



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
28 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 next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) IN OUR PARISH**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, The Church welcomes new enquirers who would like to have a conversation about the journey of faith that inspires all our lives. A new programme will begin again in October, our first session will start on Tuesday 7th October at 7:45pm in the lower hall, so we invite any member of our Parish community who is interested in finding out more about our faith. This is a joyous journey of exploration that we invite you to share in.



God Bless  
Fr Habte

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and the poor man who departed this life around the same time. The rich man had ignored the plight of the poor man at his gate while they were on this earth, but in eternity their situations were reversed. After suffering on this earth, the poor man was comforted, but the rich man, who had lived in comfort, was experiencing the pain felt by those whom he could have helped, had he but cared. Persisting in his self-centredness, the rich man asks first that the one whose poverty he had ignored be sent to soothe his pain and then that he be sent back to earth to warn his brothers: both requests are rejected. Jesus tells us that Moses and the prophets provide all the advice we need on how to find joy in eternity: God revealing Himself in the Old Testament. The parable ends with the assertion that, even if someone were to rise from the dead, those who indulge themselves, disregarding God's messengers, will not change their ways. Ultimately, this is fulfilled in Jesus' own death and resurrection: the New Testament, confirming God's generous love for every one of us, a stumbling block for the self-centred, but a firm foundation for those who seek to serve God, especially in caring for others.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10





**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Valentino Misle-Paredes & Francesco Bergamaschi. Congratulations to Valentino and his parents Stephany and Vicson and Francesco and his parents Lucia and Ambrogio from all at St William of York and welcome Valentino and Francesco to our parish family.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS PILGRIMAGE TO FAVERSHAM**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of September, the Eucharistic Ministers made their jubilee year of hope pilgrimage to the national shrine of St Jude in Faversham.

Pilgrimage is a journey to a special place of significance, with some intention in mind. We started the day by offering Mass in our parish church reflecting on pilgrimage and hope, we took all our intentions and the intentions of our community in our pilgrimage.

A heartfelt thank you to all the who have worked hard in our organising this Pilgrimage and all those who joined us. Your participation and support helped make the event even more special and meaningful.



**CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** - A new Diocesan Instruction is now in place whereby school forms will no longer need to be signed by the Parish Priest. All new school applications will only require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, signed by Fr Habte, which can be used for multiple schools.

In order to facilitate this process, please collect a yellow priest reference form from Fr Habte after Mass this weekend if you will be applying for your child to attend a Catholic secondary school this year. Please post the completed form through the presbytery letter box at 4 Brockley Park together with your contact details and [copy](#) Baptism certificate if your child was NOT baptised at St William of York by **Sunday 18th October 2025**.

Fr Habte will contact you if he has any points to discuss and will let you know in good time when your child's Certificate of Catholic Practice may be collected .

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

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

**FAMILY & WELCOME MASS** - Our next Family & Welcome Mass for our First Eucharist families will be at 9.30am on Sunday 5 October We hope to see many families at that Mass.

**SAFEGUARDING REMINDER** - Parents/Carers please accompany your children at all times when the using the parish toilet facilities. Thank you

**RECONCILIATION SESSION 1** - We are pleased to advise our First Reconciliation and Eucharist session will commence on Sunday 5 October at 2.30pm in the church.

**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](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) to confirm the day you will be attending.



**SHARING YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP** - The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis are hosting a Sharing Your Faith Workshop on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am-3:30pm at Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Eltham Well Hall. This one day workshop aims to explore what it means to share our Catholic Faith. There will be practical tips and plenty of opportunities for discussion. For more details, including how to register, please see poster at the end of the newsletter or in the Church. Any questions, please email [evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk)

**“HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS - is this for you?** The chaplaincy at Lewisham Hospital is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to visit patients on the wards, and a training course is due to start in mid-October. If you are interested in knowing more, please email Rev Emmanuel at [ekormi@nhs.net](mailto:ekormi@nhs.net), or call the Chaplaincy on 020 8836 6831. Gwen Chiosso from St Stephen’s parish in Welling has written an article about her experience at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich, which can be found here: <http://www.saintstephens.co.uk/blog/hospital-chaplaincy>

**HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER** - For collaboration between different religious traditions Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Please note our next Youth Group Meeting will run on Friday 3 October 6-8pm. All welcome.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025** - Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God’s abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers “signs of hope” in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré’s in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.



Alternatively, you can scan the QR code which will take you to a CAFOD virtual envelope where you can make your donation

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)

**Joan Ander RIP**

(mother of Jackie Bishop)

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**

6/7 September - 318    13/14 September - 324    20/21 September - 281

**PARISH DIARY**

Tuesday 30 Sept 8pm	Art Group Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 2 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 3 Oct	CAFOD Family Fast Day	
Friday 3 Oct 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Sunday 5 Oct 2.30pm	Reconciliation Session 1	Church
Tuesday 7 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA 1st Session	Lower Hall
Saturday 18 or 25 October	Day of Retreat for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers	Please see poster and register via Mary parish office
Sunday 2 Nov 6pm	Confirmation Programme 2026 Meeting for parents/candidates years 9, 10 and above	Church



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**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

**Monday 29 September 2025 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

**09:30** The Gillian Family (FM)

**Tuesday 30 September 2025 - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** Barry Wyse welfare

**Wednesday 1 October 2025 - St. Thérèse of the child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** Anne Orieso Birthday Thanksgiving

**Thursday 2 October 2025 - The Holy Guardian Angels**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

**Friday 3 October 2025 - Feria**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

**09:30** Ron Howell RIP Birthday

**Saturday 4 October 2025 - St Francis of Assisi**

**10:30** Viviane Charles family special intention

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

**Rosary Sunday**

**Saturday 4 October 2025**

**18:00** Tonino Del Guercio RIP

**Sunday 5 October 2025**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP

Please note we will be unable to live-stream Masses during October.  
Apologies for any inconvenience.



Early  
World

Patriarchs

Egypt  
& Exodus

Desert  
Wanderings

Conquest  
& Judges

Royal  
Kingdom

# The Bible Timeline Course

12 Time Periods, One Story

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Kingdom

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Maccabean  
Revolt

Messianic  
Fulfilment

The  
Church

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# SHARING YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP

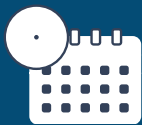
## IS THIS DAY FOR ME?

**A one day workshop exploring what it means to Share our Catholic Faith and why we can all do it. We will cover practical tips and have plenty of opportunities for discussion and practice with small groups.**

## WORKSHOPS

**Some of the topics covered:**

**The necessity of prayer | What does it mean to Share Your Faith?  
The Thresholds of Conversion | Using Scripture in Evangelisation  
Practical skills for Sharing Your Faith with different people |  
What is good about the Good News? | Plus many more**



**SAT 11TH  
OCTOBER  
2025**

**Arrivals: 10:00am**

**Morning session:**

**10:30am–12:15pm**

**Afternoon session:**

**1:00pm–3:30pm**

**Bring your own lunch,  
refreshments  
provided.**



**Ss John Fisher &  
Thomas More,  
Eltham Well Hall**

**Parish Centre,  
Ss John Fisher and  
Thomas More Catholic  
Church, Arbroath Rd,  
London SE9 6RR**



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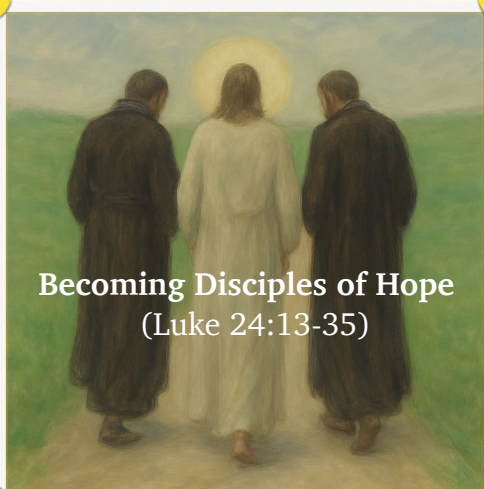


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**[evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk)**



**Agency for Evangelisation  
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ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK**



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



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**SOUTHWARK**

## 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](mailto: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 Megalan 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](mailto:caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk)

 07521 425400

Scan the QR code  
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