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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

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
21 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Dear Parishioners

At the beginning of October, twenty-four children of our parish will be starting their journey to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This is part of our children's ongoing journey in faith. Parents and carers are the best of teachers in their children's journey by both encouraging and supporting them during this year of preparation. This year our children and catechists will be accompanied by parents and carers during the sessions. It is our expectation and encouragement that all parents and carers are fully involved.

We will have a welcome Mass on Sunday 5th October 9:30am, our liturgy will be fully animated by our children.

As usual this ongoing journey in faith involves the Parish Community, therefore I ask your prayer for our catechists, children, parents and carers.

God Bless
Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This parable can be deeply disquieting if we take it as an allegory, that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality. We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds! No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'. A lot more thought often goes into how to make money than into how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that skill and imagination is needed in using it to live justly here on earth and to prepare ourselves for life in heaven. The full brilliance of the story is even more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money. *Is there anything in your life which prevents you from fully serving God?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Amos 6:1a, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SECOND COLLECTION : This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization. Many thanks in advance for your support.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Quisqueya (Qiqi) Santana La Rosa. Congratulations to Qiqi and her parents Mica and Steven from all at St William of York and welcome Qiqi to our parish family.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 26 SEPT

The Honor Oak WI is proud to run again a Coffee Morning in support of all people living with cancer. in Cafe York -Friday 26th September from 9am to 2pm.



Please come and bring a friend to help such a worthy cause. We'll have plenty of home made cakes, jam, marmalade and more.

ANNUAL SERVICE FOR HOPE AND HEALING - Wednesday 24 Sept at 6.30pm

“Archbishop John Wilson and the Safeguarding team, invite all our parishioners to join us on the 24th September 2025 6.30pm, for the Service for Hope and Healing, for all those that have been harmed by abuse. The service is to express the archdiocese’s commitment to all those that have been harmed, their family and friends and to come together as a community and demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed. “

ART GROUP - Do you feel inspired by the way our church is decorated to celebrate festivals and seasons of the Church's year?

Would you like to be involved in planning and putting this into action? We need all sorts of talents - artists and designers, but also anyone handy with a pair of scissors, stapler and pritt stick, or good at shinning up a ladder!

Please come and join the Art Group to share ideas and plan ahead over tea and cake on **Tuesday 30th September. at 8.00pm in Cafe York.**

If you want to know more please talk to Maureen Swift - 0776 5428299

DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

- There are two formation days coming up for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese. On Saturday 18th October at St Stephen’s Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, DA16 3QL. or Saturday 25th October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY. Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 2.30pm. Please send an email to Mary at the parish office at foresthill@rcaos.org.uk to confirm the day you will be attending.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Sylvia Swift RIP

(mother of Peter Swift)

Funeral at St John's Church, St John's Rd, Farnborough
Thursday 9 October at 1.30pm

George Okello RIP

(younger brother of Aloysius Ojok Okello)

Andrew Wellman RIP

(brother-in-law of Theresa Wellman)

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

30/31 August - 230 6/7 September - 318 13/14 September - 324

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 21 Sep 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Wednesday 24 Sept 6.30pm	Service of Hope & Healing	St George's Cathedral
Thursday 25 Sep 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 26 Sept 9am-2pm	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Cafe York
Tuesday 30 Sept 8pm	Art Group Meeting	Cafe York
Friday 3 Oct 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 18 or 25 October	Day of Retreat for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers	Please see poster and register via Mary
Sunday 2 Nov 6pm	Confirmation Programme 2026 Meeting for parents/candidates years 9 & 10 and above	Church

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026 - Sunday 2 November 6pm If your child is in Year 9, 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.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

Saturday 20 September 2025

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 21 September 2025

09:30 Adrian & Matthew McGurran RIP

11:30 Children of Aberfan

Monday 22 September 2025 - Feria

09:30 Jerviane & Charles Edwards Private Intentions

Tuesday 23 September 2025 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest

09:30 Simone Sede Gnahoua RIP Anniversary

Wednesday 24 September 2025 - Our Lady of Walsingham

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

Thursday 25 September 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 26 September 2025 - Feria

09:30 Mary Orieso RIP

Saturday 27 September 2025 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

10:30 Margaret Wilson (FM)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Saturday 27 September 2025

18:00 Harry O'Brien RIP

Sunday 28 September 2025


09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Emmanuela Irihari & David Irihari Wellbeing


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

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

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A service of
**HOPE &
HEALING**
for those that have been harmed by abuse

You are warmly invited to the
Archdiocese of Southwark's
Annual service for Healing and Hope
for those that have been harmed by abuse,
led by Archbishop John Wilson
Date 24th September 2025
Time 6.30pm
Venue St George's Cathedral SE1 7HY



An invitation to Building a better Marriage

A day in which married couples can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married.



**Saturday, 4th October 2025 at
Holy Cross, 208 Sangley Rd,
Catford, SE6 2JS**

9.30am till 4.30pm



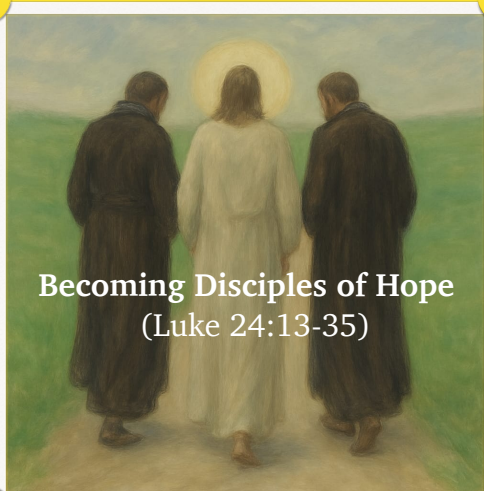
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Contact:- Carole Batty

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Becoming Disciples of Hope
(Luke 24:13-35)



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DAY OF RETREAT
for **Lectors & Extraordinary**
Ministers of the Eucharist
Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark

Saturday 18 October 2025

Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich
Saint Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, Kent, DA16 3QL

Saturday 25 October 2025

Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth
Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, London, SW162HY

Please, register via you own parish at: evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk

Deadline: Monday 29 September 2025

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

09:30: Tea and Coffee

10:00 - 1040: **Welcome & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** by Canon Victor Darlington,
Episcopal Vicar, Southeast

10.45am: **Discipleship of Hope** - Canon Edward Perera, Dean of Bexley

11.30am: Q&A

11.45am: Break

12 noon: **Virtual Missionary; How the Church can thrive in the digital space** - Father Antony
Megan Sellam, Dean of Lewisham

12.45pm: Q&A

1pm: Lunch - Bring your own packed lunch

1.30pm: **Liturgy of Witness** - Father Stephen Wymer, Dean of Bromley

2.15pm: Q&A

2.30pm: Mass

18th October Homily - Father Richard Plunkett, Dean of Greenwich

25th October Homily - Father Valentine Erhahon, Dean of Lambeth

Music: Father Bartłomiej Dudek, Dean of Camberwell

Free webinar — register now!

We welcome **all** to join the Archdiocese of Southwark's **Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion** for a timely webinar exploring how cultural and ethnic identities can be celebrated within our parishes.

Held in October (the month dedicated to Our Lady) — this webinar offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect, share and entrust our work to Mary's intercession.


What to expect:

- ✓ Reflections on the Archdiocese's ongoing story of inclusion, plus real stories from parishes
- ✓ A lively panel discussion with clergy and parish/chaplaincy reps
- ✓ Practical tools and next steps for your parish/ministry



For more information contact:

 caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk

 **07521 425400**



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to register for **free!**



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