



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

9 February 2025

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Peter felt doubtful about letting the nets down after a fruitless night's fishing, but was open to Jesus' request, even when to him the situation looked hopeless. That openness led to involving others too, as his friends' boat was needed to bring in the spectacular abundant haul. Blown away by this turnaround, Peter and his friends wanted to be with and find out more about Jesus. Jesus promised not that Peter would become rich from fishing, but that Peter would draw in lots of people to hear the message that had inspired him.

On the news we witness people harming each other, seemingly unable to see each other's point of view or humanity. Yet our Gospel nudges us to choose to hope. By remaining open to and praying for good outcomes, we can invite God in to even the least promising situations. Our faith, hope and love can transform us and others, far beyond our expectations. This Gospel reminds us to be people of hope, who enthuse, act and involve others.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 17:5-8,
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26





WE DARE TO HOPE is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the jubilee theme of Christian Hope. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. Please consider joining with others, this Lent, to exploring the virtue of hope.

Copies can be bought from <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/store> or through the parish.

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. 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](#)

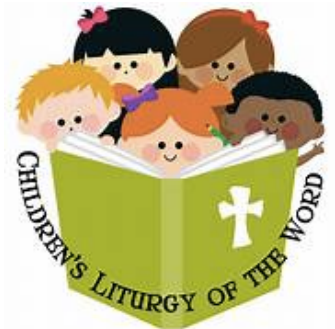
SWOY CITIZEN / B WELL HUB MEETING



The next citizen/ be well meeting (online and in person) is on the **12th 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.





HOPE IN ADORATION As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is [encouraging people](#) to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes “fulfilled by Christ”. The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration

DAY WITH MARY 2025 DATES

The 2025 Day with Mary dates can be [viewed here](#).

SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST GEORGE’S CATHEDRAL

St George’s Cathedral is delighted to be working with Songs of Praise for their 2025 Easter Programme. The recording will take place on **Saturday 15 March 2025 from 1-4pm**.

We know many of you will want to be a part of this special occasion, so there is an opportunity to apply for free tickets. At the service you witness the recording of hymns for Easter Sunday and other traditional hymns.

To apply head to this website: <https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359>. We look forward to welcoming you.



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.

FINANCES - JANUARY 2025

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,611.70

Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £99.68

Donations for Pax Christi - £290.83

From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,565.00

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

GIFT AID - Envelopes for the period April 2025 to April 2026 are now available for collection from the Narthex for those parishioners who are currently using envelopes. Please collect the envelope number that you have been using through 2024 as you leave the church. If you need a reminder of your gift aid number, please contact Mary via the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8690 4549.

There are also supplies of white gift aid envelopes in the Narthex for one-off donations, second and special collections and for use by visitors to our parish. Please remember to add your gift aid number when using the white envelopes. Many thanks for your support to the parish.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Carmela De Palma RIP

(mother of Maria Frisoli)

Funeral to take place at St William of York on Monday 24 February at 11.30am

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

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 9 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Session 4	Church
Tuesday 11 Feb 7.45pm	RCIA - Scripture Study	Lower hall
Wednesday 12 Feb 7.30pm	SWOY Citizens/Be Well Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 13 Feb 6pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 15 Feb 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church
Sunday 16 Feb 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

18/19 January - 331 25/26 January - 289 1/2 February - 447

ONLINE WORKSHOPS & RESOURCES - CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

Every parishioner, as well as catechists, teachers and parents in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 29 MARCH

Planned date in support of Older People at Holy Cross, Catford.

Please see the poster in church and at the end of this newsletter for details.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 8 February 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 9 February 2025

09:30 Peter Flanagan RIP Kathleen Flanagan & Linda Ratcliff Wellbeing

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 10 February 2025 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 11 February 2025 - Feria

World Day for the Sick

09:30 Jimmy Browne RIP

Wednesday 12 February 2025 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Oscar Murias RIP

Thursday 13 February 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 14 February 2025 - Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

09:30 Theresa Harris (FM)

Saturday 15 February 2025 - Feria

10:30 Herbert Denton-Ingham (FM)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Racial Justice Day

Saturday 15 February 2025

18:00 Louise Thompson (FM)

Sunday 16 February 2025

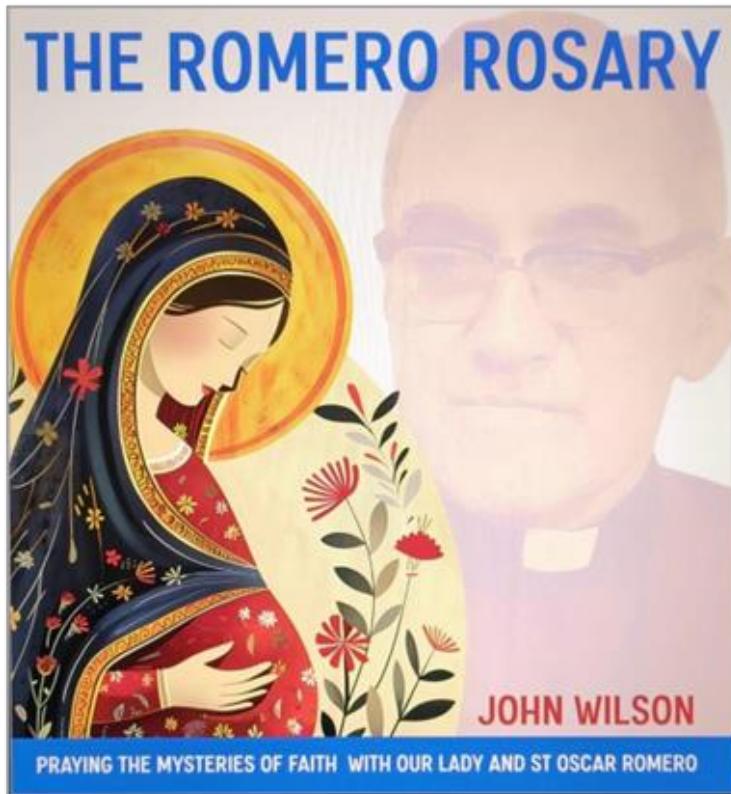
09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Margaret Douglas RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass



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





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



Supporting Older People

Developing Friendship & Belonging

PLACE

Holy Cross Catholic Church
(Hartley Hall)
208 Sangley Rd, Catford
London SE6 2JS

Access via Sangley Road or
Culverly Road. Car parking
available.

- ✓ Pastoral Support
- ✓ Health & Wellbeing
- ✓ Social Activities

Find out More

Phone Number
07521 425 400

Website
<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/caritas-southwark/>

PLEASE JOIN US

Everybody is Welcome

**Caritas Reps, SVP, Eucharistic
Ministers, Home Visitors,
Luncheon Clubs, Groups or
Volunteers who support older
people**

DATE & TIME

SATURDAY 29th March 2025
11:00 AM - 15:00 PM

Lunch will be provided