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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

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**  
**8 February 2026**  
**Day for Victims of Trafficking**

Dear Parishioners

Please see letter of thanks to Deacon Amgad from Canon Victor Darlington:-

**Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast, Archdiocese of Southwark**

*Thank you to Deacon Amgad Gerges.*

*As Episcopal Vicar for the southeast area of our Archdiocese and on behalf of Archbishop John Wilson, I wish to express my deep gratitude—together with that of the parishioners of St William of York—to Deacon Amgad Gerges for his many years of dedicated service to our parish community.*

*We are thankful for his leadership in forming youth groups, organising parish events and pilgrimages, offering catechist training, and serving faithfully as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.*

*We also recognise his commitment to sacramental preparation, pastoral care for families—including refugees—his guidance in prayer and adoration, his ministry at the Ladywell mental health unit, and his contribution to the diocesan diaconate vocational team.*

*We are truly grateful for all he has given to the parish. As he awaits his new assignment, we wish him every blessing for the future.*

*Canon Victor Darlington*

*Archdiocese of Southwark, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast Area; for CARITAS Southwark, Racial & Cultural Inclusion and Justice & Peace, and for Education.*

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 58:6-10,! Corinthians 2:1-5,Matthew 5:13-16

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Our Gospel this weekend reflects Isaiah's wonderful vision of what pleases God set out in the first reading: Values of fairness, ending oppression, helping people to feel free and to live with dignity.

Jesus calls us to be salt for the earth and light for the world. Salt preserves food and brings out the best flavour. So part of being a Christian is bringing out the best in people and caring about their lives.

A light held high illuminates everyone in the area. We are called to take that same inclusive approach - to bring light, not selectively to those we feel comfortable with, but to all on our path.

And Jesus is asking us to be generous not so that people think that we are wonderful, but so that more people can experience, through us, the love and generosity of our God. Citizens, migrants and employees who are treated fairly and nurtured, are more able to show their best self, to respond positively to that love, and often feel inspired to treat others well in turn.

These readings invite us to build God's loving Kingdom, one kind, fair or generous act at a time.

Who would you like to reach out to, so that you can understand them better and shine a light on their gifts and challenges?

MMcD

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**- Sirach 15:15-20, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

## **CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026**

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code.



You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

## **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES - WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:**

This Wednesday, 11 February, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and mark the World Day of the Sick. On this day, we unite our prayers with those of the universal Church for all who are ill, suffering, or caring for the sick. We entrust them especially to the maternal care of Mary, who at Lourdes continues to invite us to prayer, penance, and healing in the heart of her Son, Jesus.

Let us remember in a special way the sick and housebound of our parish, and all healthcare workers who serve with compassion. May Our Lady of Lourdes obtain for them comfort, strength, and the grace to unite their sufferings with the Cross of Christ?

**Visiting the Sick & Housebound:** If you or a loved one in our parish community is sick, elderly, or housebound and unable to join us for Mass, please let us know. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or I would be honoured to visit, pray with you, and bring the Holy Eucharist to your home. You remain a vital part of our parish family, and we are here to offer spiritual support and the comfort of the sacraments. Please contact the parish office so we can arrange a visit. Fr Habte

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

**Ash Wednesday 18 February - Masses at 10.30am and 8pm**

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

## 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 FUND

Donations have been sent to The Passage, The Manna Society & Shelter.

**GIFT AID** - Envelopes for the period April 2026 to April 2027 are now available for collection from the Narthex for those parishioners who are currently using envelopes. Please collect the envelope number that you have been using through 2025 as you leave the church. If you need a reminder of your gift aid number, please contact Mary via the parish office [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or 020 8690 4549. There are also supplies of white gift aid envelopes in the Narthex for one-off donations, second and special collections and for use by visitors to our parish. Please remember to add your gift aid number when using the white envelopes.

Please inform Mary in the parish office if your circumstances change and you are no longer a UK tax payer or if you change your address.

Many thanks for your support to the parish.



## 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.

## PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm**, and again on **Friday 6th** and **Friday 27th March**. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season.

Find out more at: [rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary](http://rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary)

## KINDLY SAVE THE DATE - ART EXHIBITION

"My most ambitious art project, Where Sunsets Gather, will be unveiled at my 6th Art Exhibition on **Saturday, 9th May, 12 noon–5:00 pm**, at the Upper Hall of our Church. The event will also include a book launch to mark my 76th birthday.

Kindly save the date"

Matthew Medupin



**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**

### **Resty Navarette RIP**

Brother of Delia Childs who sadly died this week

### **Ann Howes RIP**

Long standing parishioner and wife of John Howes who sadly died last weekend

**Funeral at St William of York on Tuesday 17 February at 10.30am**

### **Barbara Przyszlakowska RIP**

**Funeral at St William of York on Monday 2 March at 11.00am**

### **Ann Caroline McHale RIP**

**Funeral at St William of York on Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 11.30AM**

### **Albert Nweze RIP**

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**

17/18 January -340 - 24/25 January - 282 - 31 Jan/1 Feb - 363

### **PARISH DIARY**

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
Thursday 12 February 8pm	Singers practice	Church

### **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)





**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

**Monday 9 February 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Private Intention

**Tuesday 10 February 2026 - St. Scholastica, Virgin**

**09:30** Betty Harvey RIP

**Wednesday 11 February 2026 - Our Lady of Lourdes**

**World day for the Sick**

**09:30** Jimmy Browne RIP (live-streamed)

**Thursday 12 February 2026 - Feria**

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

**Friday 13 February 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Oscar Murias RIP

**Saturday 14 February 2026 - Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, patrons of Europe**

**10:30** Gerald Gunasingham RIP

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

**Saturday 14 February 2026**

**18:00** Katie Allen Wellbeing

**Sunday 15 February 2026**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Repose of the Soul of Aiden Youssef 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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# ROMERO ROSARY

5PM  
EVERY  
FRIDAY  
DURING  
LENT



DRAW CLOSER TO THE  
**LORD JESUS** THIS LENT  
BY JOINING US IN  
**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

[rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary](http://rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary)

Archbishop John Wilson will lead  
the rosary on 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March

Location:  
National Shrine of St Oscar Romero  
St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR



# 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)

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



Baptism of babies and young children of parent/s who live in and/or worship