



**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

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**25 January 2026**

**Sunday of the Word of God**

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 9:1b-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -**

Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah about the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, where he starts preaching repentance in preparation for the Kingdom of God. These regions saw the first of the Israelites being sent into exile and now they are the first to hear the Gospel message of salvation: the dawn of a great light.

As he walks by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus invites the fishermen, Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him and become "fishers of men." He further fulfils Isaiah's prophecy by healing all the afflicted who came to him. We are told that those he called left their nets immediately to follow him. May we be as quick to follow him when he shows us his path of repentance and love. Like the disciples, we are called to bring others to Christ, sharing our experience of God's love by what we say and in the way we live our lives.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**- Zephaniah 2:3; 12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31,  
Matthew 5:1-12a



**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Lily Beatrice Ogden. Congratulations to Lily and her parents Rebecca and Joseph from all at St William of York and welcome Lily to our parish family.

### **ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - 2nd Collection this weekend**

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.



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Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY - TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2026**

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2026, 'Bridging Generations', is a call-to-action. A reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future.



### **ST WILLIAM OF YORK BEWELL GROUP**

caring for the needs of our parish community and their friends.

**SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 2026** - This is our first drop in of the New Year. After the hustle and bustle of Christmas and New Year, we are starting the year bringing calm and peace into our lives, our team have invited Brian and Primrose to lead us in a meditation. **The meditation will begin at 4.30pm followed by light refreshments. We will finish by 5.45pm.** Come join us bring a friend or even your spouse. All are welcome. Our drop in sessions are the last Saturday of each month. Other events will be organised during the year, including our leisurely nature walks, grief and loss talks and of course our cooking events. Watch this space."

## 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



## 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](https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist)

**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>

## CABRINI CHILDREN’S CLOTHES BANK

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

10am - 11.30am on 4 Feb, 18 Feb, 4 March, 18 March, 1 April

Cabrini Campus, Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE, Stay for tea, coffee and a friendly chat.

Contact: [cabrini.ccb@gmail.com](mailto:cabrini.ccb@gmail.com)

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE EVENTS IN 2026

1. Building a Better Marriage BABM - a one-day event in different deaneries. 9am - 4.30pm. It's a day where couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to be married.

The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriages better and to improve their communication skills.

There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Booking is essential.

The dates for BABM in 2026 are: March 7 Tonbridge Parish (Tonbridge Wells Deanery) May 23 Wallington (Sutton Deanery), June 13 Hythe (Dover Deanery), October 3 West Norwood (Lambeth Deanery), November 7 Parish TBC (Wandsworth Deanery)

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2. The 2026 Sycamore Growing in Faith together (GIFT):

The Sycamore Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) for married and engaged couples is an ONLINE course, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: married couples to enrich their friendship and love and engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together

The 2026 Sycamore Growing in Faith together (GIFT) dates are:

March 10,17,24,31., May 5,12,19,26. Sept 8,15,22,29

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3. The 2026 dates for 'Rooted in Love' - Growing in Faith Together (GIFT). It's an online monthly meet up to hear a scripture reading and discuss ideas relevant to married Catholic couples / couples where one is RC / or an individual RC spouse meeting once a month for 1 hour at 8.30pm - 9.30pm.

Thursday 26 February, Thursday 26 March

Contact Carole on: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)



**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.

**VACANCY** Lay Chaplain (Part-Time) – Christ the King Sixth Forms  
Christ the King Sixth Forms is seeking an enthusiastic practising Catholic to join our Chaplaincy team in South East London/Kent. You will play a vital role in supporting the spiritual journey, wellbeing, and character development of students aged 16–19 through prayer, liturgy, and pastoral care. This part-time role (25 hours per week, 200 days per year) offers a salary of £19,856 and is ideal for someone with a passion for youth ministry.  
To apply: Please visit [www.ctk.ac.uk/vacancies](http://www.ctk.ac.uk/vacancies) before the closing date of 10am on Monday, 26th January 2026.

### **MASS ATTENDEES**

3/4 January - 193    10/11 January - 319    17/18 January - 338

### **PARISH DIARY**

Sunday 25 Jan 6pm	Confirmation Session 2	Church
Tuesday 27 Jan 7.45pm	RCIA Session - The Sacrament of Confirmation	Lower Hall
Thursday 29 Jan 8pm	Singers practice	Church
Saturday 31 Jan 4.30pm	BeWell Hub Drop in - Meditation and refreshments all welcome	Cafe York
Sunday 1 February 2.45pm	Eucharist Session 1	Church



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

**Albert Nweze RIP**

**John Lynch RIP**

(father of Simon and father-in-law of Sharon Lynch)



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

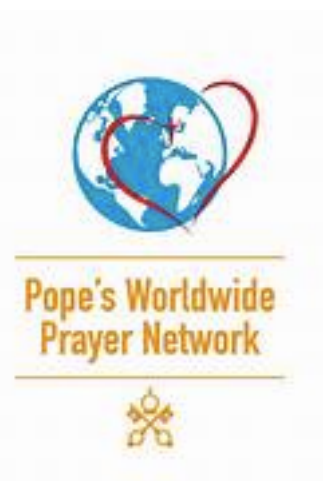
### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2026**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network presents the twelve prayer intentions that the Holy Father entrusts to the Church for the year 2026. These monthly intentions serve as a compass to guide a mission of compassion for the world, inviting the faithful to mobilise in prayer and service for the great challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church.

Each prayer intention is the result of a synodal process of discernment in which the Church from countries all over the world participates. At the end of this process, the Holy Father, after his own prayer, chooses them and offers them to the Church.

The entire Church is invited to embrace these intentions to transform prayer into concrete actions, growing in communion with the Pope in a mission of compassion for the world. "Pray together, change the world"

<https://www.popesprayer.va/the-popes-prayer-intentions-for-2026/>





**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Sunday of the Word of God**

**Saturday 24 January 2026**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 25 January 2026**

**09:30** Carmela De Palma RIP 1st Anniversary

**11:30** Eilish Brophy RIP

**Monday 26 January 2026 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

**09:30** William & Jessie Thorpe (FM)

**Tuesday 27 January 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Winifred Watt (FM)

**Wednesday 28 January 2026 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** John Ogilvie (live-streamed)

**Thursday 29 January 2026 - Feria**

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

**Friday 30 January 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Annette Foley RIP

**Saturday 31 January 2026 - St. John Bosco, Priest**

**10:30** Betty Harvey RIP

**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

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

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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**

**After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall  
for refreshments and conversations!**

**You are warmly encouraged to attend in person,  
but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream  
by scanning the QR code or by using the following link:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgI>**



**Justice, Peace & Integrity  
of Creation Commission**



**Commission for Promoting  
Racial & Cultural Inclusion**

 **Caritas**  
Archdiocese of Southwark





# Cabrini 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 Cabrini Campus - Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

Stay for tea, coffee and a friendly chat

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

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