



**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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

19 November 2023

World Day of the Poor

Dear Parishioners

Today, I would like to express my heartfelt joy to Peter Julien and his family as Peter has started his journey/formation towards the permanent diaconate. I also would like to express my gratitude to his wife Patricia and their children for their support and prayer in Peter's journey of discernment and formation.

The ministry of deacons is part of the self-giving that Christ makes of himself in the power of the Spirit, who came not to be served, but to serve and give his life (cf. Mk 10.45).

Deacons are called to carry out their function "with charity and simplicity of heart, to help the bishops, priests and the faithful. They exercise their ministry in the three areas or "services" of the Word, liturgy and charity. It is a precious service that can be expressed in many forms, according to the needs of the community.

The call to the diaconate can certainly be an opportunity to recognise a previous call to service for the Kingdom of God, already present and active in a life of generous service to others. Peter and his family are well known in our parish for their generous service and full engagement in the many areas of our parish life. It is a pleasure to see Peter has now decided to go through this special time of discernment and formation to explore further the call to serve the people of God through ordained ministry.

Finally, I would like to invite all parishioners to accompany Peter in prayer in his journey that includes a time of personal knowledge and vocational discernment.

Fr Habte



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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The three servants in Jesus' parable are each given a small portion of their master's property and trusted to improve on it. In the same way that the master gave his servants responsibility for his money, so God has given each one of us gifts that we have not earned and He expects us to build on them. We have different abilities and opportunities in life delivered by many variables, such as where we were born, the nature of our family, our education and the people we meet. These gifts are distributed unevenly, as were the talents given to the servants, but more will be required of those who are given more, and even those given little will be expected to do something with it. We may feel that we have little to offer, but if we bring ourselves to do what we can with what we've got, guided by the light of Christ, then, as when he fed the five thousand with a few loaves and fishes, he will turn our small effort into something much larger. Like the good servants sharing the joy of their master, we will discover the joy of using God's gifts for His good purposes and He will increase our ability to share His love with everyone we meet. PB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28, Matthew 25:31-46

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Francis has declared Sunday the 19th November 2023 to be the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). He is quoted as saying ". whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus."



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Naina Abena Boateng and Kiaan Yaw Boateng. Many congratulations to Naina and Kiaan's parents Mamta and Derek from all at St William of York and welcome Naina and Kiaan to our parish family.

#RED WEDNESDAY - 22ND NOVEMBER 2023 On Wednesday 22nd November #RedWednesday we will be standing together with Aid to the Church in Need to break the silence on the persecution of Christians worldwide - especially those in the Middle East, Africa and China.

To donate to ACN or to join an ACN #RedWednesday event please visit <https://acnuk.org/events/>

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - One Sunday Mass at 10.30am

Next Sunday (26th November) is National Youth Sunday, and the retiring collection will be for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35.

For more details about what is on offer, please scan the QR code to see the website tinyurl.com/scys1

Please also sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork to receive regular updates.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further World Youth Sunday resources at worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023



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.

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	6-7 ft £49	7-8 ft £59
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Please order your tree by completing this Google form by **Thursday 23rd Nov 23**

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[usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffruH0DzFntONA5ELTf6EsSn7A9ZJillkBuag3kv2nKRjXHQ/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

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS - We welcome all children in Year 4 and above who have celebrated their First Eucharist to join our parish serving team. We will be running a training session for new servers on **Saturday 25th November at 4.00-5.15pm**. We may also run another session in the morning at 11am if we have enough children who want to come. If you'd like to come along, please email us at swoy.altarserving@gmail.com. We are limited in how many children we can have in each session, so we need to know how many children to expect in order to plan the session. If you would like to start serving at Mass, you need to come to a training session first.

GIFT SUNDAY

As in previous years, we will be collecting gifts again this year to pass on to local charities for their Christmas appeals. Our gifts this year will go to the Salvation Army appeal and Christmas food items will be donated to the local food bank. We will be collecting gifts at all masses over the **weekend of 2-3 December, during the following week and again on 9-10 December.**

This year, we are asking for donations of Toys or gift vouchers for children and teenagers Small Christmas food and other items - e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, crackers



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

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>



MASS ATTENDEES

28/29 October - 250 4/5 November - 348 11/12 November - 255

PARISH DIARY

Sun 19 Nov 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon 20 Nov 8pm	Baptism Session 2	Lower Hall
Wed 22 Nov 10am	Hearts for Christmas	Cafe York
Thurs 23 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 24 Nov 9.30-12pm	Mother's & Toddlers	Cafe York
Sat 25 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sat 25 Nov 4- 5.15pm	Altar Server Training	Church
Mon 27 Nov 8pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York
Tues 28 Nov 7.45pm	RCIA Meeting	Lower Hall
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec to Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec	Gift Sunday donations	Church
Sun 3 Dec 9.30am	Family Mass	Church
Sun 3 Dec 12.30-2.30pm	SWOY School Christmas Fair collect Christmas trees	School
Sun 3 Dec 2.50pm for 3pm	Reconciliation 3 Session	Church
Sun 17 Dec 4pm	Parish Carol Service followed by refreshments	Church School hall
Sun 17 Dec 7pm for 7.30pm	Christmas Carol Service South East Pastoral Area Archdiocese of Southwark	Corpus Christi Church Brixton Hill 11 Trent Road SW2 5BJ
Wed 20 Dec 7.30pm	Penitential Service with visiting priests	Church



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 (live-streamed)

Monday 20 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Garvey & Connor Families RIP

Tuesday 21 November 2023 -

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Private Prayer

Wednesday 22 November 2023 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

09:30 Yvonne Orieso Wedding Thanksgiving

Sylvester Orieso RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 23 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 24 November 2023 -

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

09:30 Forgotton Souls RIP

Saturday 25 November 2023 - Feria

10:30 Theresa Ifeanyi Ndudi Mordi RIP

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)

Youth Day

Saturday 25 November 2023

18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 26 November 2023

10:30 Sue Hepworth 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

