



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

6 April 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/>



Fr Habte

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The scribes and Pharisees are challenging Jesus' teaching about God's call for mercy and forgiveness. They hope to prove that he has no respect for the law of God which was given to them by Moses. They have not understood his teachings about judging others and the need for personal purity before daring to correct, let alone condemn, someone else. Jesus does not condone the sin of the adulterous woman, but he does confront the self-righteousness of her accusers. They know their sins, even though they don't admit to them openly, and they are in awe of Jesus, even though they don't want to acknowledge that he comes from God. The oldest have had more time to gather a greater number of regrets, so they leave first, but eventually everyone can remember at least one sin and, perhaps, they suspect that Jesus knows about it, so they all go away. Then Jesus asks the woman, "Has no one condemned you?" "No one, Lord," she replies, realising that not one of her accusers was sinless. Jesus shows her the love and mercy of God, forgiving her with the admonishment that she should sin no more. PB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

THIS SUNDAY, WE CELEBRATE THE THIRD AND LAST OF THE SCRUTINIES.

We pray that Mica and all the elect may be given the faith to acknowledge Christ as the resurrection and the life and that they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit as they prepare themselves for their birth to new life, *we will also present the Lord's Prayer to the Elect—and "wait in joyful hope" until she can pray it with us as one of the faithful at the Easter Vigil.*

A BIG THANK YOU TO GEMMA GLOVER This weekend we express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the many years of service and dedication of Gemma Glover who served as the coordinator of our Family Masses.

Gemma has been writing the introduction to the Mass, bidding prayers, selected scripture readings for Children's and coordinated the great collaboration between school and parish in leading and animating the liturgy.

On behalf of the parish family and all our children.

I would like to say a very big thank you. Fr Habte.

PASTORAL LETTER - END OF LIFE BILL - Please read Archbishop John Wilson's **PASTORAL LETTER** addressing the proposed Assisted Suicide Bill. The Archbishop affirms the sanctity of life, urging opposition to assisted suicide legislation. He calls for compassionate care for the vulnerable and dying.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP'S PILGRIMAGE TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

On Saturday 29th March at 1:30pm, our parish First Holy communion children, their parents, siblings and catechists went in pilgrimage to St George's Cathedral as part of our celebration of the Jubilee year. They got in to the Cathedral, passing through the Jubilee door, explored the history of the Cathedral, and had a tour of the Cathedral, its chapels and shrines. Led by their Catechists and Fr Habte they prayed and reflected on hope. Finally we had some quality social time at the grounds of the Imperial war museum.

Many Thanks to those who worked hard to organise this pilgrimage and to the Cathedral administrators and volunteers who welcomed us.



LENTEN JUBILEE YEAR THEMED REFLECTION: Our final Lenten evening for reflection will be on **Tuesday 8 April 25 at 8.00pm-9.00pm**, the theme is *Rest and Worship*, followed by light refreshments in the lower hall. 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.

PALM SUNDAY 13 April - NEXT SUNDAY Both Sunday Masses start in school hall for the procession with palms. Please note the earlier Mass start time of 9.15am. The Vigil Mass begins at 6pm with the Palm Sunday Liturgy in the lower hall. Please do try to come early. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES - Please click [HERE](#) for our parish Easter Card containing the timetable for Holy Week and Easter including children's services. Copies also available in church and on our website <https://swoy.org.uk/> This will relieve Fr. Habte from answering frequent telephone queries about the times of Holy Week services. It is hoped that you will make a commitment to attend the Holy Week Services.

EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE - As we approach Easter, 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



HOUSEBOUND / NURSING HOMES If you know of a parishioner, who would like Fr. Habte to visit, please let the parish office or Fr. Habte know.

HOLY WEEK NOTICES

All Holy Week main services will be livestreamed: www.facebook.com/swoyse/live/

Palm Sunday Greenery

Please bring any greenery from your garden and arrive early to share for the procession.

Bells for Gloria on Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil

Everyone is encouraged to bring bells to Mass on Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil to ring during the Gloria.

Maundy Thursday Café York

On Maundy Thursday Café York will be open from after Evening Mass until 23:15.

Children's Services

(Please be aware that the adult services are longer than usual)

Palm Sunday 09:15: Mass with Passion suitable for children (**note earlier start**)

This will include CLOW for Year R-Y2.

Good Friday 10:30: Service with Good Friday story lasting 30 minutes.

Easter Sunday 09:30: Family Mass

Morning and Evening Prayer during Holy Week

CHURCH

Morning Prayer

09:30 Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Evening Prayer

18:00 Wednesday

Night Prayer

23:30 Maundy Thursday to conclude the time of watching

ZOOM

[Click this link for SWOY Evening Prayer over Zoom](#)

Zoom meeting ID: 813 9177 6863 **Password:** 061154

Evening Prayer

18:00 Palm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Good Friday

Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday

This year veneration will include some quiet time of quiet reflection in front of the Cross followed by individual veneration for those who wish to.

Retiring Collections on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Maundy Thursday: Lenten Alms

Good Friday: Holy Places

The Good Friday collection supports pastoral, charitable, educational and social works throughout the Holy Land.

Donations

Contactless card reader in Narthex

Scan QR code

In cash



Parish Bank Account

RCAS Forest Hill, Sort code 60-50-01, Account 79124437

Reference: "Lenten Alms" or "Holy Places". Include your name and Gift Aid number

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)

William Waters RIP

(great grampa of Charlotte and Ella Potts)

Josephine O'Hara RIP

(Auntie of Mary Farrell)

Canon Leo Mooney RIP

A retired priest of the Archdiocese.

Monsignor Canon John O'Toole

Priest of our Diocese and taught in the seminary and different dioceses and Institutions and served as an Episcopal vicar of Kent.

**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**

Brian Croft RIP 1938-2024 - A Life Celebrated

The Croft Family have asked us to share details of a celebration of the life of Brian Croft, who died last year. The family lived in Brockley Park and were active in the parish for many years. Many will remember Brian, his wife Lise and children Sarah Daniel and Matthew. The Celebration will take place on Tuesday 8th April at 5pm at the Workshop Theatre, National Youth Theatre, Holloway Road, London N7 6LW. All who wish to attend are invited to book via the following link, where further details may be found: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nationalyouththeatre/t-moxrxdg>

PARISH DIARY

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| Sunday 6 April 3pm | Eucharist 3 Session | Church |
| Sunday 6 April 3pm | First Eucharist Parents Meeting | School Hall |
| Tuesday 8 April 8pm | RCIA - Jubilee Lenten Reflection followed by light refreshments | Church Lower Hall |
| Wednesday 9 April 7.30pm | Penitential Service | Church |
| Thursday 10 April 8pm | Singing Practice | Church |
| Saturday 12 April 9.15am | Instrumentalists Practice | Church |

MASS ATTENDEES

15/16 March -286 22/23 March - 323 29/30 March - 309

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>

1 Day Mental Health Be Well Champions Training - Lewisham - South London Listens Team If anyone has questions, please contact Geke Ong 07748493515.

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.

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, 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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 5 April 2025

18:00 Anne & Martin Delaney RIP

Sunday 6 April 2025

09:30 Family Mass

Margaret Griffin RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 7 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Marie Dominique RIP Anniversary

Tuesday 8 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Mass cancelled

12.00 Funeral of Appudurai Immanuel Sattiarajah RIP

Wednesday 9 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 William & Jessie Thorpe (FM)

Thursday 10 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 11 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Holy Souls

Saturday 12 April 2025 - Feria

10:30 Flavia Wheelan 70th Birthday Thanksgiving

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

Saturday 12 April 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 13 April 2025

09:15 For the Parishioners

11:30 Michael Doherty RIP 4th Anniversary

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass

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



Refreshment for the body - music stages, picnics, BBQ and refreshments

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

and much, much more!



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