



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

11 May 2025

Dear Parishioners

This 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.

Saturday 10th May 2pm

Una Allen, Oluseyi Falase, Konstanty Gomola, Joseph Griffin, Joshua Hanna, Fraser Jordan-Harris, Rae Jordan Harris, Erin Kasprzak, Aaron Mortonson, Elysia Newman, Malachi Osei, Alicja Perzanowska, Zach Periselnieris, Jude Pigott, Bryanna Rioja Hidalgo, Chelsea Cedeno Escobar, Noah Habieb, Bernard Lozancic Sweet

Sunday 11th May 9.30am

Nathaniel Demetrius, Favour Mante-Yeboah, Mark Roberts



I would like to congratulate our first communicants, their parents and Catechists not only for their hard work and dedication but also for their, kindness love and patience.

Thank you to all involved in accompanying our children in their journey in your prayer, thoughts, example and Christian witness.

God Bless
Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 13:14,43b-52, Revelation 7:9,13a,14b-17, John 10:27-30

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus is teaching that he is the good shepherd and that his sheep know his voice and follow him. He goes on to give clear confirmation that he is God when he says, "I and the Father are one." By believing his word, we are his sheep and we follow his voice as we hear it in our conscience, which we develop through reflective prayer, reading scripture, and accepting the teaching of his Church. His voice will always be consistent with the two commandments that he has revealed as the foundation of God's Law, namely to love God with all your might and to love your neighbour as yourself. In following his voice we have his assurance that he will protect us from evil and that we will join in his victory over death at Easter. We are the Easter people.

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

HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XVI

We give Almighty God great thanks for the gift of our new Holy Father. With a simple yet profound "Peace be with you", Pope Leo XVI began his Pontificate, immediately setting a tone of unity. He called the Church to be a builder of bridges, its arms open wide in welcome,



Let us support our new Holy Father with our prayers, striving to live out his call to build bridges, welcome others, and joyfully proclaim the Resurrection

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



ARCHBISHOP JOHN: LET POPE FRANCIS' LEGACY BE ONE OF LOVE. In a message to the Archdiocese, following the death of Pope Francis, Archbishop John Wilson called on us to imitate the Holy Father and be witnesses to the Gospel. The Archbishop said “let Pope Francis's legacy be a legacy of love” and called on us to be like the Holy Father by being “a witness to the Gospel, a witness to the love and mercy of Christ, and never be afraid to speak the truth of the Lord Jesus and his saving Gospel”. You can watch or read the full message at rcaos.org.uk/legacyoflove.

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

MASS FOR OUR NEW CATHOLICS

We will celebrate Mass for our new Catholics on Tuesday 13 May at 8pm -
ALL WELCOME

BE WELL HUB NATURE WALK - SATURDAY 17 MAY 2PM

These walks are an opportunity to walk, talk and get to know your fellow parishioners and others in our local community whilst taking in some nature on your doorstep.

Routes: There will be two routes, both leaving from St William of York at 2 pm and returning to Cafe York, where refreshments will be available. You can join or leave the walk at any point along the route. In particular, if you would like to bypass Blythe Hill, you can join either walk at the entry to Ladywell Fields on Ravensbourne Park from around 2.20 pm.

Shorter route (2.8 miles) - St William of York > Blythe Hill Fields > Ladywell Fields > Cafe York

Longer Route (4 miles) - St William of York > Blythe Hill Fields > Ladywell Fields > River Pool Linear Park > Cafe York

Come prepared: Please wear suitable footwear for walking and layered clothing appropriate for the weather. If it is a warm, sunny day, a bottle of water, a hat and sunscreen would be advisable. Please feel free to invite friends and family, all are welcome!

You can express your interest in joining the walk on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, but feel free to join on the day if you don't get the chance.

Be Well Hub Nature Walk

Saturday 17th May 2025

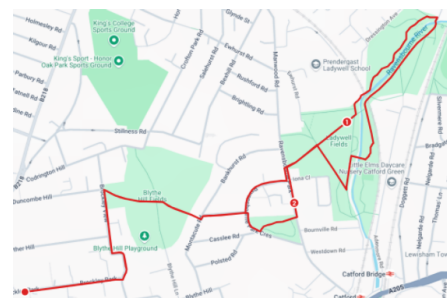
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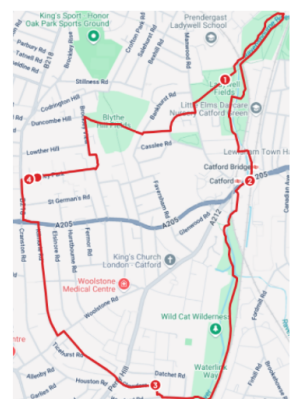
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Longer Route, 4 miles

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 11.00am

Margaret Healy RIP

(Great grandma of Lukas, Lewis & Logan Healy)

Funeral at St Philip Neri, 208 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE

Tuesday 27 May at 12.00 noon

**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

Sunday 11 May 6pm	Confirmation 10th Session	Church
Tuesday 13 May 8pm	Mass for our new Catholics	Church
Thursday 15 May 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 17 May 9:15 am	Instrumentalists	Church
Saturday 17 May 2pm	Be Well Nature Walk	Meet at Church
Sunday 18 May 5pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

Easter Sunday 24 April - 579, 26/27 April - 307, 3/4 May - 290

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.

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.



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

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.



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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Saturday 10 May 2025

14:00 First Eucharist Mass (live-streamed)

For the First Communicants, their families and catechists

18:00 Rita Woods RIP

Sunday 11 May 2025

09:30 First Eucharist Mass (live-streamed)

Ashley Blaize Birthday RIP

Prayers For the First Communicants, their families and catechists

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 12 May 2025 - Feria

09:30 Mary Mother of Jesus (FM)

Tuesday 13 May 2025 - Feria

09:30 Flora O'Brien RIP

20:00 Mass for new Catholics

Wednesday 14 May 2025 - St. Matthias, Apostle

09:30 Alphonse Williams RIP Anniversary (live-streamed)

Thursday 15 May 2025 - St. John Stone, Priest & Martyr

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 16 May 2025 - St Simon Stock, Priest

09:30 Kathleen Garvey RIP

Saturday 17 May 2025 - Feria

10:30 Theresa Bryan RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ©

Safeguarding Sunday

Saturday 17 May 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 11 May 2025

09:30 First Eucharist Thanksgiving Mass

For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass

Please support our priests of the future with a gift today

Priest Training Fund

Good Shepherd Sunday



Scan the QR code to donate or via:
rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF



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Registered Charity Number 1173050

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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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

