



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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8 October 2023

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Dear Parishioners

'Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask that all parishioners complete a [Pledge form](#) and [Volunteer Sign up form](#) in church or download copies here and return them to the Presbytery.

These forms will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the Gift Aid declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today.

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

Thank you

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS- Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The chief priests and elders are questioning Jesus' authority, but they dare not arrest him for fear of the people, who hold him to be a prophet. Like Isaiah, in the first reading, Jesus uses the analogy of a vine to illustrate the waywardness of God's chosen people. The kingdom of God is compared to a vineyard which is occupied by tenants, who are the people chosen to protect and share the Truth revealed by God. When the servants of God and, ultimately, the Son of God come to collect the produce of the vineyard, they are rejected, beaten and killed. The chief priests and elders are condemned out of their own mouths when they say that the faithless tenants should be replaced by other tenants, who will deliver the produce in due season. Jesus reveals that the kingdom of God will indeed be given to a people who will produce its fruit. We are that people who have been given the kingdom of God. We receive it freely and we should share it freely, nurturing God's vineyard by caring for those around us; loving God, who first of all loved us, and loving our neighbour as ourselves. PB

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



**FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL -HARVEST COLLECTION -
2nd Collection today**

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church, use our contactless device in the Narthex, the QR code or give online at cafod.org.uk



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Flynn Pang Delaney. Many congratulations to his parents Selena and Kieran from all at St William of York and welcome Flynn to our parish family.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY - 8 October 2023

Prisoners' Sunday is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

THANK YOU

I am writing on behalf of Ann and myself to thank Fr Habte and the parishioners of St William of York for the very warm welcome and kindness we received last Sunday. And, of course, for the surprise of the very beautiful cake! We found the occasion quite emotional and so moving that it made us begin to reconsider the possibilities of returning to the warmth of the family atmosphere in Forest Hill.

With our very sincere thanks

Ann & John Howes

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER is dedicated to the Holy Rosary to honour Our Lady for the many battles she wins for us in prayer. We will recite the Holy Rosary every Friday after Mass during October.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Began last Sunday at the 11:30am Mass, and it resumes this week for the 9:30am Mass for all children from year 1 to year 5 in our parish including visitors. The children leave Mass after the Gloria and return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This gives them the opportunity to hear and discuss the Mass readings at their level.

FRIDAY MUMS & TODDLERS GROUP Our Friday mums and toddlers group will resume from 9:30am to 12:00pm in café York, any parishioner interested to join is welcome. Please contact Fr Habte if you would like to know more.

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

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. Please email Mary at 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.

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.

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.

MASS ATTENDEES

16/17 September - 351 23/24 September - 275 30 Sept/1 Oct - 352

PARISH DIARY

Thur 12 Oct 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 13 Oct 9.30am-12pm	Baby & Toddler group	Cafe York
Sat 14 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
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

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Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Saturday 7 October 2023

18:00 Anthony Warner RIP Birthday

Sunday 8 October 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP

Monday 9 October 2023 - St. John Henry Newman, Priest

09:30 Dr Arul Peters RIP 14th Anniversary

Tuesday 10 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Patrick Maguire RIP

Wednesday 11 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Tim Baker Private Intention (live-streamed)

Thursday 12 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 13 October 2023 - St. Edward the Confessor, King

09:30 Catherine Teresa O'Connell RIP

Saturday 14 October 2023 - Feria

10:30 Holy Souls

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

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/