



**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 & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

17 September 2023

Dear Parishioners

The word ministry indicates a service carried out by a believer belonging to the Church. The root of every Christian ministry lies in Christ, who, in his words, did not "come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20.28; Mark 10.45).

Our parish has a long and strong history of involvement and participation of the laity/ parishioners in many aspects of parish ministry and service, I say this, without forgetting that we need to work even harder within this area of openness.

We have a shortage of participation in almost every area of parish ministry, this has become particularly apparent in the aftermath of the challenging 2 years of Covid times. Therefore, I would like to encourage parishioners to be involved in different ministries in the Church please let me, Mary or the leaders of the co-ordinators of the different ministries know if you are interested and willing to join a ministry. We need additional Readers, Catechists of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and especially Children's' Liturgy Catechists. Parents are encouraged to help our Catechists, training will be provided. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

There are so many characters to empathise with in this Sunday's Gospel. With Peter, because it is a challenge to truly forgive someone many times. With the servant, who begs the King for time to put things right. With the powerless man, who owed little, but was treated with no compassion. With the distressed servants, who saw the injustice of the King's wholehearted forgiveness not being paid forward. We can see ourselves in them all. Yet it is comforting to know that the God who asks us to keep forgiving, is also the God who is willing to forgive us. Jesus tells this story to help us understand that God asks us to forgive generously. We can choose to put things right, to make amends and to grow in compassion and rebuild relationships. And doing this takes time and emotional energy. Like Peter we may sometimes find forgiveness hard, but our first reading reminds us that carrying anger and resentment can be harmful too. Forgiveness can set us and others free. *Is there someone to whom we could show more compassion?*

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

TODAY IS EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY
(formerly known as Home Mission Sunday)

Preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025 in Faith and Prayer

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. We proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

The second collection today supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS -

This weekend we baptised Jonah Drew Jack Clark. Congratulations to Jonah and his parents Laura and Daniel from all at St William of York and welcome Jonah to our parish family.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS

Please collect a form from Father Habte after Mass or download a form [HERE](#) if you will be applying for your child to attend a Catholic secondary school this year. Please email to 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.

BENEDICTION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We have resumed Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the 1st & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm.

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 24 SEPT

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.

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!

GIFT AID ENVELOPES - awaiting collection

We are shortly due to place an order of gift aid envelopes for the period 2024/5 and note there are a number of envelope packs yet to be collected from the box in the Narthex for the current period.

These include the following numbers;-

18, 57, 68, 82, 87,135, 165, 192, 250, 258, 303, 308

Please arrange for these envelopes to be collected and contact Mary via email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8690 4549 if you need a reminder of your gift aid number. If these envelope packs are not collected in the next couple of weeks, we will assume they are no longer required and we will not reorder for the next period 2024/5. We have a supply of blank envelopes if needed in the future.

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 JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION AUTUMN ASSEMBLY

Saturday 23rd September 2023 entitled "The Right to Stay: Free to Choose" in response to the message of the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and

Refugees, at St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP. Parish Mass 10am. Registration 10.30am.

Programme starts 11am. Finishes 4pm. Free Entrance. Donations suggested.

Lunch provided. All welcome.

Keynote speaker: Rt. Rev. Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migration & Refugees and Member of the Department for International Affairs at the Bishops Conference for England and Wales on 'Love the Stranger', What really happened at Napier Barracks? To reserve a place please email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

SERVICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, REFLECTION & PRAYER

The Archdiocese of Southwark & LoudFence warmly invite you to a Service of Acknowledgement, Reflection & Prayer for those that have been harmed by Abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed.

27th September 2023 at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY

After the service, in partnership with LOUDFENCE, we invite everyone to tie a ribbon to our tree of reflection as a sign of solidarity, care, hope to survivors and as a memorial for those that have been lost by abuse.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend the 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.

Where: Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR

When: Saturday 30 September 2023 - 10:00am finishing with Mass at 4:00pm

<https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/iu6nxig8> Please book online as soon as possible.

PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION

There will be a Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and 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, 28th October 2023. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast.

On that day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.

To register for the Seminar, please click on the following link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>



St William of York have been members of Citizens UK for over 15 years. Citizens UK is an alliance of local communities working together for social justice and the common good.

They bring together everyday people and local organisations to build a better, fairer society, listening and discussing changes members want to see in their community. For example, issues such as immigration, the living wage and affordable housing. St Williams of York Citizens together with London Community Land Trust recently completed a project and successfully delivered 11 affordable homes in Citizens House, Unity Way, Sydenham. The project which began in 2014 has received positive press coverage in a number of national newspapers and specialist architectural journals. In May the project won a highly coveted Pineapple Award for Community Engagement.

Building on this excellent work we would like to invite the parish to participate in another listening campaign, to find out what issues are important to us and from there create a St William of York Citizens group who will represent our views on the Lewisham and Greenwich Citizens alliance. The Listening Campaign will take place on **14/15 October after each mass.**

There is also the opportunity for you to attend the London Community Land Trust Annual General Meeting which will take place on **Thursday 28th September, at Sydenham School, 6.30-8.30pm.** All are welcome.

MASS ATTENDEES

26/27 August - 149 2/3 September - 252 9/10 September -262

PARISH DIARY

Sun 17 Sept 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Thur 21 Sept 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 22 Sept 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler group	Cafe York
Sat 23 Sept 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 1 October 9.30am	Family & Welcome Mass	Church
Sun 1 October 3pm	Reconciliation 1 Session	Church

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

Saturday 16 September 2023

18:00 Martin Kane

Sunday 17 September 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sam D'Arcy RIP & family

Monday 18 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 John Warner RIP

Tuesday 19 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 Matthew McGurran RIP 10th Anniversary

Wednesday 20 September 2023 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

09:30 Adrian McGurran RIP 1st Anniversary (live-streamed)

Thursday 21 September 2023 - St. Matthew

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 22 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 Jervaine & Charles Edwards Wedding Anniversary

Saturday 23 September 2023 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

10:30 Margaret Wilson (FM)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 23 September 2023

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 24 September 2023

09:30 Owenia Williams RIP Anniversary

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

The Diocesan annual mass count begins this Sunday and will continue over the next four Sundays.



IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK
THE COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE
ARE RAISING THE CATHOLIC VOICE
FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS



on **SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2023**



An icon at the Eritrean Church in the Calais Jungle © Seeking Sanctuary

AUTUMN ASSEMBLY

The Right to Stay: Free to Choose

Join us at **St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church**,
20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP

Parish Mass at is at 10am

Principal Celebrant: **Right Reverend Paul McAleenan**, Bishop for Migrants and Refugees

Registration is from 10.30am in the parish hall (across the road).

The programme starts at 11am finishing at 4pm.

Entrance is free. Donations suggested.

Lunch will be provided by the Coptic Community.

All are welcome.

Keynote speaker: Bishop Paul McAleenan guides us through the principle of 'Love the Stranger'

Ben Bano of Seeking Sanctuary & Brother Johannes Maertens present

The Radical Spirituality of Welcome: The Life and Legacy of Mother Maria Skobtsova.

Rev. Deacon Duncan Aitkins encourages us to seek

'The Face of Catholic Social Teaching: Raising the Catholic Voice'

Enjoy music from Indi band **Ooberfuse** just back from World Youth Day, Lisbon

Plus, the latest news and campaign update from **CAFOD**

Pope Francis reminds us in his letter for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees that everyone has the right to live in peace in a country free from poverty, plundering and persecution. The names, the faces, the stories of those suffering the worst abuse and exploitation are not being heard? The UK Migration Act passed in July drowns out the voice of the voiceless and those who support the moral teaching of the church seeking to protect the dignity of the human person, a right belonging to everyone.

To reserve your place and pick up a full programme send an email to justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

South-East Formation Day
Called to pray
for Ministers of the Word of God and
the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

On Saturday 14 October 2023

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

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

On Saturday 21 October 2023

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

**Bishop Thomas Grant School
Belltrees Grove, Streatham
London, SW16 2HY**

09.30: Tea and Coffee

10.00: Introduction and welcome by
*Canon Victor Darlington (Episcopal
Vicar for the South East)*

10.15: Lectio Divina Reflection by
Fr Bart Dudek (Dean of Camberwell)

11.00: Q&A

11.15: Convenience break

11.30: Adoration by Fr Stephen Wymer
(Dean of Bromley)

12.15: Q&A

13.00: Lunch break
*(Please, bring your own
packed lunch)*

13.30: Peter's journey of prayer by
*Canon Edward Perera (Dean of
Bexley)*

14.15: Q&A

14.30: Evaluation

15.00 Mass presided by Canon
*Victor; Homily by Fr Richard
Plunkett (Dean of Greenwich)*
*To register please supply names of
attendees to*
carmelurbanoviez@rcaos.org.uk

*You may attend either session and
parking will be available.*

