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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

**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (C)
9 NOVEMBER 2025**

Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which is the Cathedral of Rome. We remember its consecration and dedication to the most Holy saviour and Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. In earlier centuries the Pope lived at the Lateran Palace and not St. Peter Basilica. Therefore, it is the mother church of all the churches in the Catholic world, even when the Pope moved to the Vatican, the Cathedral of Rome remained at St. John Lateran. This feast honours it as the mother church and mother Cathedral of the world.

The Liturgy reminds us that we are The True "temple of God" founded in the rock, that is Christ, through baptism and other Sacraments. Today we renew our commitment to live in the knowledge of being the body of Christ, a Holy temple of God.

God Bless
Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17, John 2:13-22

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -In this passage we see Jesus true humanity where we see him losing his temper like us which we rarely see. This shows us that in specific situations it may be the right thing to do if it teaches others a better way to conduct themselves. Jesus's anger is not against the selling of animals or money changing itself, as these services were sometimes necessary. His anger stems from the corruption surrounding these practices. The market was exploiting people with inflated prices and unfair exchange rates for money, driven by the greed of the priests who profited from renting out the space. The market was located in the Court of the Gentiles, which was the only place where non-Jews could pray but the commercial activity obstructed their ability to worship. Jesus called the Temple "my Father's house," emphasising its holiness and his divine connection which highlights his love of God, reverence of the Temple and his passion for God's honour. It helps us to look at our motivation and how we use our places of worship. The leaders demanded a sign to legitimise Jesus's actions, which was a challenge to his authority. Jesus's response, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," was a direct prophecy but the leaders misunderstood, believing he was talking about the physical temple, which had taken 46 years to build and was not complete. He is the new and true temple, which will be replaced by his resurrected body.

The incident and Jesus's prophecy are seen as a fulfilment of scripture in Psalm 69:9: 'For zeal for your house has consumed me'

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2024. Every gift is welcome.

Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal
or:

- Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.



Thank you for your generosity of heart.

CEMETERY BLESSING in Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025. We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm with a hymn, led by the Bromley Concert Band. HNHJ

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:-.**

Tuesday 11th Nov @ 10.00am, Tuesday 18th Nov @ 10.00am

Sat 22nd Nov @ 11.00am, Sat 29th Nov @ 11.00, Tues 9th Dec @ 10.00am

BEREAVEMENT TALK, Saturday 15th November 2-3pm 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.

Grief and Loss

Saturday 15th November 2025

Cafe York, 2-3pm

St Christopher's Hospice will lead a conversation on grief and loss and the different ways people process it.

An overview of what St Christopher's can offer will be shared along with the what St William of York can do to support people in the Parish.

You are invited to join us for Afternoon Tea afterwards, 3-4.30pm



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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.

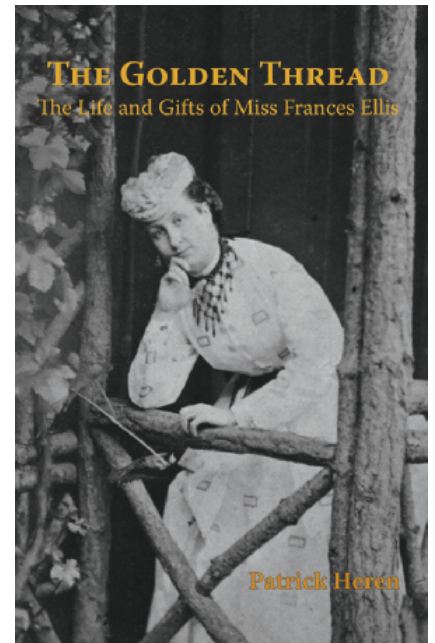
THE GOLDEN THREAD - THE LIFE OF MISS FRANCES ELLIS-
MON 10 NOV 7.30PM -

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Zoom Meeting ID: 851 0594 9294 Passcode: 268160

William King, the secretary of the The English Catholic History Association will be holding an online talk for its members on the life of Frances Ellis, the Edwardian Philanthropist and founder of Churches. ***As you know St William of York church is one of those that Frances Ellis financed.*** An invitation has been given to all parishioners of SWOY to attend the online talk via Zoom.

The speaker will be Patrick Heron, who published a biography of Frances Ellis last year.



REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER AT 8.00

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of parishioners who have died in the last year on **Wednesday 19 November at 8.00pm**, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. I would like to invite all parishioners to join us and their families in prayer

HOLY SOULS - In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls.

Monday 3 November is All Souls Day as we remember our beloved dead. 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



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.



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MASS ATTENDEES

18/19 October - 280 25/26 October - 272 2/3 November - 265

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 9 Nov 2.15pm	Cemetery Blessing	Hither Green Cemetery
Sunday 9 Nov 2.45pm	1st Reconciliation Session 2	Church
Monday 10 Nov 7.30pm	Baptism Course 2	Cafe York
Tuesday 11 Nov 10.00am	Art Group	Cafe York
Thursday 12 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 15 Nov 2pm	Bereavement Talk	Cafe York
Saturday 15 Nov 4.40pm-5.45pm	Social Meeting - Confirmation Group	Upper Hall
Sunday 16 Nov 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Wednesday 19 Nov 8pm	Remembrance Mass	Church

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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Saturday 8 November 2025

18:00 Tracy Holme RIP 1st Anniversary

Sunday 9 November 2025

09:30 Family Mass

Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Theresa Wyse Blessings

Monday 10 November 2025 - St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Annie Maguire RIP

Tuesday 11 November 2025 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

09:30 David Irihari Elie Fidele Birthday

Wednesday 12 November 2025 - St. Josephat, Bishop & Martyr

11:30 Funeral Vivienne Lake RIP

Thursday 13 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 14 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Yvonne Orieso-Owokade Wedding Anniversary

Saturday 15 November 2025 - Feria

10:30 John Barber RIP

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 15 November 2025

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 16 November 2025

09:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Maximillian & Margaret Theseira 60th Wedding Anniversary

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

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