



**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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**23 February 2025**

Dear Parishioners

Over the last two years, members of the RCIA/Journey in Faith Team have been journeying with three Enquirers – Mica, Alexa and Fiona. Recently we called on members of our parish community who would be willing to take on the role of a sponsor and Godparent to our enquirers. We are extremely grateful to two of our parishioners, Michelle Elliott and Eileen Reynolds who kindly took this important and vital role.

Soon on the first Saturday of Lent, our enquirers will be embarking on the second step of their journey in the Rite of Election and call to continuing conversion, which closes the period of the catechumenate. The celebration of the rite of election also marks the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation.

They then will be received into the Church this year at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey.

God Bless  
Fr Habte



**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, John 13-34

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Luke's version of the Beatitudes, which formed last Sunday's reading, puts the emphasis not on Christian attitudes, as Matthew's version does, but on the blessing on those in real, dire need. Now he continues this with out duty to respond to those in need, even if they are hostile, even if they hate us. There must be no calculation whether we will get back money or property lent, no limit to how much we lend or give. At first it seems as if Luke is concerned only with money, and indeed he is so concerned, for he is always warning of the danger of possessions and the need to use them for those who have none. Luke is proclaiming Christ's Good News to a more affluent society than do Mark and Matthew, and places all the more emphasis on the danger of wealth. But, after dealing with money, Luke goes on to other acts of generosity. We must not judge, but must forgive in order to obtain forgiveness. Most of all, we must be compassionate. Whereas Matthew ends his instructions here with a general, 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect', Luke focuses on compassion, 'Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.' It is an affair of the heart: we must be emotionally involved with those in need. *Which is more important, compassion or generosity?* Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Sirach 27:4-7, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-4

**LET US PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS:** Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, continues treatment for bilateral pneumonia, with a stable yet gradual recovery. Despite health challenges, he remains prayerful and engaged in limited work. Let us unite in fervent prayer for his healing and strength.



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH - For Families In Crisis** - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Freya Rose Yuill. Congratulations to Freya and her parents Daisy and Daniel from all at St William of York and welcome Freya to our parish family.

## CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

You can make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code. You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri **020 7960 2504**. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



**FAMILY MASS** - Our next Family Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 2 March led by Years 5 & 6. We hope to see many families at that Mass.

## GATHERING TO LOOK AT THE PASTORAL CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE

To be held at The Holy Cross Parish in Catford **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am -3.00PM** – Lunch Provided. This gathering is aimed at clergy, Ministers of the Eucharist, SVP and anyone interested in how we as Church foster and grow the ministry to older people. You may be visiting friends in local care homes or supporting member of your own family. It will be a very interesting morning with local speakers as well as presentations from local Catholic and ecumenical projects supporting the needs of older people. Please see the poster in the Narthex and at the end of this newsletter.

**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.



**Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls 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**

**Anna Senior RIP**

(mother of Fernando Senior)

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

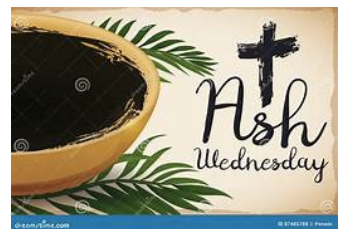
### **PARISH DIARY**

Tuesday 25 Feb 7.45pm	RCIA Session - Sacrament of Reconciliation & Preparation for the Rite of Election	Lower Hall
Thursday 27 Feb 6pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 1 March 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church
Sunday 2 March 3pm	Eucharist 2nd Session	Church
Sunday 2 March 6pm	Confirmation 5th Session	Church

### **MASS ATTENDEES**

1/2 February - 447 8/9 February - 282 15/16 February - 245

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - Lent commences on Wednesday 5th March 2025. There will be two Masses at 10.30am and 8.00pm. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass symbolising a forty-day period of fasting and penance.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** - On Sunday 9th March 2025 the First Sunday of Lent we will have just one Sunday Mass at 10.30am.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ( C )**

**Saturday 22 February 2025**

**18:00** Mr & Mrs Nosworthy - Bless their union in Marriage

**Sunday 23 February 2025**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Richard Tocha RIP

**Monday 24 February 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Kevin McGuinness RIP

**11:30** Funeral of Carmela De Palma RIP

**Tuesday 25 February 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Gerald Gunasingham RIP 1st Anniversary

**Wednesday 26 February 2025 - Feria (live-streamed)**

**09:30** Honorine Doua Tia RIP 1st Anniversary

**Thursday 27 February 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

**Friday 28 February 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Alfred B Nicholas RIP

**Saturday 1 March 2025 - St. David. Bishop, Patron of Wales**

**10:30** Charles Edwards RIP Birthday

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ( C )**

**Saturday 1 March 2025**

**18:00** Tracy Holme RIP

**Sunday 2 March 2025**

**09:30** Family Mass

For the Parishioners

**11:30** Samuel Wyse RIP Anniversary (live-streamed)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

(FM)=Foundation Mass





# 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