



**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 Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

12 November 2023

Remembrance Day

Dear Parishioners

A few weeks ago, I spoke about the beauty and the place of singing within our liturgy, singing brings us closer to God and others. It encourages the participation of the faithful to be united in prayer.

The church teaches that, In the liturgy, music and singing are "a necessary and integral part or element of our liturgy", and almost indispensable; singing, above all, does not have a "filling" or "decorative" task, only to create the climate or atmosphere, or to "decorate or make the liturgy attractive. We sing to celebrate, to praise and glorify God for all the good he has done for us.

“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy”. Sacrosantum Concilium 112,

Here in our parish there is a strong tradition of singing in our liturgy, thanks to generations of priests and parishioners who worked hard over the years, giving generously their time and talent to create a parish music group. Through their hard work they have given Music and singing the place that it deserves within our liturgy.

Therefore, I encourage you to do two things, to actively join the faithful in singing during our liturgy and if you have the time to dedicate, to please join the parish music group, (you do not need an exceptional voice to join) and if you have the musical talent to join the parish instrumentalists.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Wisdom 6:12-16, ! Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13,

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Of course they weren't bridesmaids! According to the custom of the time the girls were attendant on the bridegroom, to greet him with their lamps as he arrived at the wedding-reception. Anyway, half of them weren't ready, let him down, and then found themselves shut out. There is a subtle difference between the parables given in Mark's and Matthew's gospels. In Mark they are all about the sudden coming of God's Kingship in history, at the time of Jesus. Jesus proclaimed that the crisis was now. In him God's reign had arrived: it was time to take drastic action. Matthew's parables take a longer-term view: there will be a final judgment at the end of time, for which we, in the Church and in the course of history, must prepare. Some will and some won't. Some will be found to be wheat, others to be weeds. When the catch of fish comes in, some fish will be thrown away, some kept. Some will be sheep and others goats. Each year, as the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church reminds us of this. And the End will be sudden and unpredictable, like a burglar on the one night I forgot to lock the door, or like a mouse-trap snapping shut, or like the unpredictable moment of birth pangs. *Am I ready for the coming of Christ? What does it mean to be like the wise bridesmaids and have oil in my lamp?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023.

Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal

or:

- Scan the QR code on the right using your phone camera
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.
- Contactless device in the Narthex



Thank you in advance for your generosity of heart

FR GREGORY Please remember Fr Gregory in your prayers he is in hospital at present following a fall and is making steady progress in his recovery.

CEMETERY BLESSING- REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM We shall have a Deanery Procession through Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023. We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm. We recite the Holy Rosary as we walk and pause to sing hymns on the way. We arrive at the far end of the cemetery where after final prayers and hymn we disperse to our family graves inviting the accompanying clergy to visit and pray at the graves of our departed loved ones. Please make use of this opportunity to bless the graves of our beloved ones.

REFLECTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I returned recently from the month-long Synod on Synodality in Rome, convened by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reflect on communion, participation, and mission in the Church's life. It was a remarkable journey, both engaging and exhausting, that led us forward on the way together – the Way who is the Lord Jesus himself, our Truth and our Life. (cf. Jn 14:6) I share with you a summary of my reflection on the Synod on Synodality available [HERE](#) Please take a moment to read it in full.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the Pope - We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

HOLY SOULS - In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. On the tables at the entrance and exit of the church 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 our website.

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church>



'REMEMBERING ST WILLIAM OF YORK' Oral history project - What does it mean to be a parishioner at St. William of York? We are launching a new oral history project called 'Remembering St. William of York'. This aims to commemorate the Parish through the voices and memories of its parishioners. We would love for as many parishioners as possible to get involved and tell their stories about our Church and its community. If you would like to take part or want to learn more, please email Sarah Limb at se.limb598@gmail.com Sarah will be telling us more about the project at all Masses weekend of 11 & 12 November.

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

If you are new to the parish or may have missed the planned giving appeal talks in Sept and October, please pick up a copy of the leaflet in the Narthex or download a copy here [Pledge Form](#) and [Volunteer Form](#) We will be so grateful to receive your assistance which will make a big difference to our parish. Please complete and post forms through the presbytery letter box and we will be in contact with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to discuss with Fr Habte or email Mary at the parish office.

FINANCES - OCTOBER 2023

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,733.34
Donations for CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - £391.89
Donations for MISSIO World Mission Day - £644.88
Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £164.15
Donations for Holy Souls - £126.81
From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,808.00

Thank you for your continued support
Please gift aid where possible

TOILET REFURBISHMENT PROJECT UPDATE

I am delighted to advise this project has now been completed due to your generosity and support. As you are aware, we were awarded a lottery grant of £10,000 and parishioner donations amounted to £10,609.01. The total project cost came in below budget at £16,988.13 which left a balance of £3,620.88

The balance has been used to recover 14 kneelers, 12 chairs and 4 studded stools in church. Thank you so much for your continued support to the parish.

ORDER A CHRISTMAS TREE & HELP SUPPORT SWOYSA

Please help support St William of York Catholic Primary School this Christmas and order a high-quality Nordmann Fir Tree at competitive prices!

Trees can be collected from the school fair on **Sunday 3rd December 12.30-14.30** Orders should be placed no later than **Thursday 23rd November 2023**



3-4 ft £29	4-5 ft £33	5-6ft £41	5-7 ft £49	7-8 ft £59
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Please order your tree by completing this Google form by **Thursday 23rd Nov 23**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffruH0DzFntONA5ELTf6EsSn7A9ZJilkBuag3kv2nKRjXHQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Payment should be made by Thursday 23rd November by bank transfer (details will be emailed to you)

All profits from the sale of trees go towards the SWOYSA Charity, which is dedicated 100% towards the improvement of your School and your Child's Education



HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This year we want to spread a little love by giving everyone at the carol service a heart to take home and hang on their Christmas tree.

So we need you to get busy- knit, crochet or stitch a heart! Please pick up a flier with a knitting and a crotchet pattern and a heart template that you could use to make a heart out of felt or other fabric.

If you don't have yarn or needles please help yourself from the supply in the Narthex. If you would like to share ideas while you get creating, please come along to **Café York at 10.00am on a Wednesday morning (straight after the morning Mass)**. There will be tea and biscuits!

Please leave your completed hearts in the basket in the Narthex by **Saturday 16th December**.

If you want to know more please contact Maureen Swift on 0776 5428299

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH



It is a great pleasure to share that we have once again started the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, journey in faith (RCIA) in our parish since September, this year we have 4 enquirers.

The Rite calls the community of the faithful to be engaged and involved in this process. The journey and the process of initiation takes place within the larger community of the faithful. We would like to invite all members of our parish community to accompany those who embarked on the journey and the Parish RCIA team by offering prayer, support, and example for those who are seeking Christ.

This year we are running two separate but converging sessions fortnightly, we would love to welcome you at any time, therefore, we like to invite you to come and join us either on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Fridays at 7:30pm. The programme overview is available in the narthex or download a copy [HERE](#) The Friday sessions sometimes may join the one on Tuesdays, If you would like to come on a Friday, Please let us know by email at foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

MASS ATTENDEES

22/23 October - 262 28/29 October - 250 4/5 November - 348

PARISH DIARY

Sun 12 Nov 2.15pm for 2.30pm	Cemetery Procession Blessing of Graves	Hither Green Cemetery
Tue 14 Nov 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Wed 15 Nov 10am	Hearts for Christmas	Cafe York
Thurs 16 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 17 Nov 9.30-12pm	Mother's & Toddlers	Cafe York
Sat 18 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 19 Nov 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon 20 Nov 8pm	Baptism Session 2	Lower Hall
Sat 25 Nov 4- 5.15pm	Altar Server Training	Church

We will have one Sunday Mass at 10.30am on 26th November 2023 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 3rd December . The 9.30am on Sunday 3rd December will be a Family Mass.

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

We will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone 020 8690 4549 or email Mary at the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk. Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account:- NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437 Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Your surname/Gift Aid no

In addition, Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website DONATE WITH DONA (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website)

Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holy Days of Obligation and special occasions. Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer,

If you wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Remembrance Day

Saturday 11 November 2023

18:00 Nancy Willis RIP

Sunday 12 November 2023

09:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Madeleine (Ruth) Branigan RIP-

Monday 13 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 John Warner RIP

Tuesday 14 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Herrinita Ihgabedua RIP

Wednesday 15 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 16 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 17 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Theresa Ifeanyi Ndudi Mordi RIP

Saturday 18 November 2023 - Feria

10:30 Theresa Ifeanyi Ndudi Mordi RIP

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Day of the Poor

Saturday 18 November 2023

18:00 John Warner RIP

Sunday 19 November 2023

09:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 John Barber RIP

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



St William of York
Catholic Primary School

Brockley Park, Forest Hill, London SE23 1PS

Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Lynch Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hayley Mayers

Starting School in September 2024?

Come and visit our lovely small school!

Visits and tours by appointment!

Email: admin@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk

Telephone: 020 8690 2842

Please contact the school office for more information.

Experienced, and enthusiastic teaching staff. Forest School sessions.

Lovely children, parents, staff and school community!

One form entry, small, friendly and inclusive.

Only one class in each year group.

We know every child, and family, by name!

We celebrate and develop your child's unique gifts and talents.



Ofsted (Oct 2022) - GOOD

with 4 out of 5 OUTSTANDING areas.

Quality of Education	GOOD
Leadership & Management	OUTSTANDING
Personal Development	OUTSTANDING
Behaviour & Attitudes	OUTSTANDING

Wraparound care available from our Breakfast Club and After School Club Provider

We are a Catholic primary school.

However, we accept Non-Catholic children, and ALL religions are welcome!

We celebrate diversity and are an inclusive and welcoming school!





Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East
warmly invites you to the:

Christmas Carol Service

Of the South East Pastoral Area, Archdiocese of Southwark

for all the

Parishes in the deaneries of Bexley; Bromley; Camberwell; Greenwich; Lambeth and Lewisham



Date:

Sunday 17th December 2023

Gaudete Sunday

Time:

7.30pm

Gathering from 7pm

Clergy to vest in Cassock & Surplice or Alb & Stole from 7.15pm

Venue:

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill

11 Trent Road, London, SW2 5BJ

Theme:

Peace on Earth

Principal Celebrant:

The Right Reverend Philip Moger

Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark

