Jerome O'Connor RIP

Tuesday 5 March 2024 - Feria

09:30 Mary Stomboli RIP

Wednesday 6 March 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Yvonne Owokade Personal Intentions

Thursday 7 March 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 8 March 2024 - Feria

09:30 Jervaine Edwards Personal Intentions

START OF 24HRS FOR THE LORD

18:00 Gerald Gunasingham RIP

Saturday 9 March 2024 - Feria

10:30 Isaac Deacon (FM)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Laetare Sunday

Mothering Sunday

Saturday 9 March 2024

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 10 March 2024

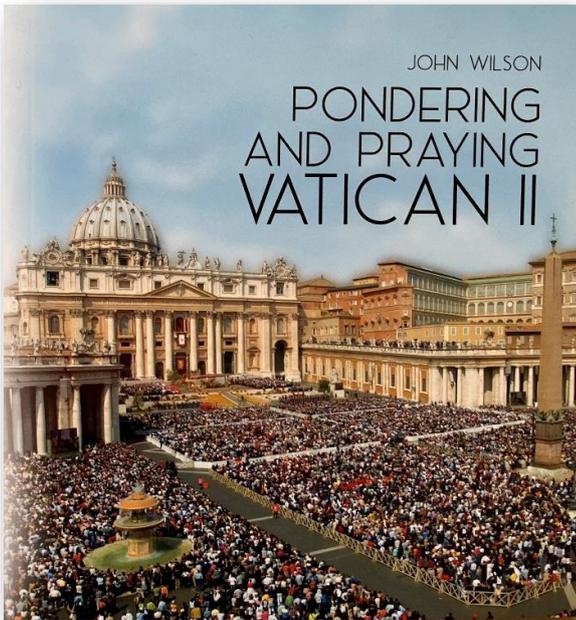
09:30 Gerald Gunasingham RIP

11:30 Samuel Wyse RIP

FM (Foundation Mass)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



Book Launch

Wed 6th March 2024
6.00pm for 6.30pm

Amigo Hall, adjacent
to St George's
Cathedral,
Southwark, South
London

Pondering and Praying Vatican II

Archbishop John Wilson

Have you heard about Vatican II, and want to know more, but are not sure where or how to begin? Then this little introduction is for you. It will help you start a journey of discovery by pondering and praying some essential themes. Please do not be daunted. This resource requires no previous or specialist knowledge. It has been written for easy access to what the Church said at Vatican II, and what this means for our life of faith in the Body of Christ.

Although many people have heard of Vatican II, few have actually read or

considered the documents, not even the four key Constitutions. This resource offers an introduction to these main texts and their themes.

Hopefully, Pondering and Praying Vatican II will encourage more people to read the full documents for themselves. Significantly, it will help readers ask themselves what the teaching of the Second Vatican Council might mean for them and how they might pray in light of it. Anyone can begin these reflections and see where the journey leads.

There will be refreshments and a short presentation

Books for sale on the evening, also available at

www.PaulineUK.org and www.Amazon.co.uk

All Welcome



Pauline
BOOK CENTRE

1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mass & Celebration

16 MARCH 2024

12:30PM MASS



MAIN CELEBRANT

THE MOST REVEREND JOHN WILSON



ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

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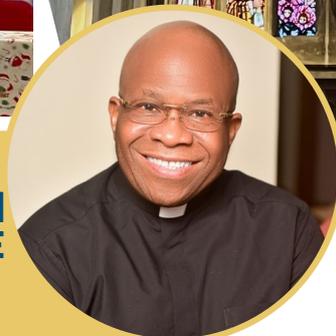
- REFRESHMENTS
- WELCOME ADDRESS FROM JOHN WILSON
- SPEAKERS INCLUDING:
 - RAYMOND FRIEL, CEO OF CSAN, OVERVIEW OF CARITAS ENGLAND AND WALES
 - JOHN COLEBY, CARITAS SOUTHWARK
- CARITAS UPDATES IN AMIGO HALL (2.00PM-4.30PM)
- Q & A SESSION WITH FOUR LOCAL PROJECTS
- NETWORKING

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CLOSING REMARKS

CANON VICTOR DARLINGTON
• EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR THE SOUTH EAST AREA



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