



**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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees

29 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 this week on 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 others 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 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 - Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -In today's gospel the disciple John is scandalised because he has seen a man who he does not recognise as a follower of Jesus, performing miracles in Jesus' name. Jesus challenges John to cast the net wide, and appreciate God working through this man, because "anyone who is not against us is for us". In the first reading Joshua does the same thing, complaining of two prophets he doesn't recognise. Moses responds with a wonderful vision of the "whole people of the Lord" as prophets.

Our tendency is to do the same thing as John and Joshua and to see our faith, or even people with the same social and political values as ourselves, as owning God. We expect God to reveal himself exclusively in the Catholic church and through the people we naturally sympathise with.

But as Christians we don't have a monopoly on God. Today's gospel reminds us that the spirit of our God explodes our expectations and constraints. In fact, we need to expect God to work through people we find it hard to like or would prefer to disregard. Jesus' words challenge us to be alert and appreciate God working through all of creation and all of humanity. If all humanity is created in the image of God, then all humanity shares the ability to be prophets of God, showing the love of God and building his Kingdom.

On Holy Thursday we sing "where charity and love are found, God is there". Love and charity exist in every faith, every family, home and relationship. Today's readings call us to fully appreciate this. This will inspire us to love beyond our wildest dreams and see the whole of creation as being wrapped up in God's loving plan. JD

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

CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY SHOWS FACE OF GOD TO MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

In a message to mark the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan has praised the Catholic community in England and Wales for the generous welcome and kindness many offer to refugees and migrants.

[READ MORE](#)



CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4 October – 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 next weekend.



YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH - FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 6-8PM - 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 the 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.

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 at 7pm & 8pm. 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.



" 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**

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.

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](#)

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.

THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2024 - 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."

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

PETER HEALY RIP

(husband of Noreen and father of Julie)

ANNE CHERKEZ RIP

(mother of Suzanne Cherkez)

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

**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**

MASS ATTENDEES

7/8 September 310 - 14/15 September - 319 - 21/22 September - 283

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 1 Oct 7pm	RCIA - Pre-Catechumenate	Lower Hall
Tuesday 1 Oct 8pm	RCIA - Catechumenate	Lower Hall
Thursday 3 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 4 Oct 6-8pm	Youth Group	Upper Hall
Saturday 5 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Saturday 5 Oct 2pm	RCIA Catechist team training	Church
Sunday 6 Oct 9.30	Family & Welcome Mass	Church
Sunday 6 Oct 2.50pm	1st Reconciliation Session	Church
Sunday 21 Oct 6pm	2025 Confirmation programme Information meeting for parents & candidates	Church



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

Monday 30 September 2024 - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

Tuesday 1 October 2024 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Anne Orieso Birthday Thanksgiving

Wednesday 2 October 2024 - The Holy Guardian Angels (live-streamed)

09:30 Ron Howell RIP Birthday

11:30 Funeral of Anne Cherkez RIP

Thursday 3 October 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 4 October 2024 - St. Francis of Assisi

Harvest Fast Day

09:30 Frank Judge RIP

Saturday 5 October 2024 - Feria

10:30 Angela Lopez RIP

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)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



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 your 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

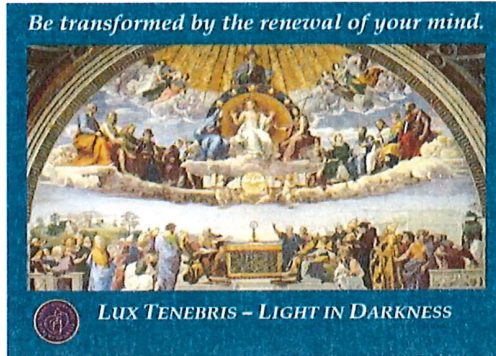
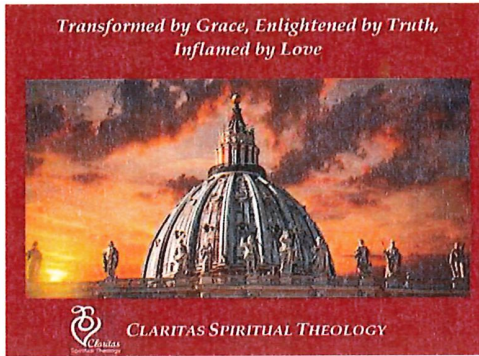
13:00: Lunch Break (Please bring your own packed
lunch)

13:30: The New Lectionary and our Spiritual Reading
by Canon Edward Perera (Dean of Bexley)

14:15: Q&A

14:30: Evaluation

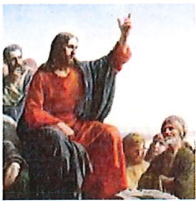
15:00: Mass presided by Can Victor, Homily by Fr
Stephen Wymer (Dean of Bromley).



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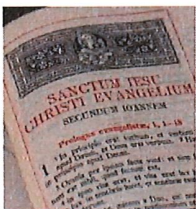
A JOURNEY – AN EXPERIENCE – AN ADVENTURE IN GOD

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CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATE: REASONS FOR FAITH

Hand on the teaching of Jesus with confidence. Examine contemporary challenges and learn to give credible answers to practical questions. Discover not only what the Church teaches, but *why* the Church teaches as it does, and *how* that teaching is related to Scripture.



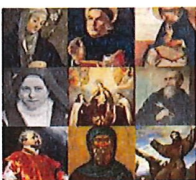
CATECHETICAL DIPLOMA: DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

Learn *how* to read the Sacred Page – how to go beyond a superficial reading and how to begin to penetrate deeply the Word of God. Discover the voice of the Saviour speaking directly to you, enter more deeply into friendship with Him, and help others to encounter Christ in Sacred Scripture and grow in discipleship.



ST JOHN DIPLOMA: SPIRITUAL FORMATION

“Advancing toward union with God is a beautiful adventure. This journey is full of beauty, and the treasure that waits for us at the end is beyond compare.” (DR D. C. OLIVER)
Learn about the virtuous life, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the path of prayer, the dark night of the soul, authentic growth in holiness, and spiritual direction.



HISTORY OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Trace the development of Catholic Spirituality from the Desert fathers and the beginnings of monasticism, through the middle ages & the Renaissance, to Vatican II and beyond. Discover the wisdom offered by these distinctive spiritualities.



JESUS, THE EUCHARIST & THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Dig deep into the Gospel of John - explore the rich theology of the Eucharist, the Sacraments, the Divinity of Christ, the Person of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling of the Trinity, Christian discipleship, Christ's fulfilment of the Old Covenant, and more.

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