



**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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Laetare Sunday

Remembering especially "Our Mothers"

15 March 2026

Dear Parishioners

This year on Palm Sunday, Palms will be blessed and distributed to remember Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem at all Masses, The Sunday morning Mass will be led by our children and by the school. Please note that it starts from the school Hall in procession at 9:15am.

For the Easter triduum, the Good Friday children's liturgy and Easter Sunday Family Mass, as usual will be led by Children, we need more children to participate in the readings and other activities. If you are going to be here in London during Holy week, please contact the coordinators of Family Mass and Children's liturgy.

This Sunday, we particularly pray that God may dispel darkness and be the light that shines in our hearts and we continue our journey in Lent towards the joy of the glorious resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - In this Gospel the characters are trying to make sense of a life-changing encounter that doesn't fit with their current beliefs. Each has something to teach us.

Like the man who was healed, it takes us time to make sense of our faith and how it relates to our lives. It's honest to admit what we don't understand on the way.

The neighbours came to conflicting opinions about whether the healed man really was the man born blind. Like them, we sometimes are unsure about what to attribute to God, and who to listen to.

Like the man's parents, we may be reluctant to challenge influential people and we might hope someone else will speak up. Yet championing justice is important, when leaders are not "loving our neighbours as ourselves".

The Pharisees saw Jesus as a threat rather than an ally, drawing people to God. This Gospel reminds us that faith communities do not have a monopoly on goodness and to value healing, whoever brings it about.

As we journey together through lent, each encounter is an opportunity to deepen our faith, and open our eyes to life experiences to which we were previously blind.

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

TODAY IS MOTHERING SUNDAY - Let us pray for all spiritual and biological Mothers. It was originally a time when people returned to the church where they were baptised or where they attended services when they were children. That allowed families reunion as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. Now people visit and take gifts to their mothers. Our spiritual and biological Mothers deserve our gratitude; may God bless and protect them always.

Let us also remember in our prayers all those that may find this day difficult.

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 fourth evening for reflection will be on Tuesday 17 March. 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21 to 28 August 2026

A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers.

I have also found it a blessing to be able to accompany and to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled.

Last year, Deacon John Fogarty and I did a short presentation in parishes, which we would be happy to repeat in your parish, if it can be arranged.

Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>

For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera

(edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk)

or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

MASS ATTENDEES

21/22 Feb - 202 28/1 Mar -361 7/8 Mar - 347

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 17 March 8pm-9pm	RCIA - Lenten Reflection 4 followed by light refreshments	Church Lower hall
Thursday 19 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Sunday 22 March 6pm	Confirmation Session 6 Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm	Lenten Penitential Service	Church

NEXT 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.

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK - 12TH-19TH MARCH 2026

As Dementia Prayer week begins, we come together in prayer for those living with dementia, and for their families, friends and carers.

We hold before God those whose memories may fade but who are never forgotten, praying for peace, dignity, and comfort. We also give thanks for carers and healthcare workers whose compassion reflects God's faithful love.

May our shared prayers be a sign of hope and solidarity throughout this week.

A Prayer for Dementia Prayer Week

God of compassion and faithful love,
we place before you all who live with dementia,
those whose memories fade,
whose words come slowly,
whose sense of self feels fragile or lost.

Be close to them, Lord,
in moments of confusion and fear;
surround them with your peace
when the world feels unfamiliar.
Remind them, even when they cannot remember,
that they are known, cherished, and held in your heart.

We pray for families, friends, and carers
who walk this demanding path day by day.
Give them patience when strength is low,
tenderness when weariness takes hold,
and hope when the journey feels overwhelming.
May they sense your presence in small graces
and quiet moments of love.

Bless all who work in care homes, hospitals, and communities.
May their hands bring comfort,
their words bring reassurance,
and their service reflect your dignity and mercy.

God of life,
you remember us always,
even when memory fails.
Hold us all in your abiding love,
today and always. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Laetare Sunday

Mothering Sunday

Saturday 14 March 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 15 March 2026

09:30 Clare & Harry Bedding RIP Anniversary

11:30 Trevor Wheelan RIP 1st Anniversary

Monday 16 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Mary Callaghan Get Well

Tuesday 17 March 2026 - St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

09:30 Deceased members of the Farrell & O'Malley Families RIP

Wednesday 18 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Therese Rider Get Well (live-streamed)

Thursday 19 March 2026 - SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

Friday 20 March 2026 - Feria

09:30 Kim Thompson Get Well

Saturday 21 March 2026 - Feria

10:30 Kay Krauze RIP

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

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
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