



**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

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**3 NOVEMBER 2024**

Dear Parishioners

Since 2011 the Catholic church in England and Wales has been working on a new set of lectionaries for use of our liturgical celebrations. "The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive."

These lectionaries will be in use from Advent 2024, and we have received the ones we ordered for our parish use, the cost of the Six lectionaries we purchased are all covered by families who generously donated the money to cover the cost. We will soon start to display the lectionaries in the church, any one but especially lectors are encouraged to have a look.

For individual use the people's edition will soon be out. If you want to purchase one or read more about the new translation please visit <https://www.newlectionary.org/>

Many Thanks

Fr Habte

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

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Today's first reading recalls Moses calling the people of Israel to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all our soul, with all your strength". This is a call to a passionate and all-consuming love, in return for God's gratuitous love for us. This text, the Shema, is recited daily by Jews and remains a central prayer in Judaism.

So, when Jesus is asked in today's Gospel what the most important commandment is, it is expected and not surprising that he quotes this text. But what is extraordinary is that he couples it with another commandment from another part of the Old Testament "you must love your neighbour as yourself". Linking these two commandments and raising the second to the same level as the first is a big development and is central to Jesus' teaching.

Jesus is telling us that our love for God and our love for each other cannot be separated. As well as in prayer, it is through every human interaction that God shows us his love and invites us to show that we love him in return. And this invitation is so gentle and warm that it is in all our natures to respond. Every act of kindness, forgiveness, generosity and love we make, is an act that tells God that we love him. In this beautiful way, we are caught up in the love of our God and live in his Kingdom.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - 1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

### **CREATIVE CHRISTMAS - A GALAXY OF STARS**

Last year we had an amazing response to our request for hearts to share at the carol service. All kinds of hearts appeared in our basket at the back of the church and everyone at the Carol Service took a heart home. This year we are asking for stars – knitted, crocheted, fabric or any which way!

There are patterns in the narthex or you can download a copy [HERE](#)



If you would like to craft with a cup of tea and company come along to Café York after morning Mass on a Wednesday.

There is yarn and fabric at the back of the church if you need it.

Bring your completed stars and leave them in the narthex.

Contact Maureen Swift for more details 0776 5428299.

## **YOUTH GROUP MEETING - FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 6-8PM**

'After a really positive launch we are delighted to inform you that the next Youth Group will be on Friday the 8th of November from 6-8pm. We look forward to welcoming our young people for another evening of fun, games and interesting conversation. If you have any questions please contact Lola Ornato on 07818061632. Thank you.'



**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 relatives and friends. We assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm and the procession begins at 2.30pm. 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.

## **A RESOURCE FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Designed to accompany the use of the newly-revised Ministering the Word of God in the training and formation of ministers of the Word, this workbook is ideal for use in parishes, chaplaincies and schools, or any other setting in which the Word of God is a central part of ministry. £5.95 LT14 | A4 Paperback | TBCpp | ISBN 9781784698072 if you are a lector and would like to purchase one please visit <https://www.newlectionary.org/>

**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](#).

## **SWOYSA FUND RAISING EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

We will be having two events between now and Christmas which are a “Pre-loved and handmade sale” on Sunday 17 November from 12.30 to 2pm at school and the Christmas Fair from 12.30 to 2.30pm on Sunday 8 December

**CHRISTMAS TREES** - We are going to be taking orders for Christmas trees until 21 November and the trees can then be collected from school on Sunday 1st December. the school will raise some money for each tree sold? Please pick up a Christmas tree order form in the Narthex or download a copy [HERE](#)

**CHRISTMAS FAIR BOARDS** - If you live in SE23 or SE4 and would like to support St William of York school by hosting an estate agent board to publicise the Christmas and Summer Fairs please send your name and address by email to [swoysa1@gmail.com](mailto:swoysa1@gmail.com) by 4 November 2024.

Hunters will put a board outside your property for approximately 3 weeks over the period of the Christmas and Summer fairs. You may have seen that lots of schools in the area manage to raise sponsorship from estate agents in this way and it’s a great way to support our fabulous school without having to donate any money yourself! You can be removed from the list at any time in future by contacting Swoysa at the above email address.”

**NEXT SUNDAY 2ND COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL FUND  
MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of**

**ASHLEY BLAIZE RIP**

(Brother of Jerviane Edwards)

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

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

**MASS ATTENDEES**

12/13 October - 284 19/20 October - 286 27/28 October - 284

**PARISH DIARY**

Wednesday 6 Nov 10am	Christmas Stars & tea	Cafe York
Thursday 7 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 8 Nov 6pm-8pm	Youth Group	Upper Hall
Saturday 9 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Saturday 9 Nov 11am	Eucharistic Minister training	Church
Sunday 10 Nov 2.15pm	Cemetery Procession Blessing of Graves	Hither Green Cemetery
Sunday 10 Nov 3pm	Reconciliation 2 Session Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Wednesday 13 Nov 5.30pm	Holy Hour	Church
Wednesday 13 Nov 8pm	Remembrance Mass	Church
Sunday 17 Nov 12.30pm to 2.30pm	Pre-loved & Handmade Sale	SWOY School
Sunday 8 Dec 12.30pm to 2.30pm	Christmas Fair	SWOY School

**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**



**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)

**Monday 4 November 2024 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**09:30** Costello & Leen Families RIP

**Tuesday 5 November 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Clemencia Charles RIP Anniversary

**Wednesday 6 November 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Peter Healy RIP (live-streamed)

**Thursday 7 November 2024 - The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 8 November 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Sean Sheehan RIP

**Saturday 9 November 2024 - The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica**

**10:30** John Barber RIP

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Remembrance Day**

**Saturday 9 November**

**18:00** Annie Maguire RIP

**Sunday 10 November 2024**

**09:30** Christine Kitchen RIP

**11:30** Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

**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."