



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Racial Justice Day

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

We now feel that the time is right for them to link up with a Sponsor as they continue their journey towards full communion with us in the Catholic Church. Therefore, we are seeking members of our Community, here in the parish of St. William of York who are willing to take on this important and vital role,

Briefly – a Sponsor must be a Catholic and be prepared to befriend their Enquirer and accompany them at the sessions and at the special liturgies between each Stage of the Journey. They will pray with them and for them. “Knowing all the answers” is not necessary, but a willingness to explore questions together is essential. It is also vital that regular communication exists between Sponsors and Candidates – for example, being able to ensure the Enquirer receives any handouts with some explanation if they were unable to attend a session.



If you are interested and may wish to take on this important role of Sponsor, please speak to me or leave a message at the Parish Office.

God Bless

Fr Habte and the RCIA Team

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Today's gospel offers us Luke's account of the Beatitudes - a series of blessings that Jesus proclaims. Luke tells us that Jesus blesses the poor, the hungry, those who weep and those excluded by society. And God's blessing is a direct reversal of the negative experience - the hungry are satisfied, the weeping laugh, the excluded will be so happy they will leap for joy!

These are the values and blessings of the Kingdom. The Kingdom that will be fulfilled in God's good time but the Kingdom that is already here and now. The Kingdom is growing in society now through the church and through all acts of human love and goodness.

And this is the big challenge: These blessings, the Beatitudes are not just a beautiful vision of justice at the end of time but they are an agenda for us today. We, the church are called to bless the earth, our sisters and brothers. We are called to move beyond self-satisfaction - Jesus pronounces woes on those who are pleased with themselves for being full and happy and popular. We are called to action, to make sad people happy, to feed hungry people, to include the marginalised and unpopular. We are called to make the Beatitudes a reality. We are called to make the Kingdom come.

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

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 16 FEBRUARY 2025 - The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice". The theme invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society.

Bishop Paul McAleenan said: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday.

"This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice – past, present and future – by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?'



“Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice – the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT 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 or scan QR code. You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri **020 7960 2504** or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.



Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

SATURDAY CAFE YORK - 22 FEB AT 4.30pm - 6pm

You are all invited to our Be Well Drop in on Saturday 22nd Feb 4.30pm to 6pm for tea, coffee, cakes and conversation. All welcome.

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. Many thanks for your support to the parish.

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

Sunday 16 Feb 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Church
Thursday 20 Feb 6pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 22 Feb 4.30pm	Be Well Drop In refreshments before 6pm Mass	Cafe York
Saturday 22 Feb 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

25/26 January - 289 1/2 February - 447 8/9 February - 282

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.



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.

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

Monday 17 February 2025 - Feria

09:30 Geraldine O'Connell RIP

Tuesday 18 February 2025 - Feria

09:30 Clement Spooner (FM)

Wednesday 19 February 2025 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Mary & Jack O'Connor RIP

Thursday 20 February 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 21 February 2025 - Feria

09:30 Ron Howell RIP

Saturday 22 February 2025 - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

10:30 Renate Betson RIP

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

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass



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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