



**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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

17 NOVEMBER 2024

World Day of the Poor

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, the theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. The Jubilee year happens every 25 years.

The Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican is opened on 24 December 2024, thus starting the Jubilee year.

As we know, the Jubilee is a special year of grace, a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which the Church offers the faithful the possibility of asking for plenary indulgence, that is, the remission of sins for themselves or for deceased relatives.

Pope Francis is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using St. Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year. In the words of the pope "For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope"



The papal basilicas of St Mary Major, St John the Lateran and the Paul outside the wall will be opening their jubilee doors in December and January, and there will be designated Jubilee churches in our diocese to visit.

The Ordinary Jubilee will end with the closing of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Epiphany of the Lord.

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14,18, Mark 13:24-32

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - As the end of the Church year approaches, the Gospel reading tells of Jesus' teaching about the end of the world, including the return of Jesus himself, "coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

He tells us that only God the Father knows the hour, but the signs will be as obvious as new growth in Spring heralding the onset of Summer. He adds that although heaven and earth will pass away, his words (i.e. the Good News of God's unconditional love for us all) will never pass away. Whatever the cosmic events taking place around us, we know that our own existence in this world is temporary, but the permanence of the words of Jesus means that we can always rely on the redeeming power of his death and resurrection.

Our role is to acknowledge our own weakness, trusting ourselves to the love of God and letting the Holy Spirit take over our hearts every waking moment. Let us be guided by love - love of God and love of neighbour. PB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

In his message for World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us why it is important to be friends of, and pray for the poor. [READ MORE](#)



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS -

This weekend we baptised Okechukwu Kendrick Alo. Congratulations to Okechukwu and his parents Okechukwu and Chinazom from all at St William of York and welcome Okechukwu to our parish family.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2024 - ONE SUNDAY MASS AT 10.30AM

Sunday (24 November) is World Youth Sunday. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.



ST WILLIAM OF YORK PARISH YOUTH GROUP.

It is truly encouraging to see many young people of our parish in our recent youth group evening. So far, we have two successful meetings since the youth group was launched.



I like to reiterate the purposes of the existence of a parish youth group “to encourage young people, mainly from the parish community, to become active within the group and community, to establish a programme of activities which respond to the needs and aspirations of the young people and to contribute, as part of the parish youth work team, to the development of work with young people from the parish, promoting the spiritual, social and fun aspects of Christian living”

With the involvement of many more young people from our parish, I can envisage the growth of our youth group, I have spoken to a number of young people and their parents to consider being involved and they are all welcome to join. Let us build our parish community by creating the space and the attention our young people deserve. They are the future of our community.

I encourage every young person to come and join us and on the first Friday of the month from 6pm to 8pm in the evening. I am grateful for the team of adults who have volunteered to work with the young people. We need more adults to help with the team, if you are willing to help please contact the coordinators of the team or the parish office.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte

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 30 Nov - 1 December and during the following week until the weekend of 7-8 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



SPONSORED LECTIONARIES

Many thanks to all the parishioners who generously sponsored our new lectionaries and Books of the Gospel. Each volume will contain an insert with name of the sponsor and their dedication request.

To help you prepare for this transition, we strongly encourage you to download the Universalis app on your phone or tablet. This app provides the latest readings, allowing for reflection and preparation prior to proclaiming the Word at Mass. While there is a small cost, we hope it remains affordable for all <https://universalis.com/>

#RED WEDNESDAY - 20TH NOVEMBER 2024 On Wednesday 20th 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/](https://acnuk.org/events/)

OPPOSE ASSISTED DYING BILL - . Archbishop John has [urged us all to oppose](#) assisted suicide. As followers of the Lord Jesus, he said: “we are called care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death”. The bill has been published this week, as it continues to make its way through parliament. Use the link below, or the QR code (right), to write to your MP and voice your opposition to assisted suicide.



ACT NOW

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.

HOLY SOULS - 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



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. All welcome.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH -

Our next session will be on Tuesday 26 November at 7.45pm

Conscience and Authority

All parishioners are welcome to attend session in the lower hall to support Fiona, Alexa and Mica followed by tea, coffee & biscuits. We aim to finish by 9.00pm.



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.”

CAFOD FUN RUN - 7 December. Join CAFOD on 7 December at 11am (10am registration) for a Nativity Fun run in Clapham Common. [Sign-up here.](#)

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of those that have died:-

TRACY HOLME RIP
(sister of April Holme)

MARGARET DOUGLAS RIP
(mother of Jonathan Douglas)

**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

27/28 October - 284 - 2/3 November - 251 9/10 November - 312

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 17 Nov 12.30pm to 2.30pm	Pre-loved & Handmade Table top sale	SWOY School
Sunday 17 Nov 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Church
Wednesday 20 Nov 11am	Christmas Stars & Tea	Cafe York
Thursday 21 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 23 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Tuesday 26 Nov 7.45pm	RCIA - Journey in Faith Conscience and Authority	Lower Hall
Wednesday 27 Nov 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Cafe York
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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of the Poor

Saturday 16 November

18:00 Norbert Prill RIP

Sunday 17 November 2024

09:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Mrs Monica Acquah RIP

Monday 18 November 2024 - Feria

09:30 Garvey & Connor Families RIP

Tuesday 19 November 2024 - Feria

09:30 Peter Healy RIP

Wednesday 20 November 2024 - Feria

09:30 Ashley Blaize RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 21 November 2024 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 22 November 2024 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

09:30 Anne Cherkez RIP

Saturday 23 November 2024 - Feria

10:30 Sylvester Orieso RIP

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

World Youth Sunday

Saturday 23 November

18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 24 November 2024

10:30 Peter Healy RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

ST WILLIAM OF YORK SCHOOL

FREE
ENTRY

Grab a
bargain!

TABLE TOP
SALE

+
MULLED WINE
MINCE PIES AND
REFRESHMENTS

PRE-LOVED AND HAND MADE

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
12.30pm - 2pm

ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
BROCKLEY PARK, FOREST HILL, SE23 1PS

WORLD GIFTS

SPREAD JOY WITH A GIFT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life-changing - **CAFOD's World Gifts**. In a world where many of us already have what we need, why not choose a gift that makes a real difference for those facing the injustice of poverty around the world?

Choose from our range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs.

Give the Gift of Hope This Christmas

Buy World Gifts



**Order by 11th December to ensure your
gift arrives in time for Christmas!**

[https://
worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/?](https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/?)



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SOUTHWARK

You're cordially invited to the

**South East
NINE LESSONS &**

**CAROL
SERVICE**

Sunday, Dec 15, 2024 | 7:00 PM

**At Sacred Heart Church Camberwell
(2, Knatchbull Road - SE5 9QS)**



Come and enjoy a spiritually uplifting evening of lessons and carols in preparation for Christmas on this Gaudete Sunday.

RSVP

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