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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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

17 AUGUST 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

24 AUGUST 2025

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10, Hebrews 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - What is this? Jesus came to bring peace and harmony, to perfect the unity of society and families. How is it then that he can here say exactly the opposite? And without apology! There is no, 'I am afraid there may sometimes be disagreements in the family'. Rather, 'I have come to bring disagreements in the family'. To make things worse, in Judaism the family is the basic unit which sticks together through thick and thin. Any Jew will be thoroughly shocked by this passage. We have seen repeatedly that Jesus' statements are often fierce and extreme: 'If your hand causes you to fall, cut it off'; 'Let the dead bury their dead'. Elsewhere he says 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven' – and the traditional let-out clause that he is talking about a small gate in Jerusalem is simply wrong; there was no such gate! Jesus is teaching that the most sacred earthly ties are less important than loyalty to the Lord.



He chooses the family as an example deliberately because it is so sacred and important, but even so, following Jesus who leads us into all truth is more important still. *What are the hardest circumstances in which you have to make decisions for or against the demands of Jesus?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

THERESA WYSE would like to say a Big Thank You to Fr Habte and everyone who was able to join in her 90th Birthday celebrations last Sunday. She thoroughly enjoyed the day and feels so blessed to have received such wonderful wishes.

STEWARDS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Many of our regular ministers will be on holiday during the summer period so it will be greatly appreciated if you are able to offer assistance as required at your regular Mass times. Thank you.

LIVE-STREAMING Please note we will be unable to live-stream during August, we will resume live-streaming in September after the holidays.

MARRIAGE HELP -

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ArchCert)

A life changing opportunity! Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately? The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Please speak to Fr Habte if you are interested in this course

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Mary Clancy RIP

Funeral at St William of York on Monday 1 September at 11.30am

Frederick Charles Dodd RIP

(father-in-law of Barbara Dodd)

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

MASS ATTENDEES

26/27 July - 237 2/3 August - 193 9/10 August - 231

SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY 25 AUGUST - Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026 - SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025 6PM

If your child is in Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on Sunday 2 November 2025 at 6pm.

The preparation sessions will commence in January 2026.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 30 August 4.30pm	Be Well Hub Drop-in	Cafe York
Saturday 18 or 25 October	Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	TBA

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 engament to enhace social connection and improve well-being.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Isaiah 66:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -The Gospel reading makes a point which is directly opposite to one found in the first reading. There the inhabitants of distant lands will come to draw salvation from Jerusalem. This is repeated in the Gospel, but the daunting corollary is also given to those nearer home and who are expecting to find their way into the heavenly city easily: don't sit back in complacent contentment that you have been called, or you may find the door slammed in your face. Matthew 7:21-23 has the same warning: it is not enough to keep calling out, 'Lord, Lord!' without actually doing the will of the Father. There is also the similar, more developed teaching in the parable of the wedding attendants - five who are wise with oil in their lamps, and five who are unprepared for the wedding feast. They too vainly cry, 'Lord, Lord!' from outside the door. Today's Gospel almost forms the centre-piece of the instructions to the disciples as they make their way with Jesus up to Jerusalem and to his Passion and Death. There is no cheap way to salvation: each disciple must take up the cross behind Jesus and follow to the end of the road. This teaching is the more striking in Luke, who stresses that both Jews and Gentiles will take part in the festival *Are we complacent? How do we best journey on the road of salvation?*

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In September, we will have a few spaces for new members who are turning 6 to join our Beaver Colony. Check out our website <http://www.12thforesthill.scoutsonline.co.uk/> and get on the waiting list now.

Adults - if you have a skill you could share with us, please get in touch. We all love learning. Could you be one of our volunteers with Beavers, Cubs or even our new Scout Troop we'll like to open in October? Get in touch if you would like to find out more ahesketh@12thswoy scouts.org

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists. This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR on Saturday 20 September 2025 at 10am finishing with Mass at 4pm <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/day-for-catechists-2025>



SEASON OF CREATION - 1 Sept – 4 Oct 2025

The *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, celebrated on 1 September, is the official start of the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

The theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. It was released on the Memorial of the First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church on 30 June 2025.

The tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be celebrated on Monday, 1 September 2025.

This Jubilee Year also marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* that focuses on 'Care for our Common Home'.

PRAYER FOR CREATION

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you with all your creatures
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.
In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of You.
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit,
who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor
of the earth are crying out.

You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 16 August 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 17 August 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Rogelio Navarette RIP

Monday 18 August 2025 - Feria

09:30 Frederick Charles Dodd RIP

Tuesday 19 August 2025 - Feria

09:30 Gretta Lowney RIP

Wednesday 20 August 2025 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Margaret Harley Wellbeing

Thursday 21 August 2025 - St. Pius X, Pope

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 22 August 2025 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Edmund & Christine Murphy (FM)

Saturday 23 August 2025 - Feria

10:30 Pierre Dacoury-Tabley RIP Anniversary
& Henriette Flottes de Pouzols RIP Anniversary

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18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 24 August 2025

09:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

(FM)=Foundation Mass



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Sunday 24 August 2025

09:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 - Feria

10:30 May O'Brien RIP

Tuesday 26 August 2025 - Feria

09:30 Frances Ellis (FM)

Wednesday 27 August 2025 - St Monica

09:30 Holy Souls

Thursday 28 August 2025 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 29 August 2025 - The Passion of St John the Baptist

09:30 Gretta Lowney RIP

Saturday 30 August 2025 - Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs

10:30 Holy Souls

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 30 August 2025

18:00 Giovanni & Lucia Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 31 August 2025

09:30 Ruth Brereton RIP 17th Anniversary

11:30 For the Parishioners

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