



## 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

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

**Laetare Sunday**

**Remembering especially "Our Mothers"**

**30 March 2025**

Dear Parishioners

As part of our renewal of faith and transformation during the Jubilee year journey, we have been introducing different events, activities, reflection and prayer times and pilgrimages planned by the parish.

In the past few weeks we have launched our Jubilee poster and leaflet online and this week we have printed the leaflet for those who wish to have a printed copy. The leaflet contains the dates and times of the events, activities and pilgrimages.

At an individual, family and small groups level, we would like to encourage you to consider spending more time together in prayer. One of the great ways of spending quality time in prayer and reflection is Lectio Divina,

Lectio Divina is a slow, contemplative praying with scripture which has a long history within the church tradition, it invites God to speak into our life through scripture and for us to respond.



For more information and guide how to practice Lectio Divina please visit the Parish website under Jubilee 2025 <https://swoy.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

God Bless

Fr Habte

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Joshua 5:9a,10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:18

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Who is the hero of the story? What should its title be? Some call it the parable of the Powerless Father, for the father is powerless to do anything but welcome his son. Clearly the principal message of the parable is that we can count on God's forgiveness, whatever we do. The contrast is also between the two sons. The younger insults his father: all he thinks about is his inheritance, as though he wished his father already dead. All the same, the father is eagerly on the watch, and forgets all his dignity to run and welcome his returning son. And to persuade the elder son to join in the party, the father even leaves his dinner-guests at table, going out into the field to urge the jealous elder brother to join in. Forgiveness and love is his whole motivation. The elder son responds to his father with insults ('That son of yours' he says), inventing guesses about sexual loose-living. It is a splendid example of Luke's delicate, witty and subtle characterisation. *Which brother comes out of the story best? Have you ever felt like the elder brother? What picture of God does Jesus present in the Parable of the Prodigal Son?*

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

**THIS SUNDAY, WE CONTINUE THE CELEBRATION ON THE SCRUTINIES**

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptised at the Easter Vigil. The readings this weekend remind us about turning from darkness to light, as symbolized in the healing of the man born blind. the Elect have already been enlightened to some degree; Lent is a time when this is intensified for them, and also for us who are already baptised Christians. We still need to be enlightened, to have our own patterns of sin and blindness revealed to us, and to grow in God's truth. This week we particularly pray that God may dispel darkness and be the light that shines in their hearts and they continue on the road towards Easter.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR EASTER FLOWERS:** - We will have a second collection for Easter flowers. We ask you to help make our church beautiful for the Triduum and Easter. Something from everyone will make that possible. Thank you in advance.



**TODAY IS MOTHERING SUNDAY** Let us pray for all spiritual and biological Mothers. It was originally a time when people returned to the church where they were baptised or where they attended services when they were children. That allowed families reunion as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. Now people visit and take gifts to their mothers. Our spiritual and biological Mothers deserve our gratitude; may God bless and protect them always.

Let us also remember in our prayers all those that may find this day difficult.

### **CUTE EASTER CHICKS ON SALE THIS**

**WEEKEND** - Please buy us... we are cute Easter Chicks, hand knitted with a delicious chocolate egg inside, waiting to come home with you. We cost £3.50 each and all our proceeds go to SWOY.

You can pay by cash or use the contactless device in the Narthex.

(Thanks to our parishioner Kathleen Doyle, who has been busy creating these delightful keepsakes)



**LENTEN JUBILEE YEAR THEMED REFLECTIONS:** 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 next evening for reflection will be on **Tuesday 1 April 25**, the theme is *Forgiveness*. All welcome.

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY** at The Friars, Aylesford 7 June 2025. **please add your name to the sheet in the Narthex to register your interest.** The suggested cost per person will be £20 or a contribution of your choice. If you are a gift-aider you may use the Contactless device in the Narthex to make your contribution or post the cash/cheque through the presbytery letter box clearly marked with your name, contact no and Aylesford trip. Thank you

**SAINTS OF SOUTHWARK** - A booklet featuring the shrines and saints of our archdiocese is in production and will be launched at the Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration in June. Copies will be available from the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis from 7 June 2025.

**WALKING PILGRIMAGE** - There is a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral (2 June) to the Friars, Aylesford (7 June) for which we already have had 80 expressions of interest. Should you be interested in joining this, please visit : <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025>

**SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY 15 JUNE** - Fr Gregory Griffiths will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination in June this year. To honor this remarkable milestone and to express our sincere gratitude for his dedication Fr Gregory will be joining us for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 15 June at 11.30am followed by refreshments in the school hall. This is an opportunity to celebrate Fr Gregory's journey, to thank God for the gift of priesthood, and to pray for his continued blessings and guidance. Please save this date in your diary.



**VACANCY** - The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London.

The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe [secretary@secularclergy.org.uk](mailto:secretary@secularclergy.org.uk)  
Closing date 28th April 2025.

### **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2025**

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

# Scouts

## 12th Forest Hill (St William of York)

### CHIEF SCOUT BRONZE AWARD (TOP BEAVER SCOUT AWARD)

Beaver Scouts have been busy this term, especially Joel - Congratulations he has completed his Chief Scout Bronze Award and the award will be presented by the District Commissioner this Thursday. This award shows that they are adventurous, have helped their community and have learnt about the world. It also means that they have gained skills, worked in a team, completed all their Challenge Awards and at least four Activity Badges. Well done to Joel! He's starting Cubs after Easter too.



We currently have a few spaces for new members aged 6 to join our Beaver Colony. Check out our website <http://www.12thforesthill.scoutsonline.co.uk/>

Adults - if you have a skill you could share with us, please get in touch. We all love learning. Could you be one of our volunteers?

Get in touch if you would like to find out more [ahesketh@12thswyoyscouts.org](mailto:ahesketh@12thswyoyscouts.org)

Akela/Antonietta Hesketh  
Lead Volunteer

### MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, JULY 12 AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Forest Hill Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) & [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)  
Marriage and Family Life South East, RC Archdiocese of Southwark

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

**Trevor Wheelan RIP**

(husband of Flavia Wheelan)

**Appudurai Immanuel Sattiarajah RIP**

(brother-in-law of Nicholas Mariampillai)

**Funeral at St William of York on Tuesday 8 April at 12.00pm**

**Max Cowell RIP**

(husband of Elizabeth, father to Chris, Simon, Damien)

**Canon Leo Mooney RIP**

A retired priest of the Archdiocese who died on Friday.

He was the parish priest at Holy Cross from 1989 to 1992.

**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**

Tuesday 1 April 8pm	RCIA - Jubilee Lenten Reflection followed by light refreshments	Church Lower Hall
Thursday 3 April 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 5 April 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church
Sunday 6 April 3pm	Eucharist 3 Session	Church

### **MASS ATTENDEES**

8/9 March - 219 15/16 March -286 22/23 March - 323





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**Laetare Sunday**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Saturday 29 March 2025**

**18:00** John Garvey RIP

**Sunday 30 March 2025**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Mrs Florence Aderenle Igoh 80th Birthday Blessings

**Monday 31 March 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Bishop Ayo Maria RIP

**Tuesday 1 April 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Beth O'Connor Coffey RIP

**Wednesday 2 April 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Kathleen Redmond RIP Anniversary

**Thursday 3 April 2025 - Feria**

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

**Friday 4 April 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Cecilia Thompson (FM)

**Saturday 5 April 2025 - Feria**

**10:30** Holy Souls

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ( C)**

**Saturday 5 April 2025**

**18:00** Anne & Martin Delaney RIP

**Sunday 6 April 2025**

**09:30** **Family Mass**

For the Parishioners

**11:30** Margaret Griffin RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

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

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