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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 12 OCTOBER 2025

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Living with leprosy was utterly isolating and devastating. Small wonder then, that the Samaritan was overjoyed at the total turnaround of being healed and allowed back into the community, responding by praising God and thanking Jesus.

If we sometimes take the blessings in our lives for granted, this Gospel story inspires us to praise God in our prayer, showing our appreciation and gratitude.

The Samaritan leper invites us to make opportunities to thank those who make our home, work, social or faith communities supportive, welcoming and joyful.

The hero of this Gospel is the foreigner, the outsider, who not only teaches us gratitude, but also demonstrates a wholehearted appreciation of God's healing and transformative love. In an increasingly hostile environment for migrants, can we focus on what we can learn from their experiences, and what they can teach us?

Jesus reaches out to reduce the isolation of people living on the margins, seeing each of them not as a stranger to be feared, but someone to be embraced again. He recognises their faith, and responds by building their trust in humanity.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

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 Kenneth 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 we will let you know in good time when your child's Certificate of Catholic Practice may be collected.

WOOLY HATS FOR SEAFARERS - Would you like to show your appreciation to a seafarer? Stella Maris is a charity we support as a parish and we hear a little about their work every summer when the annual appeal is made. They give all sorts of practical support to the seafarers who leave their homes and families to work on ships to bring food and all sorts of goods to our shores.



One of the things Stella Maris provide is woolly hats – which are very much in demand by seafarers arriving in the depths of winter. Our Christmas project for this year is woolly hats – and we are starting early to give you plenty time to get busy. Please take a leaflet or download a copy [HERE](#) to find out how you can contribute. There is yarn and needles available for anyone to take. Knitted, crocheted and shop bought hats are all welcome! Just make sure they are a nice snug fit to stay on amid storm and tempest! Talk to Maureen Swift if you want to know more (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.

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.

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.

BEREAVEMENT TALK, Saturday 15th November 2pm-3pm On Saturday 15 November we will be hosting representatives from St Christopher's Hospice who will be talking to us about bereavement support. It will be a workshop that will encourage conversation and provide theory around what grief is, the confidence to talk about it and some tips on management of grief whether the loss be recent or a decades ago.

This will be the start of a programme of talks on Bereavement.

If you are interested in attending this talk please write your name down on the sheet in the Narthex along with your telephone number and or email

MASS ATTENDEES

20/21 September - 281 27/28 September - 343 5/6 October - 333

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 16 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 18 or 25 October	Day of Retreat for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers	Please see poster and register via Mary parish office
Sunday 19 October 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Tuesday 21 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA 2nd Session	Lower Hall
Sunday 2 Nov 6pm	Confirmation Programme 2026 Meeting for parents/candidates years 9, 10 and above	Church
Saturday 15 Nov 2pm	Bereavement Talk	Cafe York

PLEASE NOTE THE CANCELLATION OF THE 10.30AM MASS & CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY

18 OCTOBER - As Fr Kenneth will be accompanying our 1st Reconciliation & Eucharist group, families and catechists to a Pilgrimage at St George's Cathedral.

Please remember the group in your prayers.

'MISSIONARIES OF HOPE AMONG ALL PEOPLES

Next Sunday 19 October is World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.





TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Saturday 11 October 2025

18:00 Tim Ryan RIP

Sunday 12 October 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 13 October 2025 -St. Edward the Confessor, King

09:30 John Ryan RIP

Tuesday 14 October 2025 - Feria

09:30 Sylvia Swift RIP

Wednesday 15 October 2025 - St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

09:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

Thursday 16 October 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 17 October 2025 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

09:30 Timmy Ryan RIP

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

World Mission Day

Day of Prayer for the evangelization of the world

Saturday 18 October 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 19 October 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Ida Gladys Snuggs RIP

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass

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:

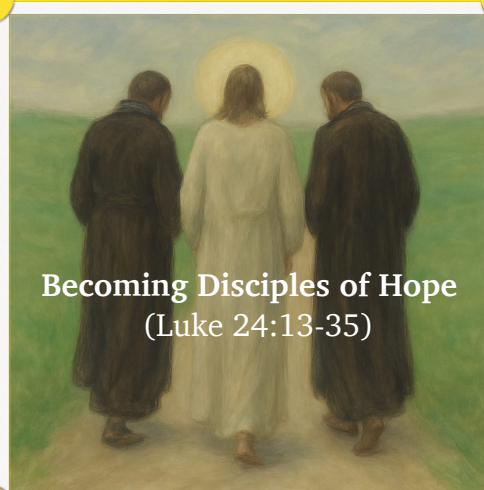
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Scan the QR code
to register for **free!**



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES



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

SAVE THE DATE!

SOUTH LONDON ASSEMBLY



Where? St George's Catholic Cathedral, SE1 7HY

When? 21 October, 6:30 to 8:30 PM.



Why?

Join hundreds of leaders from across South London to celebrate progress on commitments around **HOUSING, LIVING WAGE** and **MIGRANT JUSTICE** and push NHS and local authority decision-makers to go further.



To get a **YES** on the commitments that matter to our communities,
We need YOU.