



**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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

27 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parishioners

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. Mark presents Bartimaeus as the ideal disciple. He persistently seeks Jesus despite opposition. He wanted healing and his faith in Jesus saved him.

Bartimaeus abandons his possessions and follows. It is an easy way, but we like Bartimaeus must also follow Jesus. He is the saint of persistence and we, when in our troubles, should follow his example. We should also hear Jesus say to us: "What do you want me to do for you?" We should persist in our call out to him!

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - There are several remarkable things about this story. Firstly, the scene is just when Jesus is leaving Jericho. Jericho is about three hours' walk from Jerusalem, up a great, rocky canyon. When you leave Jericho you know you are just about coming to Jerusalem. It is the last village on the way, and (as we heard in last week's gospel) the excitement of what is to happen in Jerusalem (the great revelation of Jesus' glory at the Passion) is already upon those who are journeying with him; the cured beggar dances on the way with them. Secondly, the beggar is the only person in Mark to call Jesus 'Son of David', drawing attention to Jesus' messianic ancestry and preparing for his messianic entry into Jerusalem. Thirdly, in Mark Jesus says 'Your faith has cured you' only twice. The first time was to the woman with a haemorrhage, who had shown her faith with great courage by daring to touch Jesus' garment in the crowd. Now Bartimaeus shows the same stubborn courage in carrying on shouting despite the attempts to silence him. So both these people show with their courage that they really do put their trust in Jesus and are confident that he will help them. If our faith is to save us, it needs to be real, courageous and stubborn. Lukewarm, tentative faith is not enough. *How do we show our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be in our Parish with their Mission Calendar 2025 this weekend, 26 & 27 October, on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of St Augustine who run a dispensary in remote places of Natitingou Diocese, Benin, for purchasing a vehicle. Please help the Sisters generously.

PARISH PEACE CANDLE

The Peace candle in the sanctuary which is unique to our parish and originally made by Dick Costello RIP many years ago, has been recently renovated by Jim Boyle. (brother of Kathleen Boyle who was instrumental in asking Jim).

The candle stand and the wooden vase which holds the flowers was broken and leaking. therefore, it had to be completely changed. Jim kindly took the challenge and made the replacement. I thank Jim for his generosity and wonderful job.

The peace candle is a reminder of the need to pray for peace in the world and our communities.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS -FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER - We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Friday 1 November. Masses at 10.30am and 8pm. The 8pm Mass will be live-streamed.

ALL SOULS DAY- SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER - We will celebrate Mass at 10.30am.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER For Parents Who Have Lost a Child “Let us pray that all parents mourning the death of a child find support in the community and receive heart’s peace from the consoling Spirit.”

HOLY SOULS - In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. Saturday 2 November is All Souls Day as we remember our beloved dead. I encourage you to have Masses said in our parish for those of your relatives and friends who have died. On the tables in the narthex there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Alternatively you can post your envelopes through the presbytery letter box. Mass offerings for Holy Souls may also be via the contactless device or via our website or QR code.



Thank you

ANNUAL CEMETERY PROCESSION - SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER AT 2.15PM

Each year the ten parishes of Lewisham Deanery process through Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday (10th November) to visit the graves of departed relatives and friends. We assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15 pm and the procession begins at 2.30 pm. The accompanying clergy are available to individually visit your family graves at the end of the procession.

HOLY HOUR - WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER AT 5.30PM

To unite in prayer to oppose assisted suicide.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of these parishioners who have died in the last year on 13th November at 8:00pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. I would like to invite all parishioners to join us and their families in prayer.

OPPOSE ASSISTED DYING BILL - There have been increasing reports that the Government will support a Bill in Parliament to legalise assisted dying. In March, Archbishop John reminded us that “the Catholic Church believes and teaches that every life is valuable, regardless of one’s physical or mental state or ability”, which is why “we cannot approve of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide”. You can find out how to [oppose the Bill here](#).



SWOY CITIZENS -

Training for Well Being Champions will be held on 9th November 2024, from 10am to 4pm at Café York. If you're interested in attending, please contact janetemmanuel@hotmail.co.uk by 31st October 2024. For those who want to find out more about Be Well, there are leaflets in the narthex.

Resident Permits - Biometric Residence Permits are being replaced with eVisas. You must apply by 31st December 2024 at gov.uk/evisa. For more information or support, please pick up a leaflet in the narthex, or contact janetemmanuel@hotmail.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS:- 16 DAYS OF SUPPORTIVE ACTION

STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

November 25th marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls, launching 16 Days of Activism, which concludes on International Human Rights Day on December 10th.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), an agency of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales, together with **Safe in Faith**, hosts the **Domestic Abuse Alliance**, and we invite you to join us online on November 18th to discuss this national emergency and launch our call-to-action across the Catholic community in response to the Pope’s call to ‘act immediately, at all levels’.

You can view the agenda below for details and register for the webinar at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdeqtrjguGtQo6idxRsMow3EuDE4jl72m#/registration>

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

ASHLEY BLAIZE RIP

(Brother of Jerviane Edwards)

Funeral at St William of York on Monday 11 November at 11.30am

BRIAN CROFT RIP

who moved from the parish some time ago

Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Townmead Road, TW9 4EN

on Thursday 31 October at 2pm

after the service at The Tapestry, Lower Richmond Road, SW14 7EZ

Please advise Mary in the Parish office if you will be attending so we can let the family know for catering purposes.

CECLIA COSTELLO RIP

who died peacefully last week in Dorset

Celia was a long standing parishioner having been married to Dick Costello

she celebrated her 100th birthday this year

**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**

MASS ATTENDEES

5/6 October - 450 12/13 October - 284 19/20 October - 286

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 29 Oct 7pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Thursday 31 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 2 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

Please note we will have one Sunday Mass at 10.30am on 24th November 2024 on the Feast of Christ the King and our usual two Sunday Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am on the First Sunday of Advent on 1st December 2024.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 26 October 2024

18:00 Helen & William Wears

Sunday 27 October 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 28 October 2024 - Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

09:30 Breid McGill RIP

Tuesday 29 October 2024 - Feria

09:30 Stephen Adejoh RIP

Wednesday 30 October 2024 - Feria

09:30 Derek Dowdall & Madeleine Read RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 31 October 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 1 November 2024 - ALL SAINTS

Holy Day of Obligation

10:30 Deceased members of the Orieso family

20:00 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Saturday 2 November 2024 - ALL SOULS DAY

10:30 Patrick Sheehan RIP

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 2 November

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 3 November 2024

09:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Joseph de Souza RIP (live-streamed)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/