



**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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**19 April 2026**

***Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen***

Dear Parishioners

The RCIA journey in faith programme is now back after a brief Easter break, we continue the period of the Catechumenate in the next weeks up to Pentecost, as the Rite of Christian Initiations for Adults says "This is an extended period during which the candidates are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training them in the Christian life" the parish community assumes its responsibility by supporting the candidates in prayer and involvement in Catechising.

I and the RCIA team appreciate the support of parishioners and catechists in this ministry and mission. Please pray for the candidates and enquirers Peter, Justina and Pam. I encourage the parish community to join us during the Tuesday evening sessions we hold weekly. The details of the programme can be found in the newsletter and the parish website

God Bless

Fr Habte

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Acts 2:14,22-23, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION-** The Emmaus story is deeply human, illustrating the power of openness and faith sharing. The disciples were open about their grief over the terrible death of Jesus and how that had dashed their hopes. In sharing their inner struggles with the stranger, they opened themselves to a radically different interpretation of events and of scripture. They also shared what they couldn't make sense of - the women's account that Jesus had risen.

In listening to the stranger they experienced a new understanding of scripture which would change their faith for ever. Offering hospitality led them to recognise Jesus at the breaking of bread.

Their insight and excitement - "Did not our hearts burn within us?" - came after this amazing encounter. They felt moved to share their experiences with the Eleven, building each other's understanding and faith.

We can be confident that the risen Jesus walks with us when we welcome strangers, break bread, look afresh at scripture and share our faith honestly, valuing each other's ideas and experiences.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Acts 2:14a,36-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25, John 10:1-10



**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Leokadia Helena Marysia Mannering. Congratulations to Leokadia and her parents Anastazja and Michael from all at St William of York and welcome Leokadia to our parish family.

**MAINTENANCE OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL - 2ND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 19 APRIL**

St George's Cathedral is the mother church of the diocese. This second collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Many thanks.

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

**11 July, at St George's Cathedral**

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Forest Hill Marriage and Family Life South East, RC Archdiocese of Southwark

### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SUNDAY 26 APRIL** – Support Our Future Priests

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

· Donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)

Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)

Or use the envelopes at the back of church



Leave a lasting legacy to the Church. Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. Find out more: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy). Thank you for your prayers and support.

### **BEWELL UPCOMING EVENTS**

We wish to bring to parishioners attention some events coming up that we would like you to sign up for and attend.

The first is on the Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April we have the Lewisham Citizens Assembly at Beecroft School Brockley 6-8pm. At the assembly we will be speaking with the Mayoral Candidates for the Labour and Green Party and asking them to work with us on Housing conditions, Mental health and wellbeing work and wages and Community Land trusts. People is power and it is really important that we get a good turnout so that the politicians know that we are a force that will not go away and that we have influence.

We have a Chin Chin making workshop on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1.30-3.30 and on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm we have our first anxiety workshop. Please sign up for all of these events. The leaflets and sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Please support these activities and we look forward to speaking with you. Please email the parish office if you have any questions [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)  
Thank you.

**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

### **VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s and 30s) -**

Discerning God's Call in your life 15th - 17th May, Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org) To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE**

Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen, are holding a National Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Evangelisation to be held on Saturday 6th June, 9:30am – 4pm, at their parish. If you would like more information please visit <https://rcai.magnicharity.org> If you would like to get involved, or sponsor in part, please contact [blackfen@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:blackfen@rcaos.org.uk)

### **FINANCES - MARCH 2026**

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,529.13

Donations for CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day - £999.50

Donations for Poor Parishes Fund - £314.85

Donations for Families in Crisis Fund - £188.24

From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,635.00

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 GENEROSITY**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your continued generosity and support. Your donations play a vital role in sustaining the life and mission of our parish, helping us to maintain our church, support our ministries, and serve those in need within our community.

## Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

**Matthew Williams RIP**  
(Brother of Jerviane Edwards)

Eternal rest grant unto him, O. Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

### MASS ATTENDEES

28/29 Mar - 421 Maundy Thursday 2/4 - 153, Good Friday 3/4 - 249  
Easter Sunday 4/5 April- 641 11/12 April - 283

### PARISH DIARY

Sunday 19 April 2.45pm	Eucharist 3 Session	Church
Sunday 19 April 6pm	Confirmation 7th Session	Church
Tuesday 21 April 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Cafe York
Tuesday 21 April 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Thursday 23 April 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Saturday 25 April 4.30pm	BeWell Drop-in	Cafe York
Monday 27 April 6-8pm	Lewisham Citizens Assembly	Beecroft School
Saturday 2 May 1.30– 3.30pm	BeWell Chin Chin making event	Upper Hall
Saturday 9 May 2-4pm	BeWell Anxiety Workshop	Cafe York
Saturday 9 May 12pm-5pm	Matthew Medupin's Art Exhibition & Book launch	Upper Hall

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2026 - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**Saturday 18 April 2026**

**18:00** Beth O'Connor-Coffey RIP

**Sunday 19 April 2026**

**09:30** Brandon Family Wellbeing

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 20 April 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Patrick Maguire RIP & Peter Hann RIP

**Tuesday 21 April 2026 - St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** James Costello RIP

**Wednesday 22 April 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Bibby McMahon RIP (live-streamed)

**Thursday 23 April 2026 - SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England**

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

**Friday 24 April 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Holy Souls

**Saturday 25 April 2026 - St. Mark, Evangelist**

**10:30** Sylvester Orieso RIP

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

**Saturday 25 April 2026**

**18:00** Mary Garvey RIP

**Sunday 26 April 2026**

**09:30** Joan Godwin RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners

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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# St William of York Be Well

## WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

**Connecting our community, one conversation at a time.**



Be Well is our parish's warm, welcoming space for anyone who wants to feel more connected. We're here to build relationships, reduce isolation, and create a community where people feel comfortable talking, listening, and supporting one another.

2025 was our first big year:

- We launched monthly Be Well Drop-ins at Café York supported by our newly trained Be Well Champions.
- We held Nature Walks, to give people a chance to walk, talk and enjoy local green spaces together.
- We supported young people with a dedicated Year 6–7 Transition Day.
- We hosted St Christopher's Hospice who led a conversation about Grief & Loss.
- We ran a hands on Gnocchi making class.



We've got even more community activities on the way, as St William of York's Be Well Hub continues to grow into a place where everyone can feel welcome and supported as part of the community.

**Come together and connect, all are welcome!**  
**Email [swoybewellhub@gmail.com](mailto:swoybewellhub@gmail.com) with any questions.**

# EVENTS IN 2026

Drop in | 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM  
Cafe York

Last  
Saturday  
of Every  
Month

Mar 28  
Jun 11  
Sep 26

Nature Walk | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Around the local area

Citizens Lewisham Mayoral Assembly  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Beecroft Garden Primary School

Apr 27

May 2

Chin-Chin Making  
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Upper Hall

Anxiety Workshop  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Parish Room

May 9

June 20

Primary to Secondary School Transition Day  
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM | Parish Room

Jam Making | 12:00PM – 3:00 PM  
Parish Room

June 27

Oct 3

Ravioli Making | 12:30 PM – 15:30 PM  
Upper Hall

Bereavement Talk | 2:00 PM – 4:00  
PM Parish Room

Nov 14

Dec 5

Christmas Event | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Parish Room