



**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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

Dear Parishioners

Last week, our schools once again opened their doors to welcome their students after the summer recess. During the summer months many parishioners have been away for the summer holidays and in August most of our parish ministries have taken the much-deserved break. Hopefully we are back well rested and energised.

The word ministry indicates a service carried out by a believer belonging to the Church. As we resume our Academic, pastoral and sacramental year, I urge and encourage every one of us to continue to be involved in the many ministries we are already serving and consider taking up new ministries especially for those who have not been able to be involved in the past.

We would appreciate more participation in almost every area of parish ministry, Therefore, I would like to encourage parishioners. Those who wish to be involved in different ministries in the Church please let me or the leaders of the coordinators of the different ministries know. We need more Readers, Catechists of First Eucharist, Confirmation and baptism, Children's' Liturgy Catechists, and the Music ministry, and other areas of interest.

We welcome every gift of your time and talent. I thank you for your generosity and for everything you do to the life of our parish.
Many thanks in advance for your time, talent and generosity.

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This is the turning-point of Mark's gospel. Till now the stories we have heard have all spoken about ever-increasing wonder and amazement at Jesus' personality, his goodness and his authority. But even his closest disciples do not seem to have seen what this means. Then suddenly Peter comes to the realisation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed of God, for whom everyone was waiting. However, Peter still does not understand what this implies. Jesus is not a conquering political hero, who will simply wipe out all opposition by overwhelming force, and make every path smooth and gentle. Jesus begins to show his disciples that the road to fulfilment is through suffering. Jesus repeats this prophecy of his suffering, death and resurrection another two times, and on each occasion the disciples fail to grasp the lesson; first it's Peter, then the disciples who are arguing about precedence, and finally the two sons of Zebedee who want the best places for themselves. So three times Jesus repeats that if you want to follow him you must follow him to the Cross. Nor are we, later followers of Jesus, any quicker than the first disciples to learn this lesson if we greet any suffering that comes our way with indignation and evasion. *Why does Jesus rebuke Peter so fiercely?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

EVANGELII GADIUM (HOME MISSION) SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND:

This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.
Many thanks in advance for your support.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Millie Lola Mayers, Jessie John Mayers & Arturo Lombardi-Arrospide. Congratulations to Millie, Jessie and Arturo and their parents Hayley and Daniel and Lorena and Nicola from all at St William of York and welcome Millie, Jessie and Arturo to our parish family.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM SHARON LYNCH

September 2024

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new school year, I wanted to take the opportunity to say a massive 'Thank You' for your kindness and good wishes as I retired from my role as headteacher at St William of York School.

Thank you for the many cards and gifts, with the personal messages from yourselves, and your children. I will treasure them and I have found a special memory box to save them as a keepsake, which I am sure I will dip into on occasions in the future. We so enjoyed reading them all, as a family, at the start of the holidays.

Thank you for the generous gifts, as individuals and as a collective community. We have enjoyed the chocolates, the wine, the art work from your children and the many lovely plants and flowers, as well as new ornaments for our home.

Thank you to those of you who contributed to the collection, and the gift of vouchers, which I will spend wisely over the next few months.

Thank you to those of you who came to celebrate with me on the last Friday of term, and to those who came to the celebratory Retirement Mass on the Sunday. It was a truly special and memorable occasion for myself, my husband, Simon, my children, Katy & Jack, and their partners., Ruairi and Lauren. The music and liturgy really illustrated what a wonderful community that we have at SWOY. Thank you to the music group, to Dominic Bentham who sang the psalm, and all those who read and contributed in any way. Thank you to those who organised the catering in the school hall, and the wonderful cake! Thank you to Jonathan Douglas and Peter Julien who spoke so kindly and made us all laugh, and cry! Thank you to the past pupils and parents who came along to say 'hello'.

Thank you to Fr Habte for his never-ending support, strength, wisdom and leadership as our pastor and friend.

Thank you to all the parents over the years who have contributed so much to build our school community through SWOYSA, and thank you to all of the governors who have given their time and expertise to support me in my role as headteacher.

Thank you to the wonderful staff team at SWOY, past and present, who have always given 110% to ensure that our school is the best place to learn and grow as individuals, and as followers of Jesus' teaching.

I am absolutely confident that St William of York will continue to provide the very best education for the children of our parish, and the local area. The governors have made the best decision ever in appointing Hayley Mayers as my successor. Hayley is a wonderful person, who is gifted and talented leader, who is committed to the parish, and the Catholic community. The current staff team is an exceptional group of people who love our school - I know the school is in safe hands!

It has been a huge privilege to serve the parish and school community over the last 32 years. There is nowhere quite like St William of York parish! It is a very special place that has benefited from the legacy left by Fr Patrick Aikens, the wonderful music and liturgical experience we all get to share and participate in, every week, and the witness given by the parishioners of how to live the Gospel message in our daily lives. I pray that we can all work to promote the school in the local community and we can sustain the school as a school of choice for parents in the area.

Our family, my husband and our children, have experienced the love and support from this community for nearly 38 years. This will always be my parish, and I will continue to see you at church, and the school will always be part of my personal, and family history, and faith journey.

Thank you to each and every one of you for also being part of that history and faith journey! I have been blessed!

May God bless you and keep you safe.

With love from Sharon Lynch xx

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.

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.

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 - SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024

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.

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 or elsewhere. Couples should contact the Parish in the first instance.

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 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 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.

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**

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.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL ON 13/14 JULY 24 - [please click here](#)

MASS ATTENDEES

24/25 August - 207 - 31/1 September - 255 - 7/8 September 310

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 15 Sept 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Thursday 19 Sept 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 20 Sept 9.15am	Parents & Toddlers	Cafe York
Saturday 21 Sept 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Saturday 5 Oct 2pm	RCIA Catechist 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	Confirmation programme Information meeting for parents & candidates	Church

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

Donate via Dona secure portal
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church>

DONA - we have upgraded our contactless machine in the Narthex and it is currently available for use from this weekend. This new device has advanced features including the ability to take donations with or without internet. Large 8' clear display making it simple for donors to donate, increased battery life and enhanced reporting.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

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 Maurise Germaine de Souza)

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

MICHAEL STANNARD RIP

(step-father of Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller)

Funeral on 20 September at 12 Noon at St Edmund's Church, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3NP

Please pray for Michael'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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

Saturday 14 September 2024

18:00 Nancy Willis RIP

Sunday 15 September 2024

09:30 Peter Healy Wellbeing

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 16 September 2024 - Sts. Cornelius Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 17 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Frances Ellis (FM)

Wednesday 18 September 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Holy Souls

Thursday 19 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 20 September 2024 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chông Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

09:30 Adrian McCurran RIP 2nd Anniversary

Saturday 21 September 2024 - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

10:30 Martin Kane

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees

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

(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.

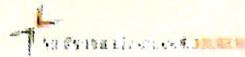
After the service, people will be invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence", as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for survivors and as a memorial for those lost to abuse.



Scan the QR code to find out more.



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FULL PROGRAM

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONISATION OF POPE JOHN XXIII HERO of PEACE and LOVE

MISSA PAPAE IOANNIS

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MASSIMILIANO PACE
Composer and pianist

LUCIANA DI BELLA
Soprano



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