



**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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

6 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parishioners

The new Catechetical Year in our parish starts this week with the welcome Mass for our first Reconciliation and Eucharist children and in November with the Confirmation group. This marks a favourable time for our Community to renew our mission for the proclamation of the faith and to strengthen the bond and unity among members of our parish family.

Being a Christian and growing in faith is a process achieved over time, it is during this process our children and young people become Christians, both by celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and acquiring a religious knowledge that can accompany and support them for life.

The catechism does not only prepare them for the reception of the sacraments but for a serious and lifelong commitment that takes its foundation today.

I encourage all parents and guardians of our children to make a commitment to join us at our Sunday Masses. It is truly impossible for children to understand something about Christian life if catechism is not connected to the Holy Mass. Your presence at Sunday Mass is important not only for you but also for your children, because your children look

to your example. It contributes for the growth and wellbeing of our christian community here in our parish.

I ask all parishioners to keep our Children, their parents and catechists in your prayer as we start this journey in faith.

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus, as is clear in Matthew's fuller account in his gospel. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for 'indecency', but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? So their real question is: what does Jesus consider grounds for divorce? As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus' response goes beyond and much deeper than a simple answer to the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one 'body', or one 'flesh', really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God's intention was not that the two should be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all. It is striking that here – and on other occasions too – Jesus' authority is such that he feels able to alter the sacred Law of Moses. For the Jews the Law of Moses was God's own gift, sacred and unalterable by any human authority. By altering it, by annulling the permission for divorce under certain circumstances, Jesus is implicitly claiming divine authority.

What does Jesus teach about marriage? And what does his welcoming of the children have to say about God's kingdom

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-3

CAFOD Family Fast Day Harvest Appeal

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. We will have a 2nd collection this weekend





BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS -

This weekend we baptised Chloe Belle and Samuel Finn Mortonson. Congratulations to Chloe and Samuel and their parents Isabelle and Steven from all at St William of York and welcome Chloe and Samuel to our parish family.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP -

Dear Parishioners, It is with great pleasure I share with you, that our parish youth group was relaunched as planned on Friday 4th October 2024 from 6pm-8pm in the upper hall. A good number of young people came and had a truly fun time together. I joined them and took part in some of the activities and plays.

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

I thank the young people and their parents for the effort, the volunteers for the good work, and encourage more parents and young people to be involved.

Please note in your diary our next Youth Group meeting will take place on Friday 8 November 6pm-8pm in the upper hall.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER FORMS On **Monday 14th October 2024**, between **11:00am-4:00pm**, Fr Habte will be seeing parents who require the completion of secondary school supplementary forms. No appointment is needed, Fr Habte will see parents on a first come first served basis. Many Thanks

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH - We have now started the Pre-Catechumenate stage for Fiona and the Catechumenate stage for Alexa and Mica, both sessions happen on a Tuesday evening every two weeks at 7pm & 8pm. **Our next sessions will be on Tuesday 15**

October All parishioners are welcome to attend one or both of these sessions to support Fiona, Alexa and Mica followed by tea, coffee & biscuits. We aim to finish by 9.00pm.



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.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of these parishioners who have died in the last year on 13th 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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning - £385 was raised.

"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**

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE: The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course incorporating three in person study days for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. *“The course has given me a deeper knowledge and understanding about the Catholic faith, inspiring and enabling me to explain to others with quiet confidence what I firmly believe to be the truth.”* The Archbishop's Certificate is in accord with Archbishop John Wilson's vision for a missionary archdiocese and is open to all who work towards this. The course will commence on **12 October 2024** with an introductory zoom session and the first in person session will take place on 19 October 2024 at St George's Cathedral.

Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>.

If you have any questions please email archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk

Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

PETER HEALY RIP

Funeral on 16 October at 11.30am at St William of York

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest
in Peace. Amen**

MASS ATTENDEES

14/15 September - 319 - 21/22 September - 283 28/29 September -309

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 6 Oct 3pm	1st Reconciliation Session	Church
Thursday 10 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 12 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Monday 14 Oct 11am-4pm	Fr Habte to complete Secondary school forms	Presbytery
Tuesday 15 Oct 7pm	RCIA - Pre Catechumenate	Lower Hall
Tuesday 15 Oct 8pm	RCIA - Catechumenate	Lower Hall
Sunday 20 Oct 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 20 Oct 6pm	2025 Confirmation programme Information meeting for parents & candidates	Church

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:- For a Shared Mission
Pope Francis asks for prayers so that the Church “continues to support a synodal
way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation,
communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople.”



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 5 October 2024

18:00 James Gallagher RIP

Sunday 6 October 2024

09:30 Family & Welcome Mass for First Eucharist children and their families
For the Parishioners

11:30 Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP (live-streamed)

Monday 7 October 2024 - Our Lady of the Rosary

09:30 Marian Jones RIP

Tuesday 8 October 2024 - Feria

09:30 Michael Jenvey RIP 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday 9 October 2024 - St. John Henry Newman, Priest

09:30 Patricia Maguire RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 10 October 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 11 October 2024 - Feria

09:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

Saturday 12 October 2024 - Feria

10:30 Theresa Ifeanye Mordi RIP 1st Anniversary

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 12 October 2024

18:00 Pietro Battista RIP

Sunday 13 October 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Children of Aberfan

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

In response to the 110th World Day for Migrants and Refugees

God Walks with His People

He is preparing for us for an era of love, calling us to live together: the rich, the poor, the displaced, the vulnerable spared from poverty through an equal share of the common good. Living in pursuit of social, ecological and international peace for all humanity, both at home & overseas.

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024

at St James the Great Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ

Parish Mass at 10am **Principal Celebrant** Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch

Assembly Registration 11am. **Finishing** at 4pm

Guest Speakers Chris Price, Methodist Preacher, Community, Youth and Advisor on Poverty

Workshop The Cost of Living Crisis Hannah Gratton of Citizens UK

Update The Latest from Friends of the Holy Land by

Music from St James Folk Choir

Everyone welcome. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Nearest station is at Petts Wood via Thameslink or Southeastern trains. Free parking is available at the church and in adjacent roads. The Church is accessible for those with mobility assisted needs.

For catering purposes, please email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk to let us know you will be attending. We advise, in the interest of dietary safety, anyone with specific allergies to bring lunch with you.

Donations greatly appreciated.



ARCHDIOCESE
SOUTHWARK

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).