



**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

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  
15 October 2023**

Dear Parishioners

“...for who am I and what is my people, for us to be able to volunteer offerings like this? – since everything comes from you and we have given you only what you bestowed in the first place.” - 1 Chronicles 29: 14-16

Thank you for taking part in our ‘Planned Giving’ appeal last weekend.

If you are new to the parish, or missed completing a volunteer sign up sheet or signing a pledge card last weekend, and would like to volunteer your time and talent or donate to the parish by standing order (bankers order) or wish to Gift Aid, please complete a sign up sheet and pledge card at the back of the Church today and post through our Presbytery letterbox.

Once again, thank you for all that you do.

Please keep our parish in your prayers.

God Bless

Fr Habte

**TODAY'S READINGS**- Isaiah 25:6-10, Philippians 4:12-14,19-20,  
Matthew 22:1-14

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** -

The guests who were invited to the wedding feast made lots of excuses for not attending. If we have a living faith we should put God and our faith at the centre of our lives. This may sometimes involve making choices about whether to attend church or go to another activity or whether to take part in an activity which is contrary to what our faith stands for and may involve an element of sacrifice. There has been a decline in church attendance in recent years especially since the pandemic. For families it may be that their children are interested in an activity which takes place on a Sunday or is contrary to Faith values so a choice has to be made about whether our Faith has the importance it deserves.

When the original guests didn't accept the wedding invitation, the host invited those on the margins of society who accepted the invitation straight away. Often people living in difficult circumstances show great compassion and acceptance to others which isn't always reciprocated. We should be welcoming towards everyone whatever their circumstances without discrimination. LBr

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 45:1,4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,  
Matthew 22:15-21

**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.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER FORMS**

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October 2023, between 10:30am-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

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING**

The parish Liturgy Group will be meeting on Wednesday 18th October, from 7.45pm in the Lower Hall. We'll be planning for Advent and Christmas, looking ahead to next year, and hearing updates from different parish groups involved in our liturgy and Catechetical Programmes. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more or have a question, you can contact us at [liturgy.swoy@gmail.com](mailto:liturgy.swoy@gmail.com)

## CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal.

Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most. It's not too late to give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)



## NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church. The second collection will be for MISSIO. Thank you in advance for your support.

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024 - SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

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 5th November 2023 at 6pm**. The preparation sessions will commence in January 2024.

Please pay for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

**Theresa Ifeanyi Ndudi Mordi**

Please remember Theresa's family and friends in your prayers

Eternal rest grant unto her,

O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

## REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of these parishioners who have died in the last year on **Wednesday 8th 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.

## **FINANCES - SEPTEMBER 2023**

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,001.09  
Donations for the Society of African Mission Appeal - £926.00  
Donations for Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) - £273.22  
Donations for Catholic Education Fund - £232.29  
Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £235.29  
Donations for Toilets Refurbishment Project - £ 2,302.00  
From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,467.00

Thank you for your continued support  
Please gift aid where possible

## **2024 MASS INTENTIONS**

We have now received diaries for 2024 and 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](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

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 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. Mass may be offered for any particular need for yourself, a loved one or a friend, birthdays, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick or indeed for the repose of the soul of a loved one. It is often impossible to give you the date that you request but we will always do our best to give you the closest date available.

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

## PROMOTING RACIAL & CULTURAL INCLUSION IN OUR PARISHES, SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES :

This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from **9:30 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday 28 October.**

To register for the seminar use the link: [https:// forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3Dvs124W](https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3Dvs124W).- Registration is free.

For more information, please write to: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

**DAY OF RECONCILIATION AND INNER HEALING** St George's Cathedral **10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Sat 4 November** 'Return to me with all your heart' is the theme for this day. Featuring a range of activities to help you connect with God and experience inner healing: praise and worship, talks, testimonies, Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer ministry, eucharistic healing service and Mass.

**COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL** is holding a Mass of Remembrance at **2.00 pm on Thursday 9 November**, to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Families of those who have died are warmly invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: [liturgy@coloma.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:liturgy@coloma.croydon.sch.uk) by 2 November, indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.

### MASS ATTENDEES

**23/24 September - 275 30 Sept/1 Oct - 352 7/8 October - 309**

### PARISH DIARY

Sun 15 Oct 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon 16 Oct 8pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York
Tues 17 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA Meeting	Lower Hall
Wed 18 Oct 7.45pm	Liturgy Group Meeting	Lower Hall
Thur 19 Oct 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 20 Oct 9.30am-12pm	Baby & Toddler group	Cafe York
Sat 21 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

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

**Saturday 14 October 2023**

**18:00** Pietro Battista RIP

**Sunday 15 October 2023**

**09:30** Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners for the love and support shown to  
Anne Warner and family

**Monday 16 October 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Michael Jenvey RIP 1st Anniversary

**Tuesday 17 October 2023 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

**09:30** Timmy Ryan RIP

**Wednesday 18 October 2023 - St. Luke, Evangelist**

**09:30** Herrintta Ihgabedua RIP (live-streamed)

**Thursday 19 October 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 20 October 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Charles Edwards RIP Birthday

**Saturday 21 October 2023 - Feria**

**10:30** In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (FM)

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**World Mission Sunday**

**Saturday 21 October 2023**

**18:00** John Warner RIP

**Sunday 22 October 2023**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Bartolomeo Damele  
Prayers for Ida Gladys Snuggs RIP

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

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