



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

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C) DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH ST WILLIAM OF YORK, BISHOP, FEAST DAY 8 June 2025

Dear Parishioners

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ and is the divine Person who spreads in the world the possibility of imitating Christ, giving Christ to the world and making him live in us.

At Pentecost the church was born, when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. They needed the great advocate and comforter to live their calling and fulfil their mission.

The mission is what made them the special and help to create and grow the Church. It's what makes us the Church. We too are called for the same mission. A mission that must always be exercised with mercy and joy, which are the characteristics of Christ. We join our prayer with the apostles and all Christians who followed them, and pray "Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful!" Amen



Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 2:1-11, Romans 8:8-17, John 14:15-16, 23b-26

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Today's readings reflect the joy and happiness of the Apostles and Early Church at the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles at a time when they were still in hiding for fear of being captured and executed by the Jews. Nobody could blame them for behaving in this way.

What follows is truly wonderful and inspirational for all of us. By receiving the Holy Spirit they were changed and fearlessly went out and preached the Gospel that Jesus had taught them to people of many nations in their own languages.

In our time the Sacrament of Confirmation gives us the Gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in our Faith Journey. The second reading emphasises and assures us of this.

Finally, let us remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit is there for us in our lives and will help us, if asked, to do what is right as followers of Jesus Christ.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Proverbs 8:22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

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.



As we come together to celebrate Father Gregory's 50th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday 15th June, we would greatly appreciate your contributions of food and drink, home made or shop bought to share and be enjoyed by all.

Please write on the form in Narthex what you may be bringing and for how many people so the Refreshment team can plan for the event. Many thanks

Please add your messages of Congratulations to Fr Gregory on the Golden Jubilee cards you will find in the Narthex. Thank you

IMPORTANT - EMAIL SCAM IN FR HABTE'S NAME - A number of our parishioners have reported receiving an email scam in Fr Habte's name. It is essential to emphasise :

- Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
- Double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.
- Never share personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

If any parishioners encounter these emails, please report them as spam and inform Fr Habte or Mary in the parish office immediately.

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DAY FOR LIFE - 15 JUNE 2025

"Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year, it will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday, the 15th of June. The faithful are invited to join in prayer and promotion of the Day. [On the 15th of June we will also hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund](#). Every year, the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants, to organisations that which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death, in various ways. This has made a significant impact in local communities of England and Wales, by for example, providing mothers and children with necessary means. This is possible if it was not for your generous support to the fund, we therefore invite you to give as much as you can and encourage others to do so. You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the Day for Life 2025 poster in our church, or online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website, where you will find out more on the Fund. "cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

ASSISTED SUICIDE - UPCOMING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

In light of the forthcoming debates and Third Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which are expected on [13 and 20 June](#), Archbishop John Sherrington, the lead bishop for life issues, has issued a statement [CLICK HERE TO READ](#).

Our own Archbishop John kindly asks that this statement be shared in our parishes and that the faithful be encouraged to contact their MPs ahead of this significant vote.

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.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON - INVITATION 30th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

As you may recall, I was unable to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Ordination publicly due to the Covid restrictions in place at the time. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood, and I would like to warmly invite you to join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving at St George's Cathedral on **Friday 25 July at 7pm**, followed by a Reception in Amigo Hall.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

SECOND COLLECTION - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - THIS WEEKEND

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.

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 parishioners.

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.



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. WILLIAM
of YORK

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Geraldine Bell RIP

Funeral at St William of York on Tuesday 10 June at 10.30am
(please note no 9.30am Mass)

William Julien RIP

Funeral at St William of York on Tuesday 17 June at 10.30am
(please note no 9.30am Mass)

Hannah Salfarlie RIP

(Mother of Mary-Jo & Jacob Da Costa)

Rogelio Navarette RIP

(Brother of Delia Childs)

Annette Foley RIP

(Daughter of long-standing parishioners Mary & Patrick Foley RIP)

**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**

MASS ATTENDEES

24/25 May - TBA 29 May - 83 31 May/1 June - 248

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 12 June 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 14 June 9:15 am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 15 June 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Saturday 21 June 2pm	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church



PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

Day of Prayer for the Church

St. William of York, Bishop, Feast Day

Saturday 7 June 2025

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 8 June 2025

10:30 Tony Frisoli RIP 5th Anniversary

Monday 9 June 2025 - Mary, Mother of the Church

09:30 Nadia Blackbyrne wellbeing

Tuesday 10 June 2025 - Feria

10:30 Funeral of Geraldine Bell RIP

Wednesday 11 June 2025 - St. Barnabas, Apostle

09:30 Margaret Healy RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 12 June 2025 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 13 June 2025 - St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

09:30 John Hailstone RIP

Saturday 14 June 2025 - Feria

10:30 Holy Souls

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)

Saturday 14 June 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 15 June 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Thanksgiving Fr Gregory Griffiths Golden Jubilee

Please access the live-streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/>

(FM)=Foundation Mass



This year we celebrate
Day for Life on Sunday,
15 June. The theme is:
*Hope does not
Disappoint: Finding
meaning in Suffering.*

Find out more



SCAN ME

Use your smartphone
to scan the QR code
to visit the **Day for Life**
section on the Bishops'
Conference website.

Explore the **theme** and
message for the day,
make a **secure online
donation** to support our
pro-life work, join us in
prayer, and more.



Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BX



PROSPECTS AND HOPE FOR THE PAPACY OF LEO XIV

Speakers:

**HE the Papal Nuncio,
Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia**

Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski,
*Apostolic Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy
of the Holy Family of London*

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest,
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street

Fr Anthony Furlong IC, Parish Priest,
Church of St Etheldreda's, Ely Place

Mary Maxwell,

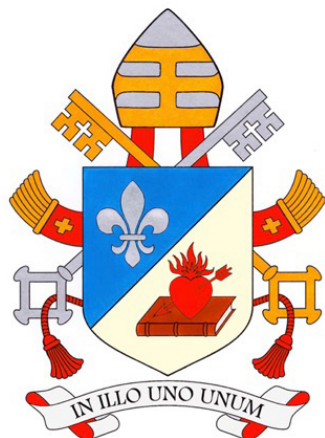
Honorary Secretary, Friends of the Holy Father
**Medieval Crypt of St Etheldreda's Church,
14 Ely Place, Holborn, EC1N 6RY**
*Nearest tube stations: Farringdon or Chancery Lane.
The church cannot be seen from Charterhouse Street.
Therefore walk down Ely Place and turn left at
Mountford Barrister's Chambers, 13 Ely Place.*

Friday 20th June 2025 6pm - 9pm

Conference Fee £35 Including folder of Conference documents.

Please book by sending your name and address to:

Anthony Weaver, Retreats Beyond Dover, 19 G Peabody, Wild Street,
Covent Garden, London WC2B 4BQ Tel: 020 7379 7273 email: retreatsdover@gmail.com
Bank payment to: NatWest account: 69134162 Sort Code: 56 00 20



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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



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



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

DATES

26 June - 28 June

Exhibition: 19 June - 7 July

VISIT

stgeorgescathedral.org.uk