



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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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 EASTER (A)

3 May 2026

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners

[Please see below message from Archbishop John:-](#)

On 3 May 2026, we will once again mark Safeguarding Sunday.

This important day reminds us that safeguarding is a responsibility shared by us all. It is part of the Christian duty we owe to one another; especially to those who are most vulnerable. It calls us to help ensure that every person is safe, valued, listened to, and treated with the dignity which is theirs in Christ.

Safeguarding is not simply a matter of policies or procedures, necessary though these are. It is also an expression of our deepest moral and spiritual responsibilities. It asks of us a spirit of attentiveness, compassion, and courage: a readiness to recognise harm, to respond wisely to concerns, and to stand alongside those who are in need of care and support.

In this way, safeguarding is closely bound to the Church's social teaching, which places at its heart the God-given dignity of every human person, and calls us to uphold the common good by protecting the weak, the vulnerable, and those whose voice may too easily go unheard. To safeguard others well is, therefore, not only a practical responsibility, but also a work of justice, solidarity, and Christian love.

Safeguarding Sunday gives us, as an Archdiocese, an opportunity to renew our commitment to building communities in which dignity is honoured, concerns are taken seriously, and help is always available. It is also a moment for each parish community to strengthen its resolve to listen well, to act wisely, and to care faithfully for one another.

Thank you for your continued commitment to this vital work, and for all that you do to help ensure that our parishes, chaplaincies, and communities are places of safety, trust, and care.

+John



THE MOST REVEREND JOHN WILSON
ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2026 -

In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday or via the QR code.



OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Carol Kinch (Lead) - 07710 324683

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Find out more about our Role and Responsibilities

<https://rcaos.org.uk/media/xg5m2254/what-does-a-psr-do.pdf>

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - As the festival of the Ascension approaches, Jesus begins to prepare his followers for his own departure from the world. There are two aspects to this teaching. Firstly Jesus speaks of the final purpose, union with the Father, and his preparation of a place for us there. He says that there is a 'room' for each of them, suggesting not that there are plenty of separate cubicles for different sets of people (bishops, babies, monks and maniacs), but that there is no lack of space in heaven. No problem of 'only one wins the prize' in this case. The second aspect is preparation for the future Church on earth, and the almost shocking promise that in the absence of Jesus – but in the strength of his Spirit – his people will do 'even greater works'. Paul teaches that believers 'make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ', for in every age the Church fills up the measure of Christ's sufferings; it is a Church which shares its Master's trials. In the same way in every age the Church must carry on the works of Christ. In John the 'works' of Jesus are the marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, which show who Jesus is. We too are called on to perform marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, works of grace and generosity. *What is the real joy and excitement of heaven? How may we best carry on the 'work' of Christ*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 8:5-8,14-17, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:23



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Bonnie Adelina Bisset and Oliver Jones Lewicki. Congratulations to Bonnie and Oliver and their parents Suada and Oliver and Julia and Timothy from all at St William of York and welcome Bonnie and Oliver to our parish family.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES in MAY - Please note the following:-

Monday 4 & 25 May - Bank Holidays - Mass at 10.30am

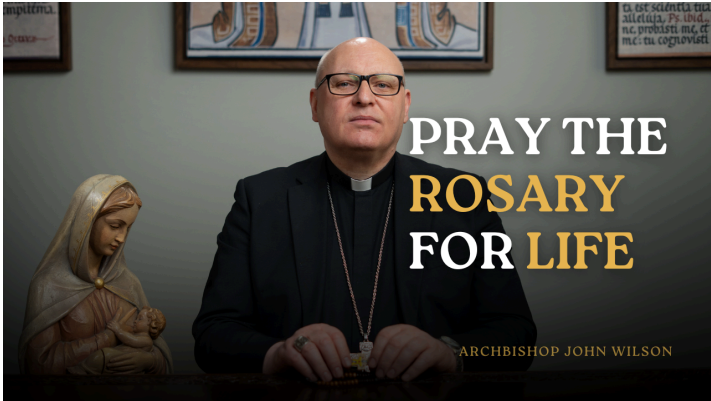
Thursday 14 May - Feast of the Ascension Mass at **11.00am** and 8pm

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost - One Joint Sunday Mass at 10.30am

1st Eucharist Masses will be taking place on Sunday 16 May at 2pm and Sunday 17 May at 9.30am.

Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers.

ROSARY FOR LIFE Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.



BEYOND WORDS: A LIFE IN COLOUR – Saturday 9 May 12noon-5pm, Upper Hall

I am delighted to invite you to my sixth solo exhibition, Beyond Words: A Life in Colour. This body of work explores life as I have experienced it—its movement, its challenges, and its possibilities—expressed through colour, open space, and spontaneous creativity.

The event will also feature the launch of my memoir, Grace and Resilience, a personal reflection on my life’s journey.

I would be honoured by your presence as we share in this experience together

Matthew Medupin



St William of York Be Well

Anxiety Workshop
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Cafe York

Saturday 9
May

A workshop on understanding Anxiety; an opportunity to have an open and informative discussion about anxiety management and wellbeing.

Presented by Rukeya Khanam; Principal Counselling Psychologist at South London and the Maudsley, Lewisham directorate.



Afternoon tea and cakes will be served.
Numbers are limited, so if you would like to attend please fill in the sign-up sheet in the Narthex with your details or contact us at swoybewellhub@gmail.com

Come together and connect!
Email swoybewellhub@gmail.com with any questions

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

11 July, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + 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 mfise@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

ENCOUNTER PENTECOST - St George's Cathedral, 23 May. Join the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic team for [a day of worship, prayer, and fellowship](#) at St George's Cathedral to celebrate Pentecost. The day, open to all, concludes with the Vigil Mass of Pentecost.

Full programme at encounterpentecost.com/programme.

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

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION - Walsingham, 1 August 2026. All are welcome to join the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 1 August 2026. The day begins with the 12pm Angelus and Pilgrim Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life, Benediction, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and a silent Act of Reparation, concluding with the Salve Regina. Those unable to attend are asked to join in prayer. For information and coach bookings, visit prolifepilgrimage.org.

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 for 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

Claude Ferdinand Gnamble RIP

(Brother of Viviane Charles)

Mary Finlay RIP

(Funeral at St William of York on Wednesday 6 May at 11.30am)

Paul Tomlinson RIP

(Husband of Marion)

(Funeral at Honor Oak Crematorium on Monday 11 May at 12.00 noon)

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

11/12 April - 283 18/19 April - 336 25/26 April - 320

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 5 May 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Thursday 7 May 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Friday 8 May 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	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
Sunday 10 May 2.45pm	Eucharist Session 4 Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Sunday 10 May 6pm	Confirmation Session 9 Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Monday 11 May 7.45pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2026 - That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 2 May 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 3 May 2026

09:30 McGurran Family Wellbeing

11:30 Maura Beary (live-streamed)

Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026 - The English Martyrs

10:30 Herbert Denton-Ingham (FM)

Tuesday 5 May 2026 - Feria

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

09:30 Louise Thompson (FM)

Wednesday 6 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Kathleen Ryan RIP (live-streamed)

11:30 Funeral of Mary Finlay RIP

Thursday 7 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 8 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Bridie, Thomas & Dennis Crampsie RIP

Saturday 9 May 2026 - Feria

10:30 Mary Magdalen Orieso RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 9 May 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 10 May 2026

09:30 Chris & Pat Kitchen RIP

11:30 Joshua Benn Birthday Blessings

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass



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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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CALLED TO ACT.**

**“Whoever believes in me will
also do the works that I do”
John 14:1–12**

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FURTHER RESOURCES**

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 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 | Cafe York

May 9

June 20

Primary to Secondary School Transition Day
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM | Upper Hall

Jam Making | 12:00PM – 3:00 PM
Upper Hall

June 27

Oct 3

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

Bereavement Talk | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Upper Hall

Nov 14

Dec 5

Christmas Event | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Upper Hall

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24 April 2026

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Dear Father,

We are deeply grateful to all the parishioners at St William of York for your faithful support this year and your recent generous donation of £1,019.50 received on 17 April, 2026. Thank you for standing in solidarity with our global family and living out Christ's call to love your neighbour in such a powerful way this Lent.

Your generosity during this sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is truly inspiring!

Please could you share our thanks with your parishioners by displaying the enclosed thank you poster?

Thanks to your parish's support, more families will be able to grow nourishing food despite the ongoing challenges of drought and flooding. From floating vegetable gardens in South Sudan and Bangladesh to solar-powered irrigation systems drawing water from nearby dams in Zimbabwe, our local Church partners are helping communities build sustainable, long-term solutions.

Hamunyare in Zimbabwe shared the difference a solar-powered water pump has made to the community vegetable garden, which she tends with her husband:

"We now have fresh produce for children – we are very happy we can now give our children vegetables. Working in the garden with my community makes me happy... we always help each other – there's a sense of togetherness. We do a lot of singing. We feel very happy."

Because of your prayers and generosity, families facing floods, conflict, and drought receive the practical support they need not only to survive but to flourish with lasting hope.

If there is anything you need from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our Supporter Care team is here to help – call us on 0303 303 3030 or email cafod@cafod.org.uk.

Thank you again, and may God richly bless you all.



Michelle Oakford
Head of Supporter Relations

Special thanks this Lent to

St William of York

for raising

£1,019.50

to support CAFOD projects
helping communities around the
world build a better future.

“Christian love breaks down every
barrier... It makes what was apparently
impossible happen.” Pope Leo, *Dilexi Te*



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Thank you

In drought-hit Zimbabwe, our neighbours Shorai and Hamunyare turned dry ground into fertile land with an eco-garden and solar pump. Find out how your donations are helping at cafod.org.uk/thankyou