



**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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parishioners

Since October last year, we have been planning and making the necessary preparation to relaunch our parish youth group. On behalf of the organisers and the leaders of our parish youth group, I am glad to announce that we are now ready to start soon from Friday 4th October 2024 from 6pm-8pm in the upper hall.

Few of the purposes of the existence of a parish youth group are “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”

Here in our parish we need everyone's contribution, therefore also the irreplaceable one of young people. Our young people are encouraged and very much welcome to be involved in all activities of our parish life, to help fulfil this goal, we are relaunching our parish youth group.

Young people have the opportunity to grow in life and faith, to engage from a social and religious point of view, to realise ideas with other people and to contribute to the creation of a living community in the parish.

To make this ideal possible, on top of the plans we have, we will be very much open to listen to the young people, their parents and the wider parish community. We will strive to give them time and space to express themselves. We have a team of adults who have volunteered with the young, on behalf of the parish community, I like to thank them for their enthusiasm and generosity.

I ask the parish community to pray for our young people and for the success of our parish youth group.

God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Wisdom 2:12,17-20, James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Like the disciples we are capable of missing the point when listening to Jesus. We too can get distracted by arguing about who is right or the greatest. Of course we are each better at some things than others and have personalities and attitudes more suited to some situations than others. That's what makes us uniquely human, interdependent and makes life more interesting! It's important to recognise our talents. But this Gospel says we should never consider ourselves greater or more important than anyone else. God values everyone. Jesus invites us to support people that our society might see as the least powerful or important. Who could we reach out to this week?

We should even be wary of thinking our religion as the greatest. When speaking to young people recently at an interreligious conference, the Pope reminded them that "all religions are a path to God".

"They are like different languages in order to arrive at God, but God is God for all," said the Pope, adding, "Since God is God for all, then we are all children of God."

We can be inspired by selflessness and service wherever we see it.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

YOU'RE INVITED



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

MacMillan Coffee Morning in Cafe York Friday 27th September 8.45 to 11.30am run by The Honor Oak WI (HOWI). Opportunity to buy delicious cakes and jams/ chutney. All for a good cause

YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH '- FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 6-8PM

Dear parents, carers and young people, we are pleased to announce that we are finally ready to launch our Youth Group! We will be running our first session on **Friday the 4th of October from 6-8pm in the upper hall**. The Youth Group is open to our young people between the ages of 11-17. We look forward to welcoming you to an evening of fun, games and making new friends. If you would like to attend please email Lola at lotike76@yahoo.co.uk so we have an idea of numbers. Please do not worry if you forget to email us, you can still come along. We look forward to meeting you all.
Yours sincerely, the Youth Group Team.

FAMILY & WELCOME MASS Our next Family & Welcome Mass for our First Eucharist families will be at 9.30am on Sunday 6 October led by year 5 & 6 children from St William of York School. We hope to see many families at that Mass.

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER - Parents/Carers please accompany your children at all times when they are using the parish toilet facilities. thank you

RECONCILIATION SESSION 1 We are pleased to advise our First Reconciliation and Eucharist session will commence on Sunday 6 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 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.

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 of 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 6th October 2024**. 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR on **Saturday 28 September 2024 - 10:00am finishing with Mass at 4:00pm**
<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2024> Please book online as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATE for the JPIC ASSEMBLY entitled 'God Walks with His People' on the **12th October 10AM Mass** at **St James the Great Roman Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1AY**. The theme is poverty in the UK and overseas. The Assembly is a time for the diocese to come together in fellowship, in pursuit of catholic social justice for those in need. Further details will follow shortly.

" CALLED TO HOLINESS" DAY FOR READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - Saturday 19th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling. For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. And on **Saturday 26th 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**

FINANCES -AUGUST 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,703.31
Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £99.66
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,366.00

Thank you for your continued support
Please gift aid where possible

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:
Account name: RCAS Forest Hill, Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

IMPORTANT NOTICE re GIFT AIDERS RE-REGISTRATION

DONA - we have upgraded our contactless machine in the Narthex and we have a new payment processor. It is therefore necessary for our parish gift aiders to re-register for gift aid on the new device so the parish may continue to receive 25% tax rebate from HMRC on donations . Gift Aid registration may be completed on the device in church or at home via our website or by using the QR link when you next donate to the church.

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church>

Once registered all future donations using the same card will automatically be gift aided. Thank you for your ongoing support to the parish.

Please contact Mary in the parish office if you have any questions.



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

PETER HEALY RIP

(husband of Noreen and father of Julie)

Please pray for Peter's family and friends at this difficult time

CHRISTINE KITCHEN RIP

(mother of Liz Ballaster)

Please pray for Christine's family and friends at this difficult time

SALLY NUNN RIP

(teaching assistant at our school 1993 to 2007)

Please pray for Sally's family and friends at this difficult time

ROBERT ARNAUD RIP

(father of Aurore Arnaud)

Please pray for Robert's family and friends at this difficult time

ANNE CHERKEZ RIP

(mother of Suzanne Cherkez)

Funeral on 2 October at 11.30am at St William of York

Please pray for Anne's family and friends at this difficult time

JOSEPH DE SOUZA RIP

(brother of Maurice Germaine de Souza)

Please pray for Joseph's family and friends at this difficult time

**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**

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 -For the cry of the Earth
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of
victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally
care for the world in which we live

MASS ATTENDEES

31/1 September - 255 - 7/8 September 310 - 14/15 September - 319

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 26 Sept 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 27 Sept 8.45am-11.30am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Cafe York
Saturday 28 Sept 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Tuesday 1 Oct	RCIA	Lower Hall
Friday 4 Oct 6-8pm	Youth Group	Upper Hall
Saturday 5 Oct 2pm	RCIA Catechist team training	Church
Sunday 6 Oct 9.30	Family & Welcome Mass	Church
Sunday 6 Oct 2.50pm for 3pm start	1st Reconciliation Session	Church
Sunday 21 Oct 6pm	2025 Confirmation programme Information meeting for parents & candidates	Church

SEASON OF CREATION - 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2024

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. [READ MORE](#)

MARRIAGES: At least six months' notice is required to enable sufficient pastoral and administrative preparation for the couple, whether the marriage is to be here at St. William of York elsewhere. Couples should contact the Parish in the first instance.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH - is pleased to announce that several Youth Days for 10 - 14-year-olds will be held across the Diocese. Each event will take place between 11 am - 6 pm, with a charge of £5 per child or £8 per family, payable on the day. Lunch and dinner will be included. All are welcome [sign up here](#)



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 21 September 2024

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 22 September 2024

09:30 Josephine Ugwu RIP

11:30 Adrian McGurran RIP 2nd Anniversary
& Matthew McGurran RIP 11th Anniversary

Monday 23 September 2024 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest

09:30 Jerviane & Charles Edwards Anniversary Private Intentions

Tuesday 24 September 2024 - Our Lady of Walsingham

09:30 Owenia Williams RIP Anniversary

Wednesday 25 September 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Harry O'Brien RIP

Thursday 26 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 27 September 2024 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

09:30 Mary Magdalene Orieso RIP

Saturday 28 September 2024 - Feria

10:30 Holy Souls

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Saturday 28 September 2024

18:00 Tonino Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 29 September 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Robert Arnaud RIP

(FM) = Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Annual service for those harmed by abuse



Service of hope & healing

25 SEP
6.30PM

*St George's Cathedral, London,
SE1 7HY*

Annual service of hope & healing for those who have been harmed by abuse and for those who work with or support the people who have been harmed.

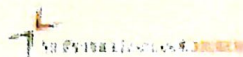
After the service, people will be invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence", as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for survivors and as a memorial for those lost to abuse.



Scan the QR code to find out more.



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VISIT
FULL PROGRAM

CELEBRATING THE
ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CANONISATION
OF POPE JOHN XXIII

HERO
of PEACE
and LOVE

MISSA PAPAE IOANNIS

for soprano, piano, four cellos and narrator

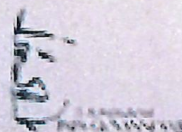
MASSIMILIANO PACE
Composer and pianist

LUCIANA DI BELLA
Soprano



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ST. PETER'S ITALIAN CHURCH
IN CLERKENWELL - LONDON
SATURDAY 28/09/2024 7:30 PM



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

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).