



**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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
7 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome back our Parish families after the summer holidays and pray for those starting school/college/university for the first time or returning for the new academic year.

I hope all members of the school community are well rested, refreshed and ready for the new school year. I would like to welcome all our Students, teachers and staff of our school who will be started the new academic year this week. Our school is at the centre of our parish life in many ways. Preparing and forming the next generation in the many aspects of their life. May they have a fruitful, and successful year.

God Bless

Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Wisdom 9:13-18b, Philemon 9b-10, 12-17,
Luke 14:25-33

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - In this challenging Gospel, Jesus is inviting us to be wholehearted about our faith; to love our God even more than we love the things and people that we hold closest to our heart. It's a call to follow the Gospel values of serving the common good, even when it costs us, or our relationships.

There isn't anything intrinsically good about the pain or exhaustion of carrying a cross. But Jesus asks us to carry our cross because prioritising someone else's needs is an act of love, and may mean that we miss out, are uncomfortable or tired. A greater love.

Jesus asks us to work at our faith so that we can be strong in testing times. We have daily opportunities to listen, give thanks, and love generously. Living our faith actively helps us to step up if the going gets tough, and to continue to choose faith, hope and love. Paradoxically our cross sometimes feels lighter when we focus on lifting other people up. But when our cross does feel heavy, we can draw strength from our faith and God's love.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Numbers 21:4b-9, Philippians 2:6-11,
John 3:13-17

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation -

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

SEASON OF CREATION - 1 September – 4 October 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.

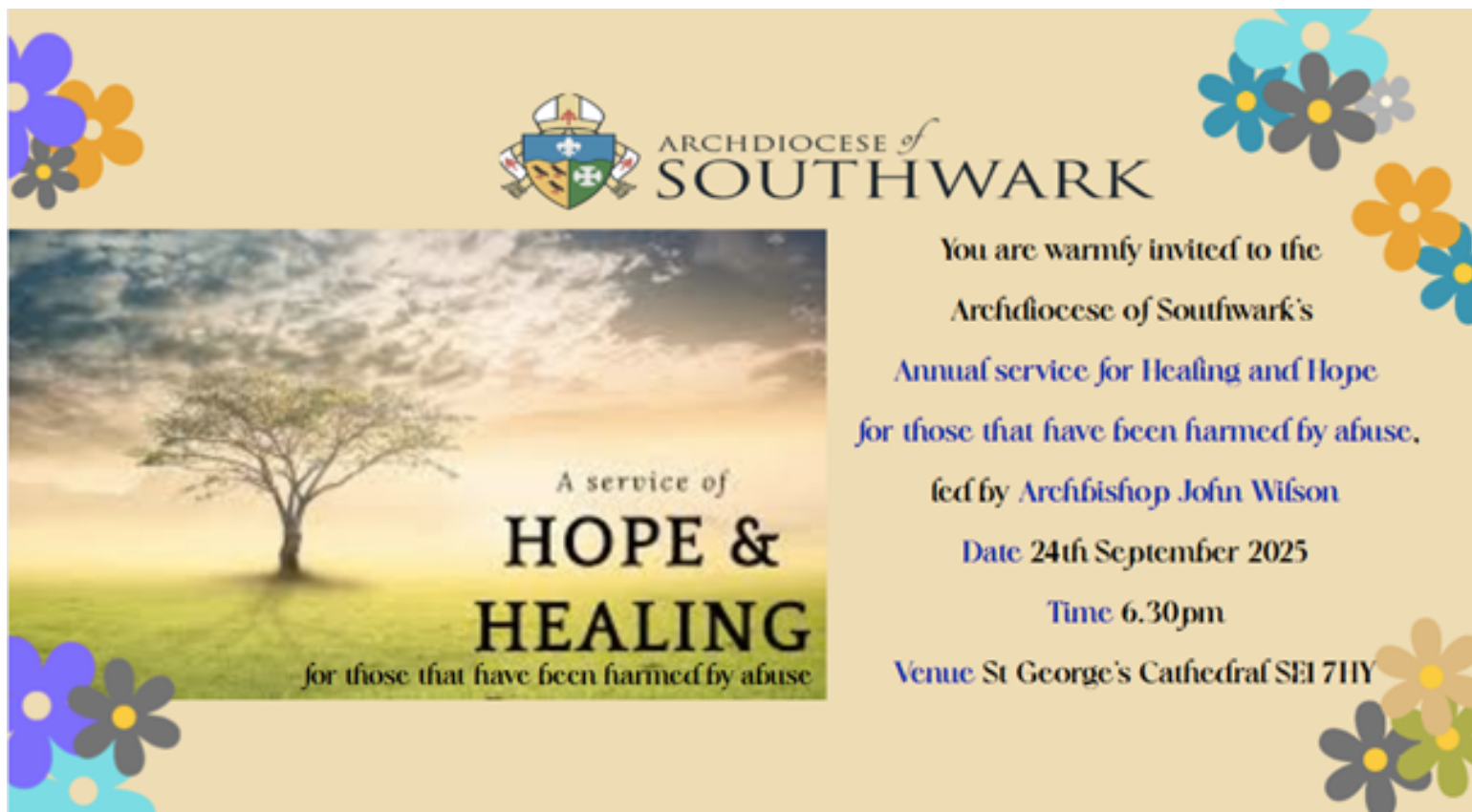
Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.


ARCHDIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Saturday 20 Sept 10am

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>

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. “



 ARCHDIOCESE of
SOUTHWARK

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

FREE WALKING TOUR OF THE CITY OF LONDON -

Sunday 21st September starting at 10.30am.

This is not suitable for children. Please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - Saturday 18 October or Saturday 25 October.

Please see poster for details and register via Mary @ foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

MARRIAGE HELP -

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

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.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE DAY - Sat 4th October 2025 9.30am – 4.30pm

Treat yourselves to some time together! This day, held at Holy Cross, 208 Sangley Rd, Catford, SE6 2JS, a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course. Booking is essential – please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727

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

EDUCATION SUNDAY- 14 SEPTEMBER

Education Sunday is marked this year on 14 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2025 is "The Son of Man must be lifted up" taken from St John's Gospel (John 3:13-17). [READ MORE](#)

EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Sylvia Swift RIP
(mother of Peter Swift)

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her
souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen

MASS ATTENDEES

16/17 August - 215 23/24 August - 192 30/31 August - 230

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 11 Sep 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 20 Sep 10.00 am	Archdiocesan Day for Catechists	Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral
Sunday 21 Sep 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Wed 24 Sept 6.30pm	Service of Hope & Healing	St George's Cathedral
Saturday 18 or 25 October	Day of Retreat for Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	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

JULY 2025

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,810.84
Donations for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) - £586.00

Donations for Holy Souls - £116.16

Donations for Poor Box - £265.27

Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £80.00

From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,318.00

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:

Account name: RCAS Forest Hill, Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

Thank you for your continued support
Please gift aid where possible



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SEASON OF CREATION

Saturday 6 September 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 7 September 2025

09:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Monday 8 September 2025 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Anne Orieso Thanksgiving to God

Tuesday 9 September 2025 - Feria

09:30 Nancy Willis RIP

Wednesday 10 September 2025 - Feria

09:30 Rita Mellon RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 11 September 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 12 September 2025 - Feria

09:30 Sylvia Swift RIP

Saturday 13 September 2025 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10:30 Connie Mulchinock RIP

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C)

Education Day

Saturday 13 September 2025

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 14 September 2025

09:30 Peter Healy RIP 1st Anniversary

11:30 Michael Spencer RIP

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

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass

PRESENTED BY **CHRISTOPHER WEST** MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

ONE NIGHT ONLY!!!



THE WELL

AN EVENING OF BEAUTY, REFLECTION, AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The heart burns with a mysterious thirst; THE WELL is an invitation to quench that thirst. THE WELL engages the imagination and the senses with live music by Mike Mangione and the dynamic presentation of Christopher West, for a revival like you've never experienced before. Come, all who are thirsty, come to THE WELL!

SEP 11, 2025
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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CATHEDRAL

LAMBETH ROAD,
LONDON SE1 6HR



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Agency for Evangelisation
and Catechesis
ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK





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



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

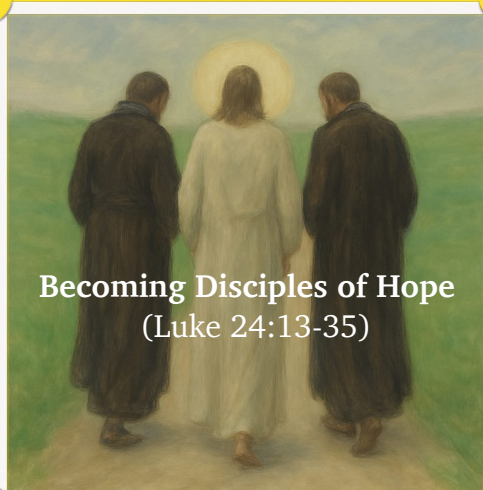
Contact:- Carole Batty

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Marriage & Family Life Team RC Archdiocese of Southwark



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



ARCHDIOCESE *of*
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

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