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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

19 OCTOBER 2025

World Mission Sunday

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Today's Gospel is about faith and prayer. Jesus tells us a parable about an unjust judge who is nagged into giving a just verdict by a widow. If an unjust judge responds to nagging we should be supremely confident that our loving Father will hear our prayer. But Jesus's final line is the key to unlocking the parable - "when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth".

By concluding this parable with this line Jesus is telling us that our prayer can't be an act of nagging but a dialogue of faith, a conversation of love and trust.

Throughout his life prayer was at the heart of Jesus' ministry - it energised, calmed and nourished him. Jesus is constantly described as being at prayer, especially before key moments like his baptism and passion.

Jesus' life of prayer offers a model for us and this parable gives us Jesus' own insight into his experience of prayer. Prayer grows our faith and faith deepens our prayer, Prayer is to faith as breathing is to life. And if God doesn't seem to be answering, we must not be put off. It may be that silence contains an answer. We must never stop praying.

JD



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Sirach 35:15b-17,20-22b, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

'MISSIONARIES OF HOPE AMONG ALL PEOPLES

Today is World Mission Sunday, Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, 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 for your generosity.



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 19th 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 .

FAMILY MASSES - The next 2 family masses will be held on Sunday 9 November and Sunday 7 December at 9.30am. If your child or young person would like to be involved in either (or both) please let us know - foresthilfamilymass@rcaos.org.uk Thank you and best wishes,
Family Mass team: Tope and Jon



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 -

Saturday 25th October, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY. The day 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 you will be attending.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS - We have now received diaries for 2026 and will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by email to Mary foresthill@rcaos.org.uk via telephone 020 8690 4549 or envelope to the presbytery.

Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account:- Bank: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437 Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Your surname/Gift Aid no. Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church> or the QR code (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website) Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.



If you would like Mass to be offered for your intention on a particular date (e.g. anniversary) please try to request it well in advance as we are seeing a significant increase in the number of Mass intention requests.

If you wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.

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.

SEEKING FACILITATORS - The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: October 31st 2025

ROOTED IN LOVE - an opportunity for married and engaged couples

Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a monthly online meeting where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. Gathering monthly on Zoom Thursdays: 30 October at 8:30pm, 27 November at 8:30pm, 11 December at 8:30pm

Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

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

27/28 September - 343 5/6 October - 333 12/13 October - 250

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 19 October 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Church Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 21 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA 2nd Session	Lower Hall
Thursday 23 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 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
Monday 3 Nov 7.30pm	Baptism Course 1	Lower Hall
Monday 10 Nov 7.30pm	Baptism Course 2	Lower Hall
Saturday 15 Nov 2pm	Bereavement Talk	Cafe York

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.

REMINDER - CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY 26 OCT AT 2AM



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

Monday 20 October 2025 - Feria

09:30 Charles Edwards RIP Birthday

Tuesday 21 October 2025 - Feria

09:30 Grace Udefuna RIP

Wednesday 22 October 2025 - Feria

09:30 Bertha Vigo-Sanchez (Peru) RIP

Thursday 23 October 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 24 October 2025 - Feria

09:30 Bob Hall RIP

Saturday 25 October 2025 - Feria

10:30 In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary (FM)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 25 October 2025

18:00 Pietro Battista RIP

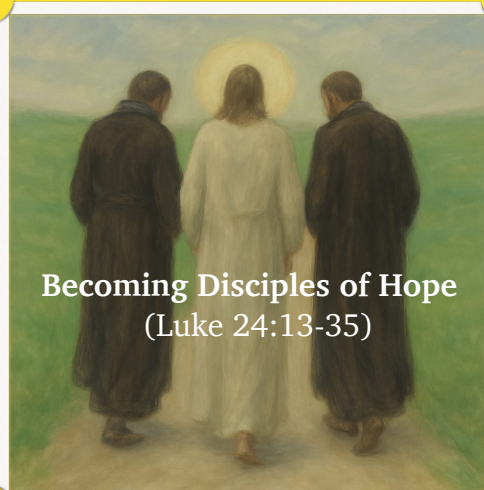
Sunday 26 October 2025

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Children of Aberfan

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass



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.