



**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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10 September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This week our parish school of St William of York, has once again opened its doors to welcome its students. I would like to express my warm welcome to all the leadership and the teaching staff of the school, I hope all members of the school community are well rested, refreshed and ready for the new academic year ahead. Our school is at the centre of our parish life in many ways, preparing and forming the next generation in the many aspects of their life.

We cherish our collaborative work for the good of our community and the overall growth, maturity and benefit of our children and their parents.

I renew my best wishes for good studies and a good academic year.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The Church has had to be selective as we work through the Gospel of Matthew for this year's readings. In this eighteenth chapter of Matthew on relationships within the community it is striking that the Church has chosen this passage to put before us. The first part is all about sorting out disputes and about forgiveness. Despite the presence of Christ in the Christian community there are going to be disagreements and misunderstandings in every church and every family. The vital thing is to sort them out and not to let them fester. So here we are given a safe process to do this. Just after today's passage, Jesus underlines his teaching here when he says that we have to forgive not just seven times (the perfect number) but seventy-seven times. That means again and again and again, without limit. Christ also reminds us that he is present always in his community. The same promise is given at the beginning (the name Emmanuel means 'God with us') and at the end of the gospel ('I am with you to the end of time'). Therefore the decisions of the community will be considered binding in the sight of God. It is especially striking that the same pledge (of binding and loosing) is made with the Church here as had earlier been made with Peter himself; Peter on his own exercises the authority of the Church. *How may we best put this process of reconciliation described by Jesus into practice?* Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

MISSIONARY APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND

We will have a Missionary priest visiting our parish this weekend from the Society of African Missions and we will have a second collection. Many thanks for your support.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS -

This weekend we baptised Grace Powles and Edith Powles . Congratulations to Grace and Edith and their parents Tabitha and Stuart from all at St William of York and welcome Grace and Edith 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.

FINANCES - AUGUST 2023

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,909.48

Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £119.53

Donations for Toilets Refurbishment Project - £ 278.44

From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,164.62

Thank you for your continued support

Please gift aid where possible

PARISH TOILET REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

I am delighted and proud to say that we now have reached the planned target of raising **£10,000** for the “Community toilet refurbishment project” I am grateful for all parishioners who contributed towards this project and those who support our parish in many ways throughout the year for all the daily and special funds to run the parish and maintain our buildings and many other initiatives.

We now will cease raising funds for this particular project.

May God bless you abundantly. Fr Habte

HOME MISSION SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT 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

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION

will take place on Sunday 24th September 2023.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2023, Pope Francis encourages us to “live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again.” [CLICK HERE to Read the full text of the Pope's message](#)

In 2022 the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales issued a new edition of its teaching document on the environment – The Call of Creation.

[CLICK HERE to Read The Call of Creation](#)



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 email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

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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 scan the QR Code or click on the following link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



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.



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.*



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. Can you 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.

Some people enquired last year whether they could attend the session that was outside their area if they couldn't make the date and that is fine. Parking is available at both sites. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch.

DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES IN ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

We are an inclusive employer and aim to promote diversity through welcoming applications from all suitably qualified/experienced candidates.

All jobs working with children and/or adults at risk will be subject to a DBS check and employees recruited to those roles will be required to sign up to our Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

You must have the legal right to work in the UK. Please do not apply after the closing date as your application will not be considered.

All candidates are assessed on their skills, qualifications and experience for a role. In most situations, interviews will be undertaken by more than one person and practical exercises are used to test skills and aptitudes. We offer reasonable adjustments for candidates with a disability or other health conditions to enable them to perform at their best during the assessment process. Please do let us know if you require any adjustments.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Apprentice -Diocesan Central Services

HR Officer - closing date 11 Sept 23

Parish Secretary - Brixton Hill - closing date 22 Sept 23

Fundraising & Supporter Care Assistant - closing date 29 Sept 23

Please visit

<https://www.rcaos.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/>

COURSES FROM THE AGENCY OF EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS

- 1. THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ARCHCERT) 2023/25** - is a two-year online course 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 will commence online on 7 October 2023 from 10am – 12pm.
For further information on the course please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>.
- 2. CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)** - is a knowledge based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. For further information on the course please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>. Please email aec@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8672 7684 if you have any questions about the two courses

MASS ATTENDEES

19/20 August-187 26/27 August - 149 2/3 September - 252

PARISH DIARY

Mon 11 Sept 8pm	1st Reconciliation & Eucharist Catechists Meeting	Cafe York
Thur 14 Sept 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 15 Sept 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler group	Cafe York
Sat 16 Sept 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sat 16 Sept 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Education Day

Saturday 9 September 2023

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 10 September 2023

09:30 Adrian McGurran RIP

11:30 Massimo Dereani & Dosolina Dereani

Monday 11 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 Rita Mellon RIP

Tuesday 12 September 2023 - Feria

09:30 Mary Catherine & Margaret Jeffreys (FM)

Wednesday 13 September 2023 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

09:30 Anna Tully (live-streamed)

Thursday 14 September 2023 - The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 15 September 2023 - Our Lady of Sorrows

09:30 Catherine Teresa O'Connell RIP

Saturday 16 September 2023 - St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop

10:30 The Gillian Family (FM)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

HOME MISSION 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

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



St Ursula's Convent School

I am an Ursuline, today, tomorrow, always.

OPEN DAY

Saturday 16th September 2023

9.00 – 13.00

Headteacher's address at 9.15, 10.15 and 11.15

Please contact the school to book a slot:

70 Crooms Hill, London, SE10 8HN

T: 020 8858 4613

E: admin@stursulas.com

