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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 occasion)

**Reconciliations** - Saturdays 11-12 noon

**Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

First & last Friday of the month after Mass

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

**1 February 2026**

**Racial Justice Day**

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12a

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - This Gospel is a familiar passage known as The Beatitudes which comes from the Sermon on the Mount. Each phrase begins 'Happy are they' or 'Blessed are they' with each 'Blessed' talking to a different group of people. In modern society difficult situations are often seen in a negative way with no hope for the future and people may not be able to see past their difficulties which may lead to mental health conditions. As Christians our faith gives us reassurance that there is hope for the future. Jesus message gives us a reason to have faith in the knowledge that whatever difficulties we face God will always be with us which helps us to stay positive. When difficulties arise we can put our trust in God and turn to him in prayer. LBr.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS-

Isaiah 58:6-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16



**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Sienna Honey Louise Ibbetson. Congratulations to Sienna and her parents Jade and Ben from all at St William of York and welcome Sienna to our parish family.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 1 February 2026** - Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am.

Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride. If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags.

After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion. You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>

**We will have a second collection to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.**

### **2026 HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - CAKE SALE 1 FEBRUARY**

One of our young parishioners and stewards, Madalena Fernandez, will be taking part in the 2026 HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage at Easter. She will be volunteering to support a group of disabled children and vulnerable adults. In order to give them this experience, Madalena and her friends from Coloma Convent School will be holding a fundraising cake sale after the **9.30am Mass on Sunday 1 February**. If you can't make it to the cake sale, then donations are welcome using the QR code with your camera phone. Many thanks



**THE YOUTH GROUP** will resume on Friday 6th of February at the usual time of 6–8pm. We look forward to seeing you there for fun, games and chat!

**SERVERS' TRAINING** - There will be training sessions for current servers on Saturday 7th February. Servers have been contacted about this, but please email [swoy.altarserving@gmail.com](mailto:swoy.altarserving@gmail.com) if you haven't heard from us. We also plan to have a training session for new servers in March, for those children who want to start serving. Dates and times will be confirmed soon.

## FINANCES - DECEMBER 2025

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,971.73  
Donations for Fr Habte's Christmas Offering - £5,558.98  
Donations for the Advent Homeless Fund - £2,408.49  
Donations for Christmas Flowers - £69.04  
Donations for Crib Offering - £230.24  
Donations for the Families in Need Fund - £356.98  
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,565.00

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

## ADVENT HOMELESS COLLECTION

Donations have been sent to The Passage, The Manna Society & Shelter.  
Thank you very much for your generosity

## AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: A CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS RESOURCE.

The Archdiocese has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable you to use them. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: [rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist](http://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist)



**BAPTISM** Baptism of babies and young children of parent/s who live in and/or worship regularly at St William of York is celebrated by arrangement. Preparation for baptism by the parent/s is a requirement and involves attending a course over two evenings, following which a date and time for Baptism can be arranged with Fr Habte.

**GETTING MARRIED** At least six months notice needs to be given for marriages whether they are taking place at St William of York or elsewhere to allow sufficient time for the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation. Please speak to Fr Habte in the first instance.

## Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

**Albert Nweze RIP**

**Barbara Przyszlakowska RIP**

Barbara used to regularly attend Mass at SWOY when we facilitated a Polish Service. She moved to Devon 5 years ago to a local Polish home to be with a local community

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**

10/11 January - 319 - 17/18 January -340 -24/25 January - 282

### **PARISH DIARY**

Sunday 1 February 2.45pm	Eucharist Session 1	Church
Tuesday 3 February 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 5 February 8pm	Singers practice	Church
Friday 6 February 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Sunday 8 February 6pm	Confirmation Session 3 Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Tuesday 10 February 7.45pm	RCIA Session - The Sacrament of Eucharist	Lower Hall

### **POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES in FEBRUARY**

**Mass will start at 10.00AM on Saturday 7 February.**

**We will have one Sunday Mass at 10.30am on 22 February, the First Sunday of Lent.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Racial Justice Day

**Saturday 31 January 2026**

**18:00** Paul O'Brien RIP

**Sunday 1 February 2026**

**09:30** Family Mass

For the Parishioners

**11:30** Vivienne Lake RIP (live-streamed)

**Monday 2 February 2026 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**St. Brigid of Kildaire**

**09:30** Christine & Pat Kitchen RIP

**Tuesday 3 February 2026 - St. Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop**

**09:30** Anthony Acquah RIP

**Wednesday 4 February 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Clemencia Charles RIP Birthday (live-streamed)

**Thursday 5 February 2026 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

**Friday 6 February 2026 - Sts. Paul, Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

**09:30** Christopher Kelly RIP

**Saturday 7 February 2026 - Feria**

**10:00** Frances Ellis (FM)

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

**Day for Victims of Trafficking**

**Saturday 7 February 2026**

**18:00** Eilish Brophy RIP

**Sunday 8 February 2026**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

(FM)=Foundation Mass

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Principal Celebrant:  
Archbishop John Wilson



## Racial Justice Sunday 2026

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 10am

### St George's Cathedral, Southwark

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Justice, Peace & Integrity  
of Creation Commission



Commission for Promoting  
Racial & Cultural Inclusion

 **Caritas**  
Archdiocese of Southwark



# Cabriini Children's Clothes Bank

Volunteer-led free clothes bank  
for newborn to 12 years old

21.01 - 04.02 - 18.02 - 04.03 - 18.03 - 01.04

from 10 till 11:30 am  
At Cabriini Campus - Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

Stay for tea, coffee and a friendly chat

All updates on Instagram  
[@cabriini\\_childrens\\_clothes\\_bank](https://www.instagram.com/cabriini_childrens_clothes_bank)

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