



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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (C)

20 & 27 April 2025

Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen

Dear Parishioners

This year we are celebrating Easter within a special year of grace, a Holy year, a jubilee of Hope. This time invites us to set out on a journey. Celebrating this Jubilee Year means becoming "Pilgrims of Hope"

Easter teaches us the power of renewal and hope. During this season of Easter, we are encouraged to pray and reflect in our hearts the mystery of the resurrection, to seek ways to improve and grow as people of God.

In a time that the world is witnessing war, conflict and turmoil, Easter and this Jubilee year offers us an opportunity to reflect on the victory of light over darkness, love over hate, and life over death and hope over despair.

I would like to wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter, thank you to everyone who contributed to live the great season of Lent and the Easter Holy Triduum especially well, also to all who participated in the wonderful liturgies of these days.



On behalf of myself and all parishioners, I would like to thank Readers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, Sacristans, Flower Arrangers, Altar Servers, MC's, Musicians, Stewards, our school community, and all parishioners for your support and hard work during the Easter Triduum celebrations and throughout the year.

I would like to thank you especially for your support, good wishes, cards and gifts.

We pray for peace in the world, for people and countries who are challenged and suffering from conflict and war.

May this sacred time fill our hearts with joy, peace, and gratitude. May we find the strength and courage to follow Christ's example, showing love, forgiveness and compassion to our neighbours, and seeking truth and justice at all times.

May the light of the risen Christ illuminate our path and guide us toward a bright and blessed future full of hope and love.

God Bless

Fr Habte

Fr. Habte and Deacon Amgad wish you all a happy and a holy Easter

EASTER SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 10:34a,37-43, Colossians3:1-4, John 20:1-9

EASTER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Our Easter Gospel starts with an act of love, with the women going to the tomb to care for Jesus' body, after his death. But it didn't go as planned, as the body had gone.

It didn't get any better when the disciples didn't believe them, when they explained what they'd experienced, dismissing it in Luke's Gospel, as "an idle tale"!

But their actions and words are exactly what prompt Peter to go and see for himself, leading him to marvel at what had happened.

When we look at the injustices in our world, it can often feel that our voices aren't being heard either. But the resurrection is a powerful reminder that we must continue to be people of hope, with the courage to speak to others about what we see.

From creation, through to the last supper, death and resurrection of Jesus, scripture teaches us that God never gives up trying to reach us. The resurrection demonstrates that nothing, not even suffering and death, can come between us and the love of God. Love sustains life and ultimately triumphs. May we treasure the love that God shows us through Jesus, and be filled with joy this Easter, confident that the risen Jesus will always be there for us.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS - Acts 5:12-16, Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Two aspects of this meeting with the risen Jesus are especially striking. This is the last scene of the Gospel of John, for chapter 21 is an appendix. At the end, before the concluding reflection, Thomas gives the only direct acclamation in the New Testament of Jesus as God: nowhere else is Jesus hailed as 'God', though there are other ways in which his divinity has been indicated. So in a way Thomas' greeting of the risen Christ is the climax of the New Testament. Secondly, it is striking that Jesus' final blessing is one of peace and forgiveness. The mission of all Christians is to bring these gifts to a troubled world. Throughout the Bible God is a God of forgiveness. The Old Testament consists of a series of covenants, each in turn broken by God's chosen people, but then re-created by a forgiving God. There was the covenant with Noah after the Flood, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses after the worship of the Golden Calf, and finally the new covenant is promised by Jeremiah after unfaithful Israel had been exiled to Babylon. Christianity is not for the perfect but for the sinner, who is surrounded by other sinners. As forgiven sinners we are exhorted to bring forgiveness to all those around us.

How, as a forgiven sinner and part of a community of forgiven sinners, do I demonstrate the power of God's forgiveness

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

EASTER SERVICES CARD - Copies available in church and on our website <https://swoy.org.uk/>

EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE - Please see the yellow Easter Offering envelopes, available in the Narthex, the Finance committee ask you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest at Easter. It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us . If you are going away at Easter, please use the envelope and post it in the letter box of the presbytery whenever you can. For those of you in the gift aid scheme, please write your gift aid number on the Easter offering envelope as the parish will benefit. You may also give via the Contactless device. QR code or via the parish bank account details:- Sort Code 60-50-01 -Account number 79124437 - RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/GiC Aid no/Easter. Many thanks



EASTER VISITATION & HOUSE BLESSING Those who wish to be visited, please arrange a suitable time. If you know any elderly members of our parish who are housebound and who wish to receive the sacraments, please inform Fr. Habte or let Mary in the office know.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES AND SERVICES NEXT WEEK: Please note that from Monday to Friday next week Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am.

CONGRATULATIONS We congratulate Mica who after two years of journey in faith, has received the sacraments of initiation. Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, and Fiona who received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and received into full communion with the Catholic community. The sacraments of the Church given to us by Christ—that help to serve as encounters with Christ in the resurrection, glimmers of light and hope.

We rejoice with Mica and Fiona, their families, their Sponsors and God parents Patricia Julien and Eileen Reynolds, our parish RCIA team, many catechists and all parishioners who accompanied them in their journey.

I would like also to mention, that Alexa who has been going through the same journey in faith for two years will be received into full communion with the catholic church, next Sunday 27 th April at the 11:30am Mass.

THANK YOU TO OUR SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS AND MC's :- A special and big thank you for 5 of our senior altar servers Joe, Eden, Chidozie, Ebube and Helena, who are in year 13, who may be serving less regularly after the summer.

Thank you for your dedication and your time for serving at the Altar, Serving the Lord and our community. Also, a special word of appreciation to your parents for their support, since you started serving.

Although you will not be serving as regularly after the summer, we will still be relying on you to help us out at major feasts. Fr Habte

A BIG THANK YOU TO KATHY DOYLE our parishioner for donating beautifully hand knitted Easter chick's with a surprise chocolate egg. They sold very quickly and all proceeds have gone to church funds in accordance with Kathy's wishes. Thank you to everyone who bought the chicks and contributed so generously.

MAINTENANCE OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - 2ND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 27 APRIL

St George's Cathedral is the mother church of the diocese. This second collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral .

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Eastertide:

New Members of the Church

Vocations - on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the 4th Sunday of Easter

Survivors of Sexual Abuse - especially on Tuesday in the fifth Week of Easter.

The Right Use of the Media - especially on World Communications Day, Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The Church - especially at Pentecost

Human Work - especially on 1st May, Saint Joseph the Worker

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 cost per person for coach travel will be £20.00, pick up at 9.00am at the church and return from Aylesford at 5.15pm. If you are a gift-aider you may use the Contactless device in the Narthex to make your contribution, QR code or post the cash/cheque through the presbytery letter box clearly marked with your name, contact no and Aylesford trip

or via the parish bank account details:- Sort Code 60-50-01 -Account number 79124437 - RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/GiC Aid no/Aylesford. Many thanks

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2025 - For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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.



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.

FINANCES - MARCH 2025

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,189.08
Donations for CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day - £840.92
Donations for Poor Parishes - £258.27
Donations for Easter Flowers - £245.17
Donations for Easter Chicks - £141.00
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £139.04
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,847.60

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

MASS ATTENDEES

29/30 March - 309 5/6 April - 368 12/13 April - 380

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

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 26 April 9-45-4pm	Be-Well Training	Cafe York
Saturday 26 April 4.20pm	Be-Well Hub Drop in	Cafe York
Sunday 27 April 3pm	Eucharist 4 Session	Church
Sunday 27 April 3pm	1st Eucharist Parents Meeting	School hall
Sunday 27 April 6pm	Confirmation 9th Session	Church
Sunday 27 April 6pm	Confirmation Parents Meeting	School hall

BE-WELL TRAINING - For those who missed the first training session or who became interested afterwards, there will be another training day on **Saturday 26th April from 9.45am - 4pm** in Cafe York for those interested. This is the link to sign up.
<https://mentalhealth.arlo.co/w/courses/28-in-person-26-april-2025-1-day-mental-health-be-well-champions-training-lewisham/1322> If anyone has questions, please contact Geke Ong 07748493515

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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Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Trevor Wheelan RIP

(husband of Flavia Wheelan)

Funeral at St Andrews , Brockley Road, SE4 2SA on Monday 12 May at 11.30am

Max Cowell RIP

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

Funeral at St William of York on Friday 2 May 2025 at 10.30am

Josephine O'Hara RIP

(Auntie of Mary Farrell)

Funeral Mass at St William of York on Tuesday 6 May at 7pm

William Waters RIP

(great grampa of Charlotte and Ella Potts)

Rosina (Rose) Terry RIP

(longstanding parishioner in Fr Patrick's time & worked in our school)

**Funeral at Our Lady of Sorrows, Friary Road, Peckham, SE15 1RH
on Thursday 24 April at 2.30pm**

**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 OFFICE - The Parish Office will close from Monday 21st April and re-open on 28th April 2024. The answer machine will be switched on and messages will be responded to. In an emergency, please come to the presbytery and if no answer at the door, please leave a written message. Thank you

This newsletter is for two weekends. Please do not destroy it too soon! Our next newsletter will be issued for the Third Sunday of Easter on Sunday 4th May 2025.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C)

VIGIL MASS

Saturday 19 April 2025

21:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 20 April 2025

09:30 Family Mass

Patrick Maguire RIP & Peter Hann RIP

11:30 Richard Tocha RIP

THE END OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM -

Monday within the Octave of Easter - 21 April 2025

10:30 James Costello RIP

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - 22 April 2025

10:30 Alice Gillett (FM)

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - 23 April 2025

10:30 Michael Ibini (live-streamed)

Thursday within the Octave of Easter - 24 April 2025

10:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday within the Octave of Easter - 25 April 2025 -

10:30 Sylvester Orieso RIP

Saturday within the Octave of Easter - 26 April 2025 -

10:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

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Saturday 26 April 2025

18:00 Mary Garvey RIP

Sunday 27 April 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Joan Godwin RIP 14th Anniversary

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Monday 28 April 2025 - SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England

09:30 Martha Merrifield RIP

Tuesday 29 April 2025 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Joseph Dominique RIP Birthday

Wednesday 30 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (FM)

Thursday 1 May 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 2 May 2025 - St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10:30 Funeral of Max Cowell RIP

Saturday 3 May 2025 - Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

10:30 Holy Souls

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 3 May 2025

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 4 May 2025

09:30 Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP

11:30 AB Birthday Thanksgiving (live-streamed)

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Archdiocesan jubilee celebration

7th June 2025 10am - 5pm
The Friars, Aylesford

A day of joy for the whole Archdiocese!



Fun for families - Saints Treasure Trail for kids of all ages, Children's Rosary, pre-bookable KS1-4 ministry sessions



Nourishment for the soul - Adoration, Rosary Way for groups and families, Confessions, Veneration of Relics, CAFOD icon, Carlo Acutis Exhibition



Food for thought - talks, book and other stalls, Diocesan History Exhibition



Closing Mass - Archbishop John Wilson presiding, music led by Diocesan Choir

and much, much more!



ARCHDIOCESE of
SOUTHWARK



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jubilee 2025



Our Lady to Lucia, 13 June 1917:
*"Jesus wishes to establish in
the world devotion to my
Immaculate Heart"*

For any DWM information please enquire at any venue or see www.adaywithmary.org or write to *A Day With Mary*, PO Box 432, Sutton SM1 9LF enclosing a stamped medium S.A.E, or answerphone 020-8641.6418, e-mail: adwmary.uk@gmail.com
Everyone is most welcome.

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*For coach transport from London to venues marked * please phone 020 - 3441 8240 (Holy Cross Bookshop Mon - Fri 9.30am-1.00pm). Coach leaves from Ambrosden Avenue, SW1, next to Westminster Cathedral.

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* For DWM 2025 Pilgrimages by air to Fatima (11-18 June), Italy (3-11 December) contact DWM 020 8641 6418 or visit www.adaywithmary.org & www.eventcatholic.com

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A DAY WITH MARY is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic church or shrine. It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day.

It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns, a programme on the story of Fatima and periods of rest with refreshments. The Sacrament of Penance is readily available. There is a bookstall and the opportunity to enrol in the Brown Scapular (consecration to Our Lady) and Miraculous Medal if so wished.

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This 2025 Venues list Revised 03.01.25 will continue to be updated. Please check for updated printed posters in due course and on www.adaywithmary.org or www.eventcatholic.com

A DAY WITH MARY

VENUES FOR 2025

21.01.25 rev

Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Sydenham	Sat 18 Jan
St Scholastica, Clapton	Sat 25 Jan
Our Lady of Lourdes & St Vincent de Paul, Harrow Road	Sat 1 Feb
St Cecilia, North Cheam	Sat 8 Feb
St Mary, Mother of God, Hornchurch	Sat 15 Feb
Holy Apostles, Pimlico	Sat 22 Feb
Westminster Cathedral	Sat 1 Mar
St Mellitus, Tollington Park	Sat 8 Mar
Our Lady Mount Carmel & St George, Enfield	Sat 15 Mar
St Elphege's Catholic Church, Wallington	Sat 22 Mar
Church of Mary, Mother of God, Ponders End	Sat 29 Mar
St Mary Magdalen, Whetstone	Sat 5 Apr
Our Lady & St Michael, Garston, Watford	Sat 12 Apr
St Saviour, Lewisham	Sat 26 Apr
St George's Cathedral, Southwark	Sat 3 May
St Bede, Clapham Park	Sat 10 May
*Walsingham, National Shrine of Our Lady	Sun 18 May
Our Lady of Fatima, White City	Sat 24 May
*Corpus Christi, Tonbridge	Sat 31 May
St Thomas More, Bexley Heath	Sat 7 Jun
Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham	Sat 14 Jun
St Mary of the Crays, Crayford	Sat 21 Jun
St Anselm, Dartford	Sat 28 Jun
Sacred Heart Church, Camberwell	Sat 5 Jul
*English Martyrs, Strood, Kent	Sat 12 Jul
St Chad, South Norwood	Sat 19 Jul
St Anselm, Tooting Bec	Sat 26 Jul
St Mary of the Angels, Bayswater	Sat 2 Aug
T.B.A.	Sat 9 Aug
Sacred Heart, Wimbledon	Sat 16 Aug
Our Lady of Muswell, Muswell Hill	Sat 23 Aug
*Arundel Cathedral, West Sussex	Sat 30 Aug
Our Lady, St John's Wood	Sat 6 Sep
The Five Precious Wounds, Stonebridge	Sat 13 Sep
St Aloysius, Somers Town	Sat 20 Sep
St Joseph, Wembley	Sat 27 Sep
*O.L. of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi, Earley, Reading	Sat 4 Oct
Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham	Sat 11 Oct
O.L. of the Rosary & St Dominic, Haverstock Hill	Sat 18 Oct
Westminster Cathedral	Sat 25 Oct
Our Lady & St Joseph, Hanwell	Sat 1 Nov
St George, Sudbury	Sat 8 Nov
St Lawrence, Feltham	Sat 15 Nov
Holy Cross, Carshalton	Sat 22 Nov
*Bournemouth Oratory	Sat 29 Nov
St John the Baptist, Purley	Sat 6 Dec
St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon	Sat 13 Dec
St George Cathedral, Southwark	Sat 20 Dec

Full DWM information & link to DWMs on YouTube (full HD) at www.adaywithmary.org & www.eventcatholic.com

