



**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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**24 September 2023**

**World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

Dear Parishioners

*'Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others'- 1 Peter 4:10*

This weekend we launch our Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him.

Today, please take an appeal newsletter in Church or download a copy [HERE](#)  
We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

Thank you

Fr Habte

**TODAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20-24,27, Matthew 20:1-16

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - It is hard not to sympathise with the workers who have sweated it out right through the day in the hot sun. The idlers who have hardly got earth on their spades or grease on their hands get a great bonus and I get no bonus at all! Is this fair? No. God is not fair. You can't apply the concept of "fairness" to God at all. We can't enter into a reckoning with God. God does not calculate as we do. In the terms of this world, this is obvious enough. The wicked do prosper, while honesty and high moral standards, instead of being rewarded are often simply mocked. Can we go deeper and say that the reward is in heaven? This hardly fits with the way Jesus worked here on earth. He did not reward the virtuous. He said he was the doctor who had come to the sick. His favourites were the worst of society, tax-collectors and prostitutes, not even amiable rascals. Heaven was open to anyone who accepted him. It is no good looking for fairness in God, for this implies that we deserve something. We cannot claim to 'deserve' anything; we are simply called into a loving relationship and to put our trust in Jesus. *What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your own life?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

### **THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

### **CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS**

Please collect a form from Father Habte after Mass if you will be applying for your child to attend a Catholic secondary school this year. Please email to [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or post the information/school forms through the presbytery letter box at 4 Brockley Park together with your contact details and copy Baptism certificate if your child was NOT baptised at St William of York by **Sunday 8th October 2023**. Fr Habte will contact you if he has any points to discuss and we will let you know in good time when the forms may be collected.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We are pleased to advise Children's Liturgy will resume at the 11.30am Mass from Sunday 24 September.

## **FAMILY & WELCOME MASS**

Our next Family & Welcome Mass for our First Eucharist families will be at 9.30am on Sunday 1 October led by year 4 children from St William of York School.

We hope to see many families at that Mass.

## **RECONCILIATION SESSION 1**

We are pleased to advise our First Reconciliation and Eucharist session will commence on Sunday 1 October at 3pm in the church. Parents and children please arrive by 2.50pm so the session is ready to start at 3pm.

## **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.

## **SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE - PARIS CYCLE FOR THE ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY**

Marta, Jacob and Rebecca Tildesley are cycling to Paris to raise funds for The Royal Marsden who do so much work to support those suffering with cancer. They would be really grateful for any sponsorship you feel able to give;

You can donate to their JustGiving page by following this link:

<http://bit.ly/tildesleycycle>

Thank you so much for your support!

## **SERVICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, PRAYER AND REFLECTION - WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER at 6:30PM AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SE1 7HY**

Archbishop John Wilson and the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team, in partnership with LoudFence, invite you to attend a service of acknowledgement, prayer and reflection, for all those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that support or work with those that have been harmed. The service will take place at St. George's Cathedral at 6:30pm on Wednesday 27th September. After the service, there will be an opportunity to tie a ribbon on the tree of reflection in support or prayer for those that have been harmed by abuse and to show our commitment to end abuse. Light refreshments will be provided.

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER** On behalf of the Archbishop, the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis invites all catechists to the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 30th September 2023 from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Amigo Hall in St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. This is a day for all the catechists of the diocese. To book your place please complete the online form - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23> and advise Mary at [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) of your attendance for our parish records

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS OF THE SOUTH EAST - FORMATION DAYS 2023**

All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are invited to attend one of the two formation days. Can you please email Mary at [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) to confirm which day you can attend.

1. Saturday 14 October 2023 - 10am-4pm, for Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich . Venue: St Stephen's Church, 26 Deepdene Road, Welling, Kent DA16 3QL.
2. Saturday 21 October 2023 - 10am-4pm, for Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth . Venue: Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HYS.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINAR - SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

You are all invited to an Archdiocesan Seminar on Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in our Parishes, Schools & Communities on Saturday 28 October 2023 at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY from 9.30am to 4pm. Visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>

### **BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP RIP (3rd October 2023).**

All invited to attend the Year's Mind Mass on **4th October 2024 at 12.30pm** in St George's Cathedral to commemorate the first anniversary of Bishop Tripp's death. It is important to mark Bishop Howard's first anniversary especially in the place where he lies at rest in the Cathedral crypt. Bishop Howard gave twenty-four years of devoted episcopal service as Auxiliary Bishop in the South West Area of the Diocese, and continued his episcopal service indirectly during his 18 years of retirement. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

## VACANCY: CATHEDRAL ORGANIST

**St George's Cathedral, Southwark is looking to appoint a new Cathedral Organist to start from 1st January 2024.**

Music is an integral part of worship in the Cathedral and accordingly the role of Cathedral Organist is very important. Choral and organ music are fundamental to the Cathedral's tradition, with sacred music a key feature of all major liturgical celebrations at cathedral and diocesan level. The Cathedral Organist is the cathedral's only organ-playing member of staff, and so has responsibility for all organ playing as well as oversight of the instrument's maintenance, in collaboration with the organ consultant and tuners.

For full details, including background information, main responsibilities, person specification and organ specification, please download the [Job Description \(PDF\)](#).

### MASS ATTENDEES

2/3 September - 252 9/10 September -262 16/17 September - 351

### PARISH DIARY

Thur 28 Sept 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 29 Sept after Mass	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Fri 29 Sept 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler group	Cafe York
Sat 30 Sept 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 1 October 9.30am	Family & Welcome Mass	Church
Sun 1 October 3pm	Reconciliation 1 Session	Church



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

**World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

**Saturday 23 September 2023**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 24 September 2023**

**09:30** Owenia Williams RIP Anniversary

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

**Monday 25 September 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Freddy Curtis RIP

**Tuesday 26 September 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Harry O'Brien RIP

**Wednesday 27 September 2023 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

**09:30** Mary Magdalene Orieso RIP (live-streamed)

**Thursday 28 September 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 29 September 2023 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,  
Archangels**

**09:30** Catherine Teresa O'Connell RIP

**Saturday 30 September 2023 - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**10:30** Alice Mary Gillett (FM)

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

**Saturday 30 September 2023**

**18:00** Tonino Del Guercio RIP

**Sunday 1 October 2023**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Ron Howell RIP Birthday (live-streamed)

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

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