



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday of the Word of God

26 January 2025

Dear Parishioners

On September 30, 2019, With the Apostolic Letter in the form of Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", Pope Francis established that "the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word of God". Therefore, today we celebrate Sunday of the word of God.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of our dedicated Gospel reflection team, for dedicating their time to read, study, reflect, break open and share the word of God every Sunday with our parish community and beyond. I also thank all those whose ministries and service include teaching the word of God to the younger generation. May the Holy spirit guide and enlighten us to appreciate and understand God's word.

God Bless

Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - St Luke addresses his Gospel to Theophilus: a name, meaning lover of God, that may be applied to any of us seeking the one true God. He is justifying Christian doctrine with the witness statements of those who knew Jesus. He describes how Jesus returns to Galilee after his baptism, teaching in the synagogues with the power of the Holy Spirit, respected and admired by all who hear him. When he reaches his home town of Nazareth and attends the local synagogue on the sabbath day, he is given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah to proclaim to the assembly. Jesus selects the passage that is about himself, as the anointed one of God who has been sent to bring the good news to the poor, liberty for captives, sight for the blind, and setting the downtrodden free, proclaiming the Lord's year of favour. He reveals himself with the words, "This text is being fulfilled today, even as you listen." With the Holy Spirit working in us, we continue to proclaim that same Good News of freedom from the slavery of sin and that it has been achieved, despite our weakness, by the love of God, through the redeeming death and resurrection of Jesus. This is especially significant in our current year of Jubilee, which has its origins in the biblical year of God's favour. PB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Arabella Freeland-Tauta. Congratulations to Arabella and her parents Yessica and Paul from all at St William of York and welcome Arabella to our parish family.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2025

For a Better Future is the theme for 2025

This Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) marks the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. It is a time to remember and pray for the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution and in the genocides which followed.



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1**



Called to Bear Fruit

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. He encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the *Called to Bear Fruit* booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings—whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future! Thank you for your involvement. Please collect a copy of the booklet in church or download a copy [HERE](#)

SWOY CITIZEN UPDATE ON B WELL HUB

10 parishioners have now completed the training to become B well champions. At a follow up meeting we have decided on the following actions for the coming year:

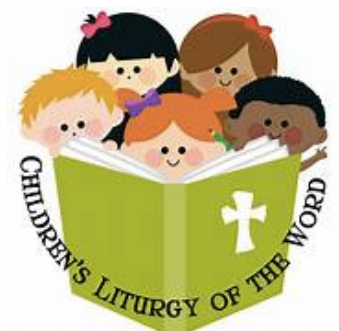
1. To open cafe York before the 6pm Saturday mass once a month to allow parishioners of the Saturday evening mass to meet each other.
2. We are planning a nature walk in South London for interested parishioners in spring and summer.
3. In cooperation with the SWOY school, we are looking at activities to support year 6 pupils with the transition to the secondary school.

We hope to organise a second B well training for those who missed the first one and if you are interested please contact Janet Emmanuel, David Longley or Geke Ong. The next citizen/ be well meeting (online and in person) is planned on the **11th of Feb at 19.30 at Cafe York**. Please come along if you are interested to join us.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELP NEEDED

The 11:30 Children's Liturgy Group is desperately looking for volunteers. You do not need to have any experience. Just a willingness to work with children and help them to learn about our faith. If you have a child that attends Children's Liturgy please consider coming with them to see what we do and help out. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Lola Ornato or contact the office. Thank you.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR CURRENT & NEW SERVERS

Please note the following training dates in your diaries:-

Saturday 1 Feb at 11am - Senior Servers training

Saturday 1 Feb at 2pm - Younger Altar Servers

Saturday 8 Feb at 11am - New Altar Servers (year 4 and above) ALL WELCOME



FINANCES - DECEMBER 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,340.65

Donations for the Advent Homeless Collection - £2,263.52

Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £139.68

Donations for the Catholic Childrens's Society (Crib Collection) - £71.83

Donations for Christmas flowers - £30.57

Donations for Fr Habte's Christmas Offering - £4,454.62

From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,969.00

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:

Account name: RCAS Forest Hill, Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

Thank you for your continued support

Please gift aid where possible

ADVENT HOMELESS COLLECTION

Donations have been sent to The Passage, The Manna Society & Shelter.

Thank you very much for your generosity

NEW PARISH WEBSITE DIARY/MEETING AGENDAS/NOTES - As you will see we

have a great parish diary and ask that Group Ministry leaders advise

Mary via email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk of meeting dates well in

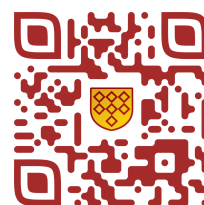
advance so they can be recorded and halls booked etc. We also

request copies of all parish meeting agenda'/ meeting notes/

programmes/slides etc to be emailed to Mary for retention in the

central parish records. Thank you Fr Habte.

<https://swoy.org.uk/bulletins/#diary>



Please take a look and we welcome your feedback via the website contact form. Thank you

MASS ATTENDEES

4/5 January -233 11/12 January - 297 18/19 January - 331

BOOK LAUNCH - ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON



Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled *The Romero Rosary*. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, and Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero.

The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org

The Archbishop warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London, SE1 7HY.**

BAPTISM: Baptism of babies and young children of parent/s who live in and/or worship regularly in the parish of St William of York are celebrated by arrangement on Saturdays. Preparation for baptism by the parent/s is a requirement, following completion of the Baptism course a date and time can be arranged with the Fr. Habte. Thank you.

GETTING MARRIED? At least six months' notice needs to be given for marriages whether they are taking place at St William of York or elsewhere to give time for the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation. Please speak to Fr. Habte in the first instance.

VACANCIES

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Clifden Road, Twickenham, TW1 4LT

The college is currently looking for:

- Teacher of Religious Education
- Teacher of French
- Teacher of PE (Girls)
- Part-time Art Technician

For more information, view website [HERE](#).

Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk or phone 020 8325 4630.



VIDETE BONA DOMINI

**ST RICHARD REYNOLDS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Margaret Murray RIP

(long standing devoted parishioner)

Funeral to take place at St William of York on Monday 3 February 2025 at 11.00am

Carmela De Palma RIP

(mother of Maria Frisoli)

Gianni Ornato RIP

(father-in-law of Lola Ornato)

Alfred B Nicholas RIP

(cousin of Nicholas Mariampillai)

**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**

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 26 Jan 6pm	Confirmation Session 2	Church
Monday 27 Jan 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 1	Lower Hall
Monday 27 Jan 7.30pm	Youth Group volunteers	Cafe York
Tuesday 28 Jan 7.45pm	RCIA - The Library of the Bible	Lower Hall
Wednesday 29 Jan 7.45pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 30 Jan 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 1 Feb 11am	Senior Altar Servers training	Church
Saturday 1 Feb 2pm	Younger Altar Servers training	Church
Sunday 2 Feb 3pm	Eucharist Session 2	Church
Sunday 2 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Session 3	Church
Sunday 2 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Parents meeting	School Hall
Monday 3 Feb 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 2	Lower Hall
Tuesday 4 Feb 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Cafe York
Friday 7 Feb 6pm-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 8 Feb 2pm	New Altar Servers training (year 4 and above)	Church

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Sunday of the Word of God

Saturday 25 January 2025

18:00 Tim & John Ryan RIP

Sunday 26 January 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Ashley Blaize RIP

Monday 27 January 2025 - Feria

09:30 Geraldine O'Donnell RIP

Tuesday 28 January 2025 - St.Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Tracey Holme RIP

Wednesday 29 January 2025 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Colette Hunt RIP

Thursday 30 January 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 31 January 2025 - St. John Bosco, Priest

09:30 Kevin Nolan RIP

Saturday 1 February 2025 - Feria

10:30 Paul O'Brien RIP

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C)

Saturday 1 February 2025

18:00 Veronika Prill RIP

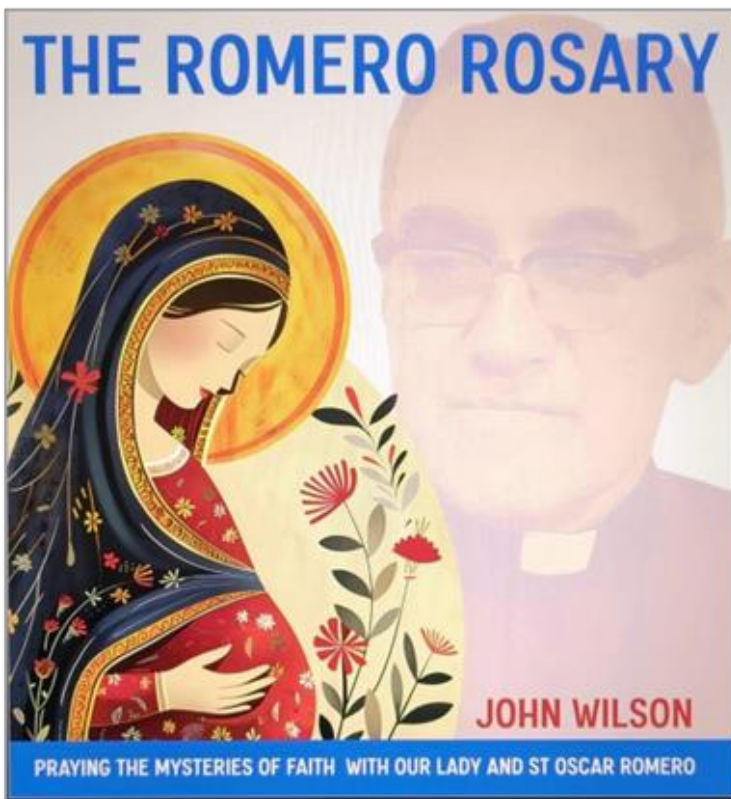
Sunday 2 February 2025

09:30 Blaizer Alexander RIP Birthday

11:30 For the Parishioners **(live-streamed)**

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



Book Launch

Wed 12th Feb 2025
6.00pm for 6.30pm

Amigo Hall, adjacent to
St George's Cathedral,
Southwark, South
London

*With refreshments and
Presentation by the Archbishop
about the Book*

The Romero Rosary

Praying the Mysteries of Faith with Our Lady & St Oscar Romero

By Archbishop John Wilson

This beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by St Oscar's own words.

St Oscar Romero is a saint for our time, faithful to Christ and to the Church, and committed to the defence of human life and dignity. He calls us to love the Lord Jesus and Mary, his Mother, and to put our faith into practice. The rosary is a beautiful way to pray with him, united in spiritual friendship, asking for strength to live out our discipleship today.

Published by Pauline Books - ISBN: 9781904785866. *Books for sale on the evening, also available at www.PaulineUK.org*

Please join us - all welcome



Join us to discover how to run

LIGHTFEVER

PEACE | ADORATION | BEAUTY
SILENCE | PRAYER

Saturday 15th February 2025

10am–3:30pm

Join us for the day to:

- discover how to set up and run Lightfever
- participate in inviting others into the Church
- receive resources to help you bring this event to your Church.

Register
here



Catholic Church of
The Most Precious Blood
O'Meara Street, London, SE1
Email aec@rcaos.org.uk

www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/lightfever



Racial Justice Sunday 2025

"Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

16th February 2025, 10:00 AM

St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop John Wilson

View online: <https://youtube.com/live/OD0qTuRqDS0>



Refreshments After Mass
All are welcome!

Racial Justice events page



Scan the QR code