



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. WILLIAM OF YORK

4 Brockley Park, Forest Hill, SE23 1PS

Clergy:- Fr Habte Ukbay, Deacon Amgad Gerges

Telephone:- 020 8690 4549 mobile 07307 869565

email:- foresthill@rcaos.org.uk website: <https://swoy.org.uk/>

Safeguarding:- Carol Kinch 07710 324683



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

First & last Friday of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

18 May 2025

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners

Last weekend, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May, our children received their first Eucharist, days of great celebration for our children, their parents, catechists and our parish community. Jesus Christ to whom they have been introduced in baptism, in the Eucharist becomes an indispensable food for their journey as Christians.

Our children are accompanied by their parents, catechists and the wider parish community in maturing the seed of faith received: they are a source of hope and future not only of our parish, but of the wider community in which they are called to live as good Christians and honest citizens.

This weekend we have a Thanksgiving Mass for all our children, their families and catechists and our parish community.

God Bless
Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 14:21b-27, Revelation 21:1-5a, John 13:34

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - From now until Pentecost the readings from St John's Gospel are taken from the great final teaching of Jesus at the Last Supper about the future of his Church and his disciples. From the sayings of Jesus the evangelist has composed a great discourse of Jesus about the obligations, duties and dangers which will come upon his disciples after his own death and resurrection. There were probably slightly different versions of this discourse, which were handed down by word of mouth; the impression of repetition in the discourse probably results from the evangelist recording three versions one after another. As we approach the Birth of the Church at Pentecost we need to listen to how Jesus envisaged his community. Today's reading gives the essentials. At the head of the Christian community stands the glorified Son of Man, in whom God is glorified. But this Son is no distant figurehead, for he will come to be present among his disciples. How will this happen? Answer: in the love which his disciples show for one another. One is reminded of the legend about the aged St John, wheeled into the church at Ephesus. When asked for the message of Jesus, all he would say was, 'My little children, love one another.' *How has Jesus shown his love for us? How do you show that same love for someone else?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 15:1-2,22-29, Revelation 21:10-14,22-23, John 14:23-29

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2025. Sunday 18 May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter in church today or at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code.



[SAFEGUARDING 2025 PASTORAL LETTER](#)
[SAFEGUARDING LEAFLET & CONTACTS](#)



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Arielle Ingle. Congratulations to Arielle and her parents Isabel and Benjamin from all at St William of York and welcome Arielle to our parish family.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 18 May 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Church
Sunday 18 May 6pm	Confirmation 11th Session	Church
Sunday 18 May 6pm	Confirmation Parents Meeting	Upper Hall
Monday 19 May 7.30pm	Baptism Course 1st Session	Lower hall
Tuesday 20 May 7.30pm	Baptism Course 2nd Session	Lower hall
Thursday 22 May 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 24 May 9:15 am	Instrumentalists	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

26/27 April - 307, 3/4 May - 290 10/11 May - 673

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY - SUNDAY 8 JUNE & 6 JULY 25 Please remember that Mass at Pentecost on Sunday 8th June and International Mass on Sunday 6 July will be celebrated at 10:30am and we will be celebrating Fr Gregory's 50th Anniversary of Ordination at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 15 June.

SONGS NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL MASS - We are looking for songs reflecting the congregation's rich and varied heritage to sing at the international mass. Is there a song from your country you could teach us all? Please contact Kathleen.boyle@outlook.com or speak to Kathleen after 11.30 Mass. If you have a recording or YouTube video or sheet music please send the link, but we can work out most things if you can sing it to us. Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY at The Friars, Aylesford 7 June 2025. 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

CONTACT DETAILS - Please let Mary know in the office if you change your contact details and if you wish to subscribe to our on-line newsletter. foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

FINANCES - APRIL 2025

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,789.34
Donations for Lenten Alms - £245.58
Donations for Holy Places - £360.55
Donations for St. George's Cathedral - £213.12
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £323.88
Donations for Fr Habte's Easter Offering - £4,481.20
Donations for Easter Chicks - £58.00 (total -£199.00)
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,478.00

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

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.



Be Well Hub Drop-in

Cafe York
4.30pm - 5.45pm
31st May 2025
28th June 2025
26th July 2025
30th August 2025



All are welcome!

The Be Well Hub Drop-in takes place on the last Saturday of each month in Cafe York before Saturday Vigil mass.

It is an opportunity to talk, listen and get to know your fellow parishoners.

The Be Well Hub Drop-ins are a regular part of the St William of York Be Well Project, which aims to foster relationships and community engagement to enhance social connection and improve well-being.



RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS VISITING ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

- 26-29 JUNE - St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, there will be a "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



St George's
Cathedral
SOUTHWARK

RELIC VISITING

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

ADORATION

Thursday 26 June
Talk and worship

MASS

Friday 27 June 6pm
Archbishop John Wilson

MORNING WITH

Saturday 28 June
Mass, adoration,
rosary & confession



DATES

26 June - 28 June

Exhibition: 19 June - 7 July

VISIT

stgeorgescathedral.org.uk

**St George's
Cathedral, SE1 7HY**

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Geraldine Bell RIP

William Julien RIP

Rebecca Goode RIP

(Archbishop John Wilson's personal secretary who has died after a short illness)

Funeral to take place at St George's Cathedral on Friday 23 May at 5pm

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

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

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY 26 MAY

Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN), the media office of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. The CNN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communications. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Safeguarding Sunday

Saturday 17 May 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 18 May 2025

09:30 First Eucharist Thanksgiving Mass

For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 19 May 2025 - Feria

09:30 Ellen Bratton (FM)

Tuesday 20 May 2025 - Feria

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

09:30 Effie Chiuye RIP

Wednesday 21 May 2025 - Feria

09:30 James Ugwu RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 22 May 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 23 May 2025 - Feria

09:30 Josephine O'Hara RIP

Saturday 24 May 2025 - Feria

10:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

12:30 Wedding of Viviane Goubou & Lerone Charles

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 24 May 2025

18:00 Mary Kane RIP

Sunday 25 May 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Richard Tocha RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass



ARCHDIOCESE *of*
SOUTHWARK

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



**SAFEGUARDING
IS EVERYONE'S
RESPONSIBILITY**

18 MAY



[RCAOS.ORG.UK/SAFEGUARDINGSUNDAY](https://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday)

**"THE CHURCH, ENTRUSTED WITH PROCLAIMING THE
GOOD NEWS, MUST BE A PLACE WHERE THE
VULNERABLE ARE SAFE, THE WOUNDED ARE HEARD,
AND ALL ARE WELCOMED WITH COMPASSION"**

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!



ARCHDIOCESE of
SOUTHWARK



bit.ly/southwarkjubilee

jubilee 2025

Do you
believe
this?



Local Information

Churches Together in Sydenham and Forest Hill

A Service of Christian Unity

7pm Wednesday 11 June 2025

St Bartholomew's Church
Westwood Hill
Sydenham SE26 6QR

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

