



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

23 March 2025

Dear Parishioners

RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT: Following on from the Rite of Election on the first Saturday of Lent, the community celebrates the scrutinies on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent with those who will be baptised at Easter.

The word "scrutiny" refers to the self-searching of the elect. These rites are designed to heal all that is weak and sinful in the hearts of the candidates and to strengthen all that is upright and good. They include prayers of exorcism and call for deep repentance.

The scrutinies are based on the Gospels for these three Sundays, which focus on how their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water, the light of the world, and the resurrection and the life. Let us pray for Mica and Fiona in our parish and with them as they journey towards Easter. Later this week we will also present the Creed to our Elect Mica with these words: 'The words are few but the mysteries they contain are great. Receive them with a full heart and be faithful to them.'

Fr Habte and the RCIA team



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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus starts the Gospel with frightening scenarios – a massacre, a falling tower. These moments he tells us are calls to repentance. At first sight, it feels like he is asking us to do something almost counterintuitive, to look at worrying and frightening events – very much the kind of things we see on the news, a massacre, a pandemic, the war in Ukraine - as an opportunity for conversion. But there is a deep human truth here: At moments of suffering we see things differently, our values change - we pray for the stranger, we care for our suffering neighbour, we open our houses to the refugee - our empathetic responses at times of crisis bring us closer to our God of love.

This is an important message for us to hear on our Lenten journey. In four weeks' time when the cross is presented to us on Good Friday we could see it as a calamity. But in this Gospel reading Jesus is telling us to respond differently – if we see in human suffering a call to love more deeply, then we see his own suffering as a call to love, conversion and repentance. JD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Joshua 3:9a,10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:18

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS: Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, continues treatment for bilateral pneumonia. .Let us unite in fervent prayer for his healing and strength.

THIS 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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE LEAFLET in the special leaflet with today's newsletter you will find details of the meaning of the Jubilee year and the many parish activities taking place. Please download a copy here [JUBILEE LEAFLET](#)

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 25 March**, the theme is *Social Justice*. All welcome.

“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 ALMS - Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of our Lenten practice. Almsgiving is charity towards our neighbour. The parish is thankful for your donations during Lent and the money you place in the Poor Boxes near the Church entrances and the Lenten collection on Maundy Thursday, will be going in support of the parish poor box fund.

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.

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

BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST): starts next week on **Sunday March 30, 2025 at 1am**. Clocks in the UK go forward one hour. This marks the end of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and the start of British Summer Time (BST) or Daylight Saving Time (DST) Please remember to put your clocks forward.

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.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Trevor Wheelan RIP
(husband of Flavia Wheelan)

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the soul of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen**

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 25 March 8pm	RCIA - Jubilee Lenten Reflection followed by light refreshments	Church Lower Hall
Thursday 27 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 29 March 9.15am	Instrumentalists Practice	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

1/2 March - 353 8/9 March - 219 15/16 March -286

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 at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

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

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + 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 & foresthill@rcaos.org.uk
Marriage and Family Life South East, RC Archdiocese of Southwark

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

Monday 24 March 2025 - Feria

09:30 Wellbeing of Chris Knight & Family

Tuesday 25 March 2025 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

09:30 Winifred Watt (FM)

Wednesday 26 March 2025 - Feria

09:30 Margaret Jones (FM)

Thursday 27 March 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 28 March 2025 - Feria

09:30 Katy Duffy RIP

START OF 24HRS FOR THE LORD

18:00 For the Parishioners

Saturday 29 March 2025 - Feria

10:30 Monica Schwerk (FM)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

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

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Culverly Road. Car parking
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- ✓ Social Activities

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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