



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

Every Friday during Lent after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

2 March 2025

Dear Parishioners

This year we journey through the season of Lent in a special Jubilee year of Hope. This gives it a special meaning, in this time of grace we want to start a journey of change and rediscovery of Christian hope: we focus to emphasise on changing our thoughts, actions, words, as much as possible and we strive to live in a deep friendship with the Lord Jesus.

Lent is a special season of conversion and starting over, everything changes because everything begins again! Everything starts over if we leave room for Jesus in our lives, if we return to the Gospel, if we entrust ourselves to prayer, if we live charity as a sign of hope.

To assist us in living this Lent with the spirit of this special jubilee year, there are many suggestions in our Lenten leaflet, we have different initiatives that will start in this lenten season in our parish, such as organising pilgrimages to the Jubilee churches, reaching out to other fellow parishioners who may have stopped coming to church, to practice charity to bring hope etc.. We have 5 weeks of prayer and reflection on a selected Jubilee theme every Tuesday evening, therefore I call up on every parishioner to make an effort, to join us and live together this great spirit filled season.



Let us encourage each other to rediscover the joy of journeying together.

God Bless
Fr Habte

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -Jesus tells us that pupils cannot know more than what they are taught: if the teacher is wrong, then the pupil will be wrong - so be discerning about what you believe. If the blind lead the blind, neither of them will see the pitfalls.

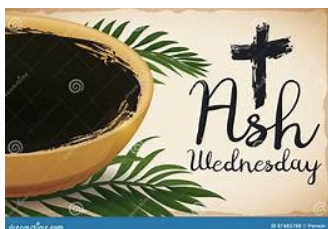
When we feel inclined to correct someone else's problem, we should ensure that we are seeing the situation clearly; be aware that we have blind spots, planks that hide the full picture.

Particularly, we should be aware of our motivation. It is too easy to speak out of selfish irritation, pride, or envy causing humiliation, resentment, and rejection. Before opening our mouths, we should check ourselves to confirm that we speak out of a spirit of love, being sure that anything we say builds the wellbeing of others. We need to be aware of our thoughts about others, so that we offer nothing but positive influence, even in our most casual moments. Jesus is telling us that our thoughts are the treasure of our hearts from which we use words that bear fruit in others.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

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



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.

LENT LEAFLET In the special leaflet with today's newsletter, you will find lots of information about the meaning of Lent and some ideas for making it special. Please pick up a copy of the leaflet in church or download a copy [HERE](#)

THE RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION 2025

will take place at St George's cathedral on Saturday 8th March at 12:00noon for gathering music and the Rite starts at 12.30pm.

This marks a step forward for those who have been preparing for several months to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, that is, Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. During the service, the Church 'elects' catechumens and candidates and recognises them as being ready to receive the Sacraments. Fiona Marshall and Mica Santana will be taking part in the rite of election this year, please keep them in your prayers as they continue in their journey towards receiving the sacraments.

LENTEN JUBILEE YEAR THEMED REFLECTIONS: This Lent, Fr Habte and the parish RCIA team would like to invite all parishioners to take advantage of the Lenten reflections based on 5 themes of the Jubilee Year on Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm-9.00pm, followed by light refreshments in the lower hall. Our first evening will be on Tuesday 11 March. All are welcome.

STATIONS ON THE CROSS IN LENT - There will be Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic exposition and benediction on Fridays at 10:00am after the morning Mass during Lent.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE will be on Wednesday 9 April at 7.30pm with visiting priests. We also have the weekly time of confession every Saturday morning from 11.00am to 12 noon.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - A reminder that our next Youth Group meeting will be on Friday the 7th of March from 6-8pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

THANK YOU - Maria Frisoli and her family wish to thank parishioners for all the prayers, kindness and support following her mother's death.

A Mass will be said for parishioners intentions.

VIVIENNE IRIHARI GOUBO - Please pray for Vivienne Irihari Goubo who is now officially part of the UK branch of the worldwide "Community of the Mother of Divine Love" a charismatic lay movement whose focus is prayer, involvement and parish mission. Vivienne was the first person in the UK to take her vows.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025, please collect the envelopes from the desk in the narthex, We will have a second collection on Sunday 15/16 March 2025. Thank you

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.

GATHERING TO LOOK AT THE PASTORAL CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE

To be held at The Holy Cross Parish in Catford **Saturday 29th 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY at The Friars, Aylesford 7 June 2025.

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). The event itself is free. Our parish will be putting on a coach for the day itself, so to join our parish coach, please email Mary at foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

We will soon inform you about the cost of a coach seat per person. You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 2 March 3pm	Eucharist 2nd Session	Church
Sunday 2 March 6pm	Confirmation 5th Session	Church
Thursday 6 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 7 March 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 8 March 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church
Saturday 8 March 12.00pm 12.30pm	Gathering Music Adult Christian Initiation Rite of Election	St George's Cathedral
Tuesday 11 March 8pm	RCIA - Jubilee Lenten Reflection followed by light refreshments	Church Lower Hall
Friday 14 March	CAFOD Family Fast Day	

MASS ATTENDEES

8/9 February - 282 15/16 February - 245 22/23 February - 239

Be Well Hub Drop-in

Cafe York

4.20pm - 6.00pm
22nd February 2025
22nd March 2025
26th April 2025

All are welcome



You Said

Mental health and wellbeing should be prioritised

We did

- Created St William of York as a Be Well Hub
- Trained 10 Parish Well Being Champions
- Delivering monthly Well Being drop-in sessions for tea, cake and conversation
- Nature walks (dates TBC)
- Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day for SWOY children (26th June 2025)



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Day for the Unemployed

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)

Monday 3 March 2025 - Feria

09:30 Mary Stomboli RIP

Tuesday 4 March 2025 - Feria

09:30 Eileen O'Connor RIP & Jerome O'Connor RIP

The end of Ordinary Time before Lent

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025 -

10:30 Margaret Murray RIP

20:00 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Thursday 6 March 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 7 March 2025 - Feria

Woman's World Day of Prayer

09:30 Jerviane Edwards Private Intentions

Saturday 8 March 2025 -

10:30 Jessie Comerford (FM)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 8 March 2025

18:00 Christine & Patrick Kitchen

Sunday 9 March 2025

10:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



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

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<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