



**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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

22 March 2026

Dear Parishioners

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the 9:15am and the 11:30am Mass begins at the school hall, please make sure that you arrive on time. The Vigil Mass at 6:00pm begins with the Palm Sunday Liturgy in the lower hall. So please do try to come early.

With the celebration of Palm Sunday, the solemnity of this sacred time, Holy Week begins, we will be having morning, evening and night prayers, during the week, let us follow through on that experience in the Holy Week ceremonies of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday afternoon and the great Easter Vigil of Saturday night.

God Bless

Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Today's Gospel reading is the seventh and greatest "sign" in St John's Gospel - the raising of Jesus' friend Lazarus from the dead. Each "sign" is a miracle that explains who Jesus really is and how belief in Jesus transforms us.

This miracle shows us that Jesus is God and also a human being: He is God, whose word calls us to life. He tells us that he is "the resurrection and the life". But Jesus is also as a human being who loves and feels real pain: Jesus is deeply moved and cries at his friend's death.

And in this miracle Jesus, our brother and our God, directly challenges us. He not only calls Lazarus to life but calls us out of our tombs - the places where we feel trapped by negativity, sadness, worries and limitations. Like Lazarus he calls us to leave these places to live life in abundance. And as Lazarus is unbound from his grave clothes by his friends as he emerges from the tomb, so we are given the support of our church community, as we are called to new life.

As we look forward to celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus over the next two weeks, we read this story to remind ourselves that the reason that we do this is because we are called to share in Jesus' Easter invitation to new life.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 21:1-11 , Matthew 26:14-27:66

THIS WEEKEND - SECOND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES - This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poor parishes in the Diocese. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: Our final Lenten evening of reflection will be on **Tuesday 24 March at 8.00pm-9.00pm** followed by light refreshments in the lower hall. All welcome.

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.

PALM SUNDAY 29 March - Both Sunday Masses start in the school hall for the procession with palms. Please note the earlier start time of 9.15am.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES - Please take a copy of the Easter Card containing the timetable for Holy Week, Easter Sunday including children's services and beyond up to 11th April or download a copy [HERE](#). This will relieve you from having to make telephone enquiries about the times of Holy Week services.

HOUSEBOUND / NURSING HOMES If you know of a parishioner, who would like Fr. Habte to visit, please let the parish office or Fr. Habte know

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.

CUTE EASTER CHICKS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND - Please buy us... we are cute Easter Chicks, hand knitted with a delicious chocolate egg inside, waiting to come home with you. We cost £3.50 each and all our proceeds go to SWOY. You can pay by cash or use the contactless device in the Narthex. Thanks to our parishioner Kathleen Doyle, who has been busy creating these delightful keepsakes.



EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE - As we approach Easter, please see the yellow Easter Offering envelopes, available in the Narthex, the Finance committee ask you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest at Easter. It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us . If you are going away at Easter, please use the envelope and post it in the letter box of the presbytery whenever you can. For those of you in the gift aid scheme, please write your gift aid number on the Easter offering envelope as the parish will benefit. You may also give via the Contactless device. QR code or via the parish bank account details:- Sort Code 60-50-01 - Account number 79124437 - RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/Easter. Many thanks



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR EASTER FLOWERS: - We will have a second collection for Easter flowers. We ask you to help make our church beautiful for the Triduum and Easter. Something from everyone will make that possible. Thank you in advance.



HOLY WEEK NOTICES

All Holy Week main services will be livestreamed: www.facebook.com/swoyse/live/

Palm Sunday Greenery

Please bring any greenery from your garden and arrive early to share for the procession.

Bells for Gloria on Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil

Everyone is encouraged to bring bells to Mass on Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil to ring during the refrains of the Gloria.

Maundy Thursday Café York

On Maundy Thursday Café York will be open from after Evening Mass until 23:15.

Children's Services

(Please be aware that the adult services are longer than usual)

Palm Sunday 09:15: Mass with Passion suitable for children (note earlier start)

This will include Childrens Liturgy of the Word for Reception-Year 2.

Good Friday 10:30: Service with Good Friday story lasting 30 minutes.

Easter Sunday 09:30: Family Mass

Morning and Evening Prayer during Holy Week

CHURCH

Morning Prayer

09:30 Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Night Prayer

23:30 Maundy Thursday to conclude the time of watching

ZOOM

[Click this link for SWOY Evening Prayer over Zoom](#)

Zoom meeting ID: 813 9177 6863 Password: 061154

Evening Prayer

18:00 Palm Sunday, Mon-Wed,, Good Friday

Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday

Veneration will include some quiet time of quiet reflection in front of the Cross followed by individual veneration for those who wish to.

Retiring Collections on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Maundy Thursday: Lenten Alms

Good Friday: Holy Places

The Good Friday collection supports pastoral, charitable, educational and social works throughout the Holy Land.

Donations

Contactless card reader in Narthex

Scan QR code

In cash

Parish Bank Account

RCAS Forest Hill, Sort code 60-50-01, Account 79124437

Reference: "Lenten Alms" or "Holy Places". Include your name and Gift Aid number



St William of York Be Well

Nature Walk | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Saturday
28 March

An opportunity to walk, talk and get to know your fellow parishoners and others in our local community whilst taking in some nature on your doorstep

Routes:

There will be two routes, both leaving from the Bandstand in Horniman Gardens at 2pm and returning to Café York where refreshments will be available. You can join or leave the walk along any point on the route. Please reach out if you require any support reaching Horniman Gardens.

Short Route (3 miles) – Horniman Gardens > Sydenham Hill Woods > Horniman Gardens > Café York

Long Route (5 miles) – Horniman Gardens > Sydenham Hill Woods > Sydenham Wells Park > Sydenham Hill Woods > Horniman Gardens > Café York



Come prepared:

Please wear suitable footwear for walking and layered clothing appropriate for the conditions.

If it is a warm, sunny day, a bottle of water, a hat, and sunscreen would be advisable.

Please feel free to invite friends and family, all are welcome!

Come together and connect!

Email swoybewellhub@gmail.com with any questions.

MASS ATTENDEES

28 Feb/1 Mar -361 7/8 Mar - 347 14/15 Mar - 365

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 22 March 6pm	Confirmation Session 6	Church
	Parents Meeting	School Hall
Tuesday 24 March 8pm-9pm	RCIA - Lenten Reflection 5 followed by light refreshments	Church Lower hall
Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm	Lenten Penitential Service with visiting priests	Church
Thursday 26 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 28 March 2pm	BeWell Nature Walk	Meet at Horniman Gardens
Saturday 28 March 4pm	BeWell Hub drop-in for refreshments	Cafe York

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.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL - CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL AT 11.30AM - During Holy Week, we celebrate the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral with our Archbishop, bishops, priests, and the faithful of our diocese. During this Mass, the bishop blesses the oils—the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and holy chrism (sacrum chrisma) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. Please join us for this year's Chrism Mass in our Cathedral. Address: Cathedral House, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Saturday 21 March 2026

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 22 March 2026

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Clare Hanrahan RIP

Monday 23 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Teresa Donnelly RIP

Tuesday 24 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Elizabeth Kelly RIP

Wednesday 25 March 2026 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

09:30 Katy Duffy RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 26 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 27 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 John Quilty RIP

Saturday 28 March 2026 - Feria

10:30 Deceased members of the O'Hara & Donnelly Families RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

Saturday 28 March 2026

18:00 John Garvey RIP

Sunday 29 March 2026

09:15 For the Parishioners

11:30 Resty Navarette RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass

REMINDER – SPRING FORWARD

CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY 29 MARCH AT 2AM

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](#)

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