



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. WILLIAM OF YORK

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

1 March 2026

Dear Parishioners

As we continue to journey in the holy season of Lent, a time of renewal that leads us back to the essence of faith. We are invited to a more demanding and at the same time more liberating journey that brings us to interior conversion.

A conversion that touches the heart, opens the gaze, and reawakens our listening. It is the living encounter with Jesus Christ that transforms our relationship with God, with people and God's creation around us.

Pope Leo invites us to fast, that is, to carefully choose what we nourish ourselves with, "What we truly need to grow, to give strength to our journey: in particular, the Pope invites us to fast from the wrong words." He notes that "in a world often defined by digital noise, our greatest sacrifice might be, to fast from hurtful words and "disarm" our language to make room for God.

Let us journey through these forty holy days. Let us be reinvigorated by the Word of God, by taking time to read, ponder, and take part in our scripture reflection evenings and adorations. Let us seek an encounter with the Lord in the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation, let us deepen our

relationship with God in Jesus Christ and try to welcome the Word of God and transmit it as to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God Bless

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Genesis 12:1-4a, 2 Timothy 1:8b-10, Matthew 17:1-9

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Alone with Jesus on a high mountain, Peter, James, and John witnessed him transfigured, his face shining like the sun and his clothes white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared beside him and talked with him. The disciples were in awe and Peter expressed their wonder, asking if he could be allowed to make three shelters for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Then a bright cloud covered them and they heard the voice of God affirming Jesus as His beloved son, "in whom I am well pleased," and telling the disciples, and all of us, to listen to him.

The disciples fell on the ground in terror, the cloud cleared, and they found themselves alone with Jesus, who told them not to be afraid, but also not to mention the vision they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

Jesus by his crucifixion and resurrection brought about the new covenant with God that superseded the old covenant of the Law and the prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah.

God so loves each one of us that He gave his only son as the perfect sacrifice demanded by the Law for the forgiveness of our sins. Like the prodigal son returning to his father, we have only to repent and accept His love. PB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42



FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY -

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and

help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.



We will have a second collection this weekend 28 Feb/1 March.
Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: Fr Habte and the parish RCIA team would like to invite all parishioners to take advantage of the Lenten reflections on Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm-9.00pm co-ordinated by different parish ministries, followed by light refreshments in the lower hall. Our second evening for reflection will be on Tuesday 3 March. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT - There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 10.00am after the morning Mass during Lent.

"24 HOURS FOR THE LORD" This will be marked over two short periods on Friday 13 & Saturday 14 March. We start with 6pm Mass on Friday 13 March, and the church will remain open afterwards for quiet prayer and reflection with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour, finishing with Night Prayer at 11pm. On Saturday 14 March, we have Morning Mass at 10.30am and the church will remain open until 12 noon with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE will be on Wednesday 25 March at 7.30pm with visiting priests. We also have the weekly time of confession every Saturday morning from 11.00am to 12 noon.

LENTEN ALMS - Almsgivings is one of the three pillars of our Lenten practice. Almsgiving is charity towards our neighbour. The parish is thankful for your donations during Lent.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2026 - For disarmament and peace Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S LENTEN REFLECTION: The distressing majesty of the cross. Archbishop John is calling on all in the Archdiocese to join him in prayer and contemplation before the crucified Lord during Lent. Archbishop John said: "I want us to do more than stumble on our Lenten journey. I want us, together, to really contemplate and meditate on the distressing majesty of the cross so that we really can take in what it means for us and our relationship with our God, the Lord Jesus Christ". You can watch his full message at rcaos.org.uk/lent2026.

SOUTHWARK SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENT REFLECTIONS Each day during Lent, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will be sending a reflection to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus. Sign-up at rcaos.org.uk/lentreflections26.



The Beaver Colony is the first and youngest section of the Scout Group. Beaver Scouts are young people aged between 6 and 8 years old. For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

Our parish Scout Group meet on Thursday evenings (term time only) at Lewisham Scouts DHQ on St Germans Road.

We have a few spaces for new members who are turning 6 to join our Beaver Colony. Check out our website <http://www.12thforesthill.scoutsonline.co.uk/> and get on the waiting list now.

Adults - if you have a skill you could share with us, please get in touch. We all love learning. Could you be one of our volunteers with Beavers, Cubs or our Scout Troop which re-opened October? Could you be a group Trustee? Training and support provided.

Get in touch if you would like to find out more ahesketh@12thswyoyscouts.org



Akela/Antonietta Hesketh
Lead Volunteer

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE.

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. [Apply here](#). Applications close on the 6 April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

VACANCY - The Archdiocese of Southwark is hiring a Videographer & Social Media Officer. If you feel called to proclaim Jesus Christ and help others encounter his love, please visit rcaos.org.uk/vacancies to apply. Application deadline: 12 March 2026.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has a [number of upcoming activities](#) for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up to its network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. For queries on youth activities email youth@rcaos.org.uk

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Bola Tesdi RIP

who sadly died recently, her two children attended SWOY School

Barbara Przyszlakowska RIP

Funeral at St William of York on Monday 2 March at 12 noon

Ann Caroline McHale RIP

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

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

14/15 Feb - 243 18 Feb - 246 21/22 Feb - TBA - 202

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 1 March 2.45pm	Eucharist Session 2	Church
Sunday 1 March 6pm	Confirmation Session 4	Church
Monday 2 March 7.30pm	Baptism Session 1	Church Lower hall
Tuesday 3 March 8pm-9pm	RCIA - Lenten Reflection 2 followed by light refreshments	Church Lower hall
Thursday 5 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 6 March 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 7 March 11am	Training for new Altar Servers	Church
Monday 9 March 7.30pm	Baptism Session 2	Cafe York

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS - We welcome all children in Year 4 and above who have celebrated their First Eucharist to join our parish serving team. We'll be running a training session for new servers on Saturday 7th March at 11am. Please email us at swoy.altarserving@gmail.com if your child would like to come along or you want to find out more. You can also just come along on the day but it helps us if we know in advance how many children we'll have. The session will last 1-1.5 hours. There's 10-15 minute talk with parents at the beginning and you can then either stay and wait in church or go and come back at the end.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Saturday 28 February 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 1 March 2026

09:30 Family Mass

Charles Edwards RIP Anniversary

11:30 Brendan Keigher RIP (live-streamed)

Monday 2 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Birthday wishes for a parishioner who celebrated their 70th birthday on 11th February

12:00 Funeral of Barbara Przystlakowska RIP

Tuesday 3 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Jerome & Eileen O'Connor RIP

Wednesday 4 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Mary Stomboli RIP

11:30 Funeral of Ann Caroline McHale RIP

Thursday 5 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 6 March 2026 - Feria

Women's World Day of Prayer

09:30 Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 7 March 2026 - Feria

10:30 Jerviane Edwards Private Intentions

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Saturday 7 March 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 8 March 2026

09:30 Samuel Wyse RIP Anniversary

11:30 Margaret O'Sullivan RIP Anniversary

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass

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

Archbishop John Wilson will lead
the rosary on 6th & 27th 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)



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