



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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

**16 March 2025**

Dear Parishioners

In this season of Lent that we are Journeying during this Jubilee year of hope, we are asked to be the leaven of our families and communities: in our families we pray together and we are a community who welcomes, who strive to live our baptismal call to mission and evangelization.

This year, as part of the initiatives of the Jubilee year of hope, we will be asking all members of our parish, to invite and encourage someone you know to join us in our prayers and Masses now in this Lent season and beyond.

Please take one or more of the Jubilee prayer cards prepared, to help us invite and encourage people, if you can, please have a gentle conversation before you hand the invitation card over to the invited person.

God Bless  
Fr Habte



**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28b-36

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Peter, James and John experience so many powerful emotions during and after the transfiguration of Jesus. At first they wonder what's happening, then recognise how special the experience is to see Moses and Elijah. Peter wants it to last. When a cloud obscures their view, they felt afraid and unsure again. What did they feel as they heard God's voice? And when the cloud lifts were they surprised to find Jesus on his own again? By the time they come down the mountain they don't speak of it to anyone.

It illustrates wonderfully the ups and downs, twists and surprising turns on our faith journey. It can be challenging to communicate to others the feelings of peace, wonder, confusion and elation we might experience in prayer, or in a moment of revelation or realisation. To share or not, and the timing, is a sensitive judgement.

As ever God's words are the best guide: "This is my son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" We have many opportunities this Lent to do that together in our parish community.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Exodus 3;1-8a,13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

**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.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 14 MARCH -**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



We will have a second collection this weekend 15/16 March 2025. Thank you

**LENT LEAFLET** In the special leaflet 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](#)

**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 next evening for reflection will be on Tuesday 18 March, the theme is *Care for Creation*. All welcome.

**STATIONS OF 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.

**“24 HOURS FOR THE LORD”** This will be marked over two short periods on **Friday 28th & Saturday 29th March**. We start with 6pm Mass on Friday 28th March, and the church will remain open afterwards for quiet prayer and reflection with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour on the theme of Jubilee, finishing with Night Prayer at 11pm. On Saturday 29th March, we have Morning Mass at 10.30am and the church will remain open until 12 noon with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**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.

#### **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 add your name to the sheet in the Narthex to register your interest.** 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](http://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025).

## **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.

## **PARISH DIARY**

Sunday 16 March 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	Church
Sunday 16 March 6pm	Confirmation 7th Session	Church
Tuesday 18 March 8pm	RCIA - Jubilee Lenten Reflection followed by light refreshments	Church Lower Hall
Thursday 20 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 22 March 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church
Saturday 22 March 4.20-6pm	Be Well Hub Drop In	Cafe York

## **MASS ATTENDEES**

22/23 February - 239 1/2 March - 353 - 5 March - 106 8/9 March - 219

## FINANCES - FEBRUARY 2025

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,189.08  
Donations for the Clergy Support Fund - £482.39  
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £165.00  
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,088.00

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:  
Account name: RCAS Forest Hill, Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

Thank you for your continued support  
Please gift aid where possible

## 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.

## NEXT WEEKEND - SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES

This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poor parishes in the Diocese. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

### 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)

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ( C)**

**Saturday 15 March 2025**

**18:00** Renate Betson RIP

**Sunday 16 March 2025**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Margaret O'Sullivan RIP 1st Anniversary

**Monday 17 March 2025 - St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland**

**09:30** Geraldine O'Connell RIP

**Tuesday 18 March 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Michael Divver RIP

**Wednesday 19 March 2025 - SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**09:30** Rose Smith (FM) (live-streamed)

**Thursday 20 March 2025 - Feria**

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

**Friday 21 March 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Isaac Deacon (FM)

**Saturday 22 March 2025 - Feria**

**10:30** John & Helen O'Connor (FM)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ( C)**

**Saturday 22 March 2025**

**18:00** Margaret Murray RIP

**Sunday 23 March 2025**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Clare & Harry Bedding RIP Anniversary

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.resouthwark.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