



**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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

23 NOVEMBER 2025

World Youth Sunday

Dear Parishioners

This weekend, on the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate World Youth Sunday, "this day is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, enable the youth ministry and parish community to celebrate young people and affirm the contribution of young people in the Church and those who work with them"

In these months of October and November we are celebrating the 1st year since we started our parish Youth Ministry with a new organisation and fresh volunteer youth ministers.

Here at SWOY Parish our youth group is made up of a group of young people and adolescents who meet once a month in our parish centre. The Youth Group welcomes teenagers, encouraging them to share current issues, experience service, and seek answers to the typical questions of this age group, enlightened by faith in Christ Jesus.



The group has its own specific activities always aiming for the human and spiritual growth of each individual as well as a group journey.

The Youth Group welcomes young people who are preparing for the sacrament of confirmation and after the Sacrament of Confirmation, wish to continue their journey of human and Christian growth.

I am grateful for all those who are involved in this ministry and their generous dedication to accompany our youth in their journey.

God Bless

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -2 Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -As he dies on the cross, Jesus is jeered and mocked, he is stripped and killed. National and faith leaders laugh at him. A hostile crowd watches.

In this context the fact that anyone recognises and acknowledges Jesus as a King is astounding. But a solitary voice is perceptive and brave enough to the truth behind the mocking inscription over Jesus' head calling him the "King of the Jews". One voice alone sees Jesus as a King arriving triumphantly into his Kingdom. But the prophet who recognises Jesus as a King is a convicted criminal, an acknowledged sinner. It is this outcast who is welcomed into the Kingdom.

Today's Gospel tells us everything we need to know about today's feast of Christ the King. It tells us about the Kingship of Christ – unspeakable suffering showing the power and glory of God, which is infinite love. And it tells us about the vocation of the church – a community of dearly loved sinners who dare to recognise Jesus as their King and are welcomed into his Kingdom. JD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14a, Matthew 24:37-44

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 - SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

There will be a second collection to support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth and young adults across the Archdiocese.



- For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code.



Our next parish Youth Group meeting will be on Friday the 5th of December from 6-8pm in the upper hall. We welcome our young people. Come and join us for an evening of Christmas themed fun and games.



GIFT SUNDAY - As usual, we'll be collecting gifts again this year to pass on to local charities for their Christmas appeals. Gifts will go to the Salvation Army appeal and Christmas food items will be donated to the local food bank. **We will be collecting gifts at all masses next weekend, 29-30 November, and during the following week until the weekend of 6-7 December.** This year, we are asking for donations of

Toys or gift vouchers for children and teenagers, unwrapped

Small Christmas food and other items - e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, crackers

THANK YOU - The family of Vivienne Lake would like to thank parishioners for the kind condolences we have received. The many cards and letters sent to Brian have been a great comfort to him. Many thanks also to those who attended Vivienne's funeral last week. We are grateful to the music group and for the prayers and the flowers that helped create such a special atmosphere. Thank you and God bless. With best wishes, Gudrun

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION - Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit>



and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future.

As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

Festive GNOCCHI COOKING EVENT

Join us for a cosy Christmas cooking afternoon!

Saturday 6th December
From 12 to 3PM

Come along for a warm and friendly
afternoon of cooking, laughter and
connection!

Learn how to make delicious
homemade Gnocchi-then enjoy
sharing it together.

No experience needed-just come
along to enjoy the company and
the Christmas atmosphere.

Everyone welcome!



When: Saturday 6th December
from 12 to 3PM



Where: St William Of York
Church Hall



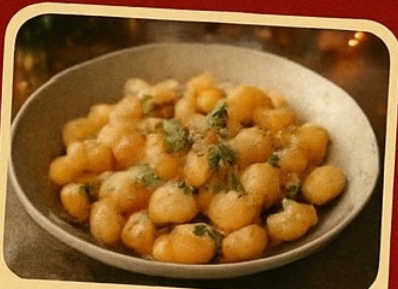
Hosted by: The Be Well Hub Team



Nice company



Learn new skills



Festive food & fun

NEXT SUNDAY WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT that has a twofold character. It is a time of preparation for Christmas, when Christ's first coming is remembered and it is also a time to direct mind and heart to await his Second Coming. Advent is, therefore, a time of devout and joyful expectation. Collect an Advent leaflet from the Narthex this weekend or download a copy [HERE](#). You'll find ideas and suggestions about how to celebrate Advent at home and prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus at Christmas.



ART GROUP - The Art Group are getting ready for Advent and Christmas over the coming weeks. You are welcome to come and join us - no special skills needed and tea and biscuits are provided! Or if you would like advice or just company while you knit a woolly hat -come along to Cafe York:- Sat 29th Nov @ 11.00, Tues 9th Dec @ 10.00am.

SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING ADVENT WILL BE FOR THE HOMELESS
Please give generously! THANK YOU.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE - Our Carol Service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 4.00pm followed by refreshments in the school hall. Come and enjoy this great celebration for everyone.

STEWARDS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES - In order to plan and arrange the Christmas Masses once again this year we need the help of stewards. The more stewards we have the easier it is during this busy festive season. Please contact Mary if you will be able to assist. foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or 020 8690 4540
Thank you

OCTOBER 2025

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,795.44
Donations for CAFOD Family Fast Day - £780.42
Donations for World Mission Sunday - £732.70
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund- £80.00
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,343.00

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

HOLY SOULS - In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. I encourage you to have Masses said in our parish for those of your relatives and friends who have died. On the tables in the narthex there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Alternatively you can post your envelopes through the presbytery letter box. Mass offerings for Holy Souls may also be via the contactless device or via our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church> or QR code. Thank you



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Eilish Brophy RIP

a parishioner for over 30 years who sadly died this week

Francis Michael Judge RIP

Jean Claire Judge RIP

Francis passed away in August last year and Jean passed away on 29th Oct 25.

Jean's funeral is on Monday 24th November at Wealden Crematorium at 11.00am.

Jean and Francis were active members of the parish when they met in the late 50's until they moved away from the area in the 90's. They married at SWOY in April 1961.

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

1/2 November - 265 8/9 November - 359 15/16 November -305

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 27 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 29 Nov 11.00am	Art Group	Cafe York
Tuesday 2 Dec 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Friday 5 Dec 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 6 Dec 12-3pm	BeWell Hub Team Festive Gnocchi Cooking event	Upper Hall
Sunday 7 Dec 12.30pm	SWOY School Christmas Fair	School

2026 SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY - Please use the link below to access the 2026 Southwark directory which includes the Diocesan Calendar, Parishes, Mass times, Priests, Schools, Societies, Holy Days of Obligation and other useful information.

[2026 Southwark Directory](#)

Please note we will have one Sunday Mass at 10.30am on the First Sunday of Advent on 30th November 2025



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World Youth Sunday

Saturday 22 November 2025

18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 23 November 2025

09:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 24 November 2025 - Sts. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

09:30 Christine Kitchen RIP

Tuesday 25 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Forgotton Souls

Wednesday 26 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Alphonse Williams RIP & Owenia Williams RIP Birthday (live-streamed)

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Thursday 27 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 28 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Teresa Torres RIP

Saturday 29 November 2025 - Feria

10:30 Martin Farrell wellbeing

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Saturday 29 November 2025

18:00 Valerie Mason RIP

Sunday 30 November 2025

10:30 Sylvia Swift RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page
www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass



SWOYSA

CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER



Buy a Tree. Grow Our School!
High-Quality Norman Firs
at great prices - order
yours today!



3-4ft
£35



4-5ft
£40



5-6ft
£45



6-7ft
£55

7-8ft
£65

Orders can be sent via your class reps or emailed to
SWOYSA1@GMAIL.COM

Payments should be made via Bank Transfer to
SWOYSA 60-13-10 42042658

Tree sale profits directly support SWOYSA, which
this year is dedicated to improving the playground
and raising money for philosophy lessons

Orders should be placed no later than Monday 24th November.
Trees can be collected Sunday 7th December.