



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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C)

2 February 2025

Dear Parishioners

Today all Christian churches celebrate the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the temple. This feast reminds us that forty days after his birth, Jesus is taken by his parents for the first time to the Father's house, to that temple to present him to the Lord – Offering the child to the Lord, as well as offering our life to the Lord, that is, handing it over to him, can be a source of great peace and serenity.

In this Mass known also as “Candlemas” we bless Candles to remind ourselves and recognise that Christ is indeed the “light of the world.” We, also are called to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth, we can be the light of the world by the way we live our Christian life today.

God Bless
Fr Habte



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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - God had revealed to Simeon early on in his ministry that he would meet Jesus before he died. Simeon didn't know whether this revelation would come to pass and when this would happen. He continued to trust God wholeheartedly, stayed firm in his faith and was willing to be patient and wait for as long as God demanded. In psalm 40 the psalmist says "I waited patiently" and repeats the word waiting a few times giving it more emphasis. Waiting for God is a common thread in the psalms. In our faith journey and in times of prayer we are asked to wait however long it takes and not give up. LBr

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

OUR NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING will be on **Friday 7th February from 6-8pm**. Come and join us for an evening of fun, games and conversation. A gentle reminder that the group is for our young people between the ages of 11-17. Thank you



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

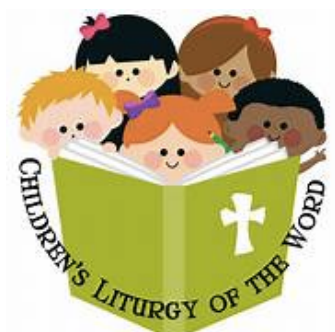
works best for you.

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](#)

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.



CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

- We wish to remind you the Parish has access to a brilliant resource which will support our ongoing formation, education and ultimately service to the parish. .

The process is relatively simple; we have a short video on the Agency page (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>) to guide people through, but it essentially boils down to three steps:

1. Go to <https://franciscanathome.com/southwark> and click on the second blue button 'My parish is already registered...'
2. Click on the green button 'Create new account' and complete the form (red asterisks denote mandatory fields)
3. Select your parish from the dropdown menu.

This offering is free to everyone until **30 September 2025**. The Agency website also includes some helpful tips on how small groups can use the materials and workshops for adult formation in the parish (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>).



ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE
FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY

Every parishioner, catechist, parent and teacher in our schools and parishes now has access to over 120 high-quality workshops from the Catechetical Institute.

1. Scan the QR code below and watch the walkthrough video
2. Follow the links to register your personal account today

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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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEW SERVERS

We welcome all children in Year 4 and above who have celebrated their First Eucharist to join our serving team. There will be a training session for new servers on **Saturday 8th February at 11am in church**. Please email us at swoy.altarserving@gmail.com if you'd like to come along.



POPE FRANCIS 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.

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.

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
(Please note the 9.30am Mass has been cancelled)**

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 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 2 Feb 3pm	Eucharist Session 2	Church
Sunday 2 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Session 3	Church
Sunday 2 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Parents meeting	Lower Hall
Monday 3 Feb 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 2	Lower Hall
Tuesday 4 Feb 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 6 Feb 6pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 7 Feb 6pm-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 8 Feb 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church
Saturday 8 Feb 2pm	New Altar Servers training (year 4 and above)	Church
Sunday 9 Feb 6pm	Confirmation Session 4	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

11/12 January - 297 18/19 January - 331 25/26 January - 289



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C)

Candlemas

Saturday 1 February 2025

18:00 Veronika Prill RIP

Sunday 2 February 2025

09:30 Family Mass

Blaizer Alexander RIP Birthday

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

Monday 3 February 2025 - St. Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop

11:00 Funeral of Margaret Murray RIP

Tuesday 4 February 2025 - Feria

09:30 Clemencia Charles RIP Birthday

Wednesday 5 February 2025 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (live-streamed)

09:30 John & Tim Ryan RIP

Thursday 6 February 2025 - Sts Paul Miki and Companions

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 7 February 2025 - Feria

09:30 William & Lucy Brown (FM)

Saturday 8 February 2025 - Feria

10:30 Phyllis Lowney RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 8 February 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

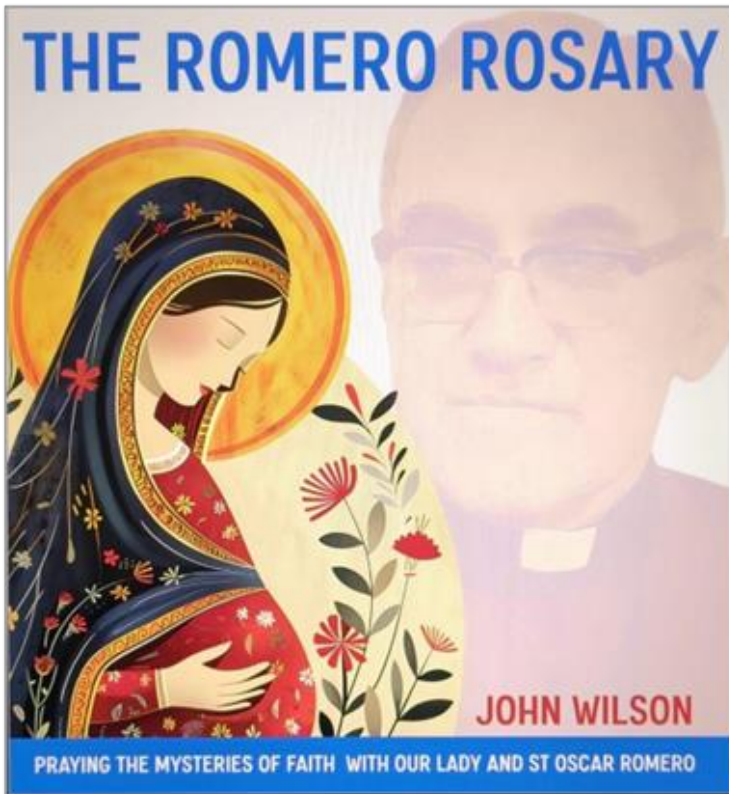
Sunday 9 February 2025

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

11:30 For the Parishioners

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



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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