



**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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

16 NOVEMBER 2025

World Day of the Poor

Dear Parishioners

On Saturday 25 October, Peter Julien received the Ministry of Acolyte from Archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral. This is an important milestone on the path to ordained ministry and the final instituted ministry before his planned Diaconate ordination in the latter part of 2026.

The Church entrusts the acolyte with a stable ministry of service at the altar. Peter is now formally commissioned to assist the priest and deacon during Mass, to prepare and care for the sacred vessels, and to support the reverent celebration of the Eucharist. Instituted acolytes should also assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the housebound whenever needed.

This ministry is not simply a set of new responsibilities. It carries a deeper spiritual meaning: the Church invites the acolyte to grow in love for the Eucharist, in attentiveness to the needs of the community, and in a spirit of humble service.



It marks a step forward in Peter's formation as he prepares to take up the pastoral, liturgical, and charitable responsibilities of a Permanent Deacon.

Please join me in congratulating Peter and let us continue to keep him and his family in our prayers in his formation years towards ordination.

God Bless

Fr Habte



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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - In our Gospel today Jesus advises us not to be distracted by people predicting the end of the world! Focusing on Gospel stories and connecting with our faith is more likely to inspire us to bring hope and healing to people living in challenging situations. Yes our global news is dominated by conflicts, storms, floods, famine and disease. But Jesus tells us not to be terrified. This Sunday's gospel is not designed to add to the negative effect of any doom scrolling but to remind us that God cares for every hair on our head and will help us find the right words and act with wisdom in times of adversity. God's love is encouragement to be supportive of our fellow citizens of the world, even when it feels scary to stand up for justice for all.

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



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Xavier Isaiah Curylo. Congratulations to Xavier and his parents Marsha and Dawid from all at St William of York and welcome Xavier to our parish family.

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 18th Nov @ 10.00am Sat 22nd Nov @ 11.00am, Sat 29th Nov @ 11.00, Tues 9th Dec @ 10.00am**

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



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, followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

I would like to invite all parishioners to join us and their families in prayer

MARGARET DOUGLAS

GERALDINE BELL

EILEEN O'CONNOR

WILLIAM JULIEN

PHYLLIS GEORGE

REBECCA GOODE

BISHOP JOHN HINE

HANNAH SALFARLIE

JOSEPH THOMAS

ROGELIO NAVARETTE

MILTON OLWA OKELLO

ANNETTE FOLEY

MARGARET MURRAY

LUIGI SCALA

CARMELA DE PALMA

KATHLEEN FLANAGAN

GIANNI ORNATO

MARY CLANCY

ALFRED B. NICHOLAS

FREDERICK CHARLES DODD

ANNA SENIOR

JOHN O'MAHONY

TREVOR WHEELAN

SYLVIA SWIFT

APPUDURAI IMMANUEL SATTIARAJAH

GEORGE OKELLO

MAX COWELL

ANDREW WELLMAN

WILLIAM WATERS

JOAN ANDERS

ROSINA (ROSE) TERRY

VIVIENNE LAKE

JOSEPHINE O'HARA

BOB WHITE

MARGARET HEALY

CYNTHIA SARANGABANI

MARIE McMORROW

MANUEL VASQUEZ

CANON LEO MOONEY

MGR CANON JOHN O'TOOLE

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

ANTHONY ACQUAH

MAY THEY ALL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

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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#REDWEDNESDAY

Please join us for our special annual Holy Mass

Wednesday 19 November

St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY

Holy Mass: 6:00pm - Reception: 7:30pm

Come together for prayer, music, light and hope.

Presentation of ACN's 'Courage to be Christian' Award.

Celebrant: The Right Rev Nicholas Hudson
Bishop - Elect of Plymouth.

Homily: Canon Victor Darlington
Episcopal Vicar for Archdiocese of Southwark, South East area

Book at: acnuk.org/redwednesday **Email:** events@acnuk.org

Book here



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Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Cynthia Sarangabani RIP

Please remember Cynthia's family and friends in your prayers

Funeral at St William of York on Tuesday 18 November at 11.00am

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

MASS ATTENDEES

25/26 October - 272 2/3 November - 265 8/9 November - TBA

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 16 Nov 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Tuesday 18 Nov 10.00am	Art Group	Cafe York
Tuesday 18 Nov 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Wednesday 19 Nov 8pm	Remembrance Mass	Church
Thursday 20 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 Sunday (23 November) The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

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.

FRANCIS ELLIS PRESENTATION - For those who may have missed the presentation earlier this week, it can be viewed on Youtube via this link: <https://youtu.be/Bdb6tHebGR8?si=DYWMGpMqOTbktHL2>

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



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

World Day of the Poor

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

Monday 17 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Garvey & O'Connor Families RIP

Tuesday 18 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Emma Morgan-Jones RIP

11:00 **Funeral of Cynthia Sarangabani RIP**

Wednesday 19 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Frances Ellis (live-streamed)

20:00 **Remembrance Mass** (live-streamed)

For all our loved ones who have died in the last year

Thursday 20 November 2025 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 21 November 2025 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Sylvester Orieso RIP

Saturday 22 November 2025 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

10:30 Holy Souls

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

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

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

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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.