



**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

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**13 OCTOBER 2024**

Dear Parishioners

Since the beginning of this academic year in September, we have a new headmistress Mrs Hayley Mayers at our school, Usually the "arrival" of a new Head is always full of uncertainties, doubts, expectations and curiosities. While it is natural to expect changes, we can say we are very lucky to have a new head teacher who knows the school and the parish communities very well.

On behalf of our parish community, I wish to extend Hayley a successful time, in the certainty that "we are in good hands" from a human, pastoral and professional point of view; together we will certainly be able to work together for the good of our children and community, a new adventure full of experiences that will enrich and make us all grow. I am sure our school will continue to be a place of excellence, growth, respect and inclusion.

We are happy to have Hayley as headteacher, in renewing our welcome, we wish Hayley a positive, successful and peaceful time at the school. I ask the parish community to pray for her and all her colleagues in the school.

Next Thursday 17 October at 10.30am Canon Victor Darlington will be presiding at our new Headteacher Hayley Mayer's induction Mass.

I would like to invite all parishioners to join us in prayer as we wish Hayley every blessing and success in her new role.

God Bless  
Fr Habte

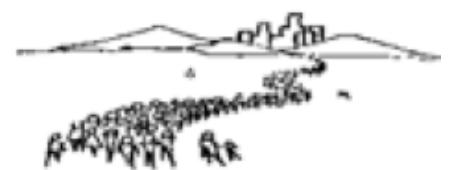
**TODAY'S READINGS** - Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - A rich man kneels before Jesus, addressing him as "Good master" and asking what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus comments that no one is good, but God alone. Significantly, he does not correct him. Then Jesus tells the man that he must treat people as instructed by the ten commandments; but the rich man appears to understand that he needs something more. Jesus gazes with love at this man who is searching for righteousness and he invites him to give up everything and become his disciple, selling his possessions for the poor in order to store up treasure in heaven. The rich man does not dare to depart from the security and comfort of his wealth, so he goes away sad. He cannot imagine the joy of trusting in the love of God rather than the false security of possessions. The disciples themselves realise that most people cannot manage such an act of faith and they are confused, especially as material wealth was seen as a sign of God's favour. They wonder, "Who can be saved?" Jesus confirms that it is impossible for people to save themselves, but not for God. He reassures us that God can save us in spite of our weakness. Then Peter asks, on behalf of all disciples who have given up everything for His sake, "What about us?" Jesus replies that anyone who has left the security of family and possessions for his sake and for the sake of the gospel will be rewarded with a hundred times more love and security in this life (but not without persecution), and with eternal life in the world to come. PB

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER FORMS** On **Monday 14th October 2024**, between **11:00am-4:00pm**, Fr Habte will be seeing parents who require the completion of secondary school supplementary forms. No appointment is needed, Fr Habte will see parents on a first come first served basis. Many Thanks

**RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH** - We have now started the Pre-Catechumenate stage for Fiona and the Catechumenate stage for Alexa and Mica, both sessions happen on a Tuesday evening every two weeks at 7pm & 8pm. **Our next sessions will be on Tuesday 15 October** All parishioners are welcome to attend one or both of these sessions to support Fiona, Alexa and Mica followed by tea, coffee & biscuits. We aim to finish by 9.00pm.



## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 - SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024 6PM**

If your child is in Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on **Sunday 20th October 2024 at 6pm**. The preparation sessions will commence in January 2025.

## **"CALLED TO HOLINESS" DAY FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS -**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at St Stephen's Church, Welling.** For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Streatham,** for the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham, and Lambeth. Participants can attend either of the days more convenient for them.

Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. The theme for this year is –“Called to Holiness”, in preparation for the Jubilee year and to help us all live a good Christian life amidst the daily challenges of life.

**Please register your attendance with Mary via the parish office [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)**

**2025 MASS INTENTIONS** We have now received diaries for 2025 and will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone 020 8690 4549 or email Mary [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)

Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account:- Bank: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437 Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Your surname/Gift Aid no. 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 or the QR code (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website) Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.



If you would like Mass to be offered for your intention on a particular date (e.g. anniversary) please try to request it well in advance as we are seeing a significant increase in the number of Mass intention requests.

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

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:-** For a Shared Mission Pope Francis asks for prayers so that the Church “continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople.”

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 20 October** - The theme this year is 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet!' On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict. [Visit here](#) for more information on World Mission Sunday. We will have a 2nd collection next weekend.

**GIFT AID** - We are unable to collect gift aid for any 3rd party charities ie MISSIO, CAFOD etc as the monies are not part of the church's income. In these circumstances, you may wish to donate directly and complete a gift aid envelope for 3rd party charities.

**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](#).

**AN EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI - 31 October.** Archbishop John will be giving a talk on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's life at an event hosted by the Southwark Catholic Youth Service on 31 October at St George's Cathedral. The event for 18-40 year olds starts at 6.30pm, with Eucharistic Adoration and praise and worship led by One Hope Project.

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUTH CONFERENCE- 9 November.** Junior health workers and students are invited to the CMA youth conference on 9 November. You can [book here](#) and tickets cost £10.



**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](#).

## **ARCHDIOCESE VACANCY**

- Parish Cook - Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Friary Road, Peckham

For more details, including how to apply, please visit [our website](#).

**Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of**

**TIMOTHY RYAN RIP**

**JOHN RYAN RIP**

(Brothers of Molly O'Brien)

**PETER HEALY RIP**

Funeral on 16 October at 11.30am at St William of York

**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**

21/22 September - 283 28/29 September -309 5/6 October - 450

### **PARISH DIARY**

Monday 14 Oct 11am-4pm	Fr Habte to complete Secondary school forms	Presbytery
Tuesday 15 Oct 7pm	RCIA - Pre Catechumenate	Lower Hall
Tuesday 15 Oct 8pm	RCIA - Catechumenate	Lower Hall
Thursday 17 Oct 10.30am	Headteacher Hayley Mayers Induction Mass	Church
Thursday 17 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 19 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 20 Oct 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 20 Oct 6pm	2025 Confirmation programme Information meeting for parents & candidates	Church

### **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.

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**World Day for Migrants and Refugees**

**Saturday 12 October 2024**

**18:00** Pietro Battista RIP

**Sunday 13 October 2024**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Children of Aberfan

**Monday 14 October 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Primrose Wrigley Birthday Blessings

**Tuesday 15 October 2024 - St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** Dr Arul Peters RIP 15th Anniversary

**Wednesday 16 October 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Timmy Ryan RIP (live-streamed)

**11:30** Funeral of Peter Healy RIP

**Thursday 17 October 2024 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

**10:30** Induction Mass for Hayley Mayers, Headteacher

**Friday 18 October 2024 - St. Luke, Evangelist**

**09:30** AB Thanksgiving

**Saturday 19 October 2024 - Feria**

**10:30** Eve Dempsey Birthday Thanksgiving

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**World Mission Day, Day of Prayer for the evangelization of the world**

**Saturday 19 October 2024**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 20 October 2024**

**09:30** Charles Edwards RIP Birthday

**11:30** Ida Gladys Snuggs RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

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



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# CALLED TO HOLINESS

**Day of Retreat for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

## ■ Saturday 19 October 2024

*Parishes in the Deaneries of  
Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich  
will meet at*

**Saint Stephen's Church Welling,  
26 Deepdene Road, Kent, DA16 3QL.**

## ■ Saturday 26 October 2024

*Parishes in the Deaneries of  
Camberwell, Lewisham and  
Lambeth will meet at*

**Bishop Thomas Grant School  
Belltrees Grove, Streatham  
London, SW162HY.**

Please, register via you own parish at:  
**[evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk)**

**DEADLINE**  
**Monday 30 September, 2024**

## PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

**09:30:** Tea and Coffee

**10:00:** Intro and welcome by Can. Victor Dralington,  
South-East EV

**10:15:** The Call to Holiness - Fr Richard Plunkett  
(Dean of Greenwich)

**11:00:** Q&A

**11:15:** Convenience Break

**11:30:** The Trail Blazers - Inspiration of the Saints for  
the Jubilee Year - Fr Marcus Holden (Dean of  
Lambeth)

**12:15:** Q&A

**13:00:** Lunch Break (Please bring your own packed  
lunch)

**13:30:** The New Lectionary and our Spiritual Reading  
by Canon Edward Perera (Dean of Bexley)

**14:15:** Q&A

**14:30:** Evaluation

**15:00:** Mass presided by Can Victor, Homily by Fr  
Stephen Wymer (Dean of Bromley).