



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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

13 April 2025

Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we start by gathering in our school hall to prepare for our celebration. We are given palm branches to use in our celebration. We walk in procession into the church while singing, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." (Matt. 21:9)



At Palm Sunday the liturgy commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to face his death, the faithful take home the blessed olive branches, preserved as a symbol of peace, exchanging some with relatives and friends. We pray for peace and understanding in the world, for all who work hard to bring peace, in this Jubilee year of hope.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. Our celebration of Palm Sunday prepares us for our celebration of the Easter Triduum, the last three days of Holy Week. I encourage the whole parish; including families and children to attend the three great celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Mass of the



Lord's Supper at 8:00pm with Eucharistic visitation and night prayer (compline) available until Midnight; Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm and the Easter Vigil, Saturday at 9:00pm. The liturgy makes faith real and living and actualises a relationship with Jesus and with each other. Therefore, I urge families to come so that we all, including our children, can experience the living liturgy with its rich symbols of bread, wine, fire, and water.

God Bless
Fr Habte

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus gives instructions to his disciples to make preparations before his entrance into Jerusalem. The disciples as is expected find everything as Jesus has said. As Jesus enters into Jerusalem the people rejoice and show him their commitment. However in few days' time they will change their mind and shout with the crowds for him to be crucified. It can sometimes be difficult for us to testify to our faith when we are in situations where our faith is brought into question but as committed Christians it is our duty to give witness to our faith. LBr.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 10:34a,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER: Our church cleaning team will be cleaning the church on Friday 18th April after the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy, we will appreciate any helping hands. Many thanks

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/> 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



HOLY WEEK NOTICES

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

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)

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 (Church) 23:30 Maundy Thursday to conclude the time of watching

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

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

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 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

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL- CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL AT 11.30AM -

During Holy Week, we celebrate the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral with our Archbishop, bishops, priests, and the faithful of our diocese. During this Mass, the bishop blesses the oils— the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and holy chrism (sacrum chrisma) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

Please join us for this year's Chrism Mass in our Cathedral. Address: Cathedral House, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY.

The 9.30am Mass on Wednesday is cancelled and we will have private prayer.

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.

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.

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. We are making enquiries of coach companies and the suggested cost per person will be advised shortly. 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

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 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)

Rose Terry RIP

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

**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

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

MASS ATTENDEES

22/23 March - 323 29/30 March - 309 5/6 April - 368



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

Monday of Holy Week - 14 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday of Holy Week - 15 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Lady Mary Carron (FM)

Wednesday of Holy Week - 16 April 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

11:30 Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral

THE EASTER TRIDUUM -

Maundy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

20:00 Adrian & Matthew McGurran RIP

Good Friday - Friday 18 April 2025 -

10:30 Children's Service

15:00 Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday 19 April 2025 -

Easter Vigil Mass

21:00 For the Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY (C)

Sunday 20 April 2025

09:30 Family Mass

Patrick Maguire RIP & Peter Hann RIP

11:30 Richard Tocha RIP

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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