



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

24 May 2026

Dear Parishioners

It is with great joy that we congratulate Peter Begg, who, after a year of faithfully journeying with us, will receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation this weekend, and be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The sacraments, given to us by Christ, are beautiful moments of encounter with Him —signs of His living presence and sources of light, grace, and hope in our lives.

As a parish family, we rejoice with Peter, his family, and his Sponsor and Godparent, Ivan Toniolli. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our RCIA team, catechists, and all who have supported and accompanied Peter along his journey of faith.

We continue to hold Pam and Justina in our prayers as they journey towards their reception into the Church in the coming months. May they feel the love and encouragement of our whole community.

We warmly invite all parishioners to a Mass for new Catholics on Tuesday 2 June at 8:00pm—all are most welcome to join us in this celebration.

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The Gospel for Pentecost takes the disciples on a journey from fear to empowerment. The fearful disciples are reassured when Jesus helps them understand who he is, by showing them his wounds. He greets them twice with "Peace be with you", a greeting which, in middle eastern culture, is wishing the recipient a sense of wholeness. Jesus wants this genuine wellbeing and deep peace for all.

Jesus asks his followers to continue his Father's work; the mission of building communities with a deeper understanding of what loving God means, day to day.

He shares God's Spirit with the disciples and the gift of discerning what is good and what isn't. Most importantly he gives his followers the power to forgive, knowing that forgiveness reflects God's love and compassion, and creates opportunities for healing and growth.

This Gospel reminds us that we can ask God's Spirit to guide us when we feel unsure or fearful. Like the first disciples, we are asked to live our faith and to be ambassadors for forgiveness, close to home and as global citizens.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-14, John 3:16-18

INTERNATIONAL MASS 14TH JUNE at 10.30am

Our annual International Mass is a joyful colourful celebration and the Art Group would like to decorate the church to reflect this. We need your help! In the uncertain times we live in, we would like to proclaim the need for peace. You are asked to take a piece of card and write the word Peace in your language, or a language of your choice, in large bold letters. You can use pens or paints, or if you prefer design on your computer. Please return your card by Sunday 7th June."



INTERNATIONAL MASS 14TH JUNE - SONGS NEEDED - Each year we have a wonderful variety of music at our International Mass, all suggested by members of the congregation, and reflecting our rich and varied heritage. Is there a song from your country you would like to suggest for this year? Please speak to anyone in the music group after mass, or email kathleen.boyle@outlook.com If you have a recording or YouTube video or sheet music please send the link, but we can work out most things if you can sing it to us. Thank you.

WELCOMERS STEWARDS NEEDED - We are looking for a few more volunteers to join our friendly team of welcomers and stewards. If you enjoy greeting people, helping newcomers and supporting the smooth running of the liturgy we would love to hear from you.

Offering your time once or twice a month would make a real difference and lighten the load for our current volunteers. If you are interested and can help, please contact Mary in the parish office. Many thanks

BeWELL - CHIN CHIN EVENT - A little piece of Nigeria came to the SWOY Parish Centre on 2 May during our Chin Chin cooking workshop. We had an excellent turnout of around 30 people.

After a demonstration, everyone joined in to make a variety of flavoured chin chin, including traditional, cinnamon, and paprika. Afterwards, we shared what we had made, enjoyed drinks, and listened to Nigerian music.

The workshop was a great success.



BeWELL - ANXIETY WORKSHOP - took place on 9 May. Its main purpose was to support members of our parish and help remove the stigma surrounding feelings of anxiety. The event was well attended, and the presentation was delivered by Rukeya Khanam, Principal Counselling Psychologist, South London.

After the presentation, we enjoyed afternoon tea and took the opportunity to reflect on questions we wanted to share during the Q&A session.

Feedback from attendees was very positive, with comments including: “it was informative”, “well presented”, “a calming presence”, and “not too overwhelming”.

Rukeya has kindly offered to deliver more sessions, and we will certainly be taking her up on that offer. Another great success for the members of SWOY.

Please keep CANON ALAN McLEAN in your prayers as he is unwell and receiving supportive and palliative care.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Dolly Bipat RIP

(family friend of Peter Julien)

Alison Davidson (Sunny) RIP

(sister of Jill Lawrence)

Paul Foster RIP

(brother of Mike, brother-in-law to Mary and uncle to Lil & Tom)

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

3/4 May - 272 10/11 May - 335 17/18 May - 390

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 28 May 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 30 May 4.30pm	BeWell Drop in	Cafe York
Monday 1 June	Baptism Course 1	Church
Tuesday 2 June 8pm	Mass for new Catholics	Church
Friday 5 June 6-8pm	Youth Group	Upper Hall
Saturday 6 June 8.45am coach pick up	Confirmation Retreat	The Friars, Aylesford Priory
Sunday 7 June	Please return PEACE Card	Church
Sunday 7 June 9.30am	Thanksgiving Mass for First Eucharist	Church
Monday 8 June 7.30pm	Baptism Course 2	Cafe York
Sunday 12 June 9-12	Dementia Coffee Morning	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



PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

Day of Prayer for the Church

The end of the Season of Easter Paschaltide

Saturday 23 May 2026

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 24 May 2026

10:30 James Ugwu RIP

Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2026 - Mary, Mother of the Church

10:30 Paul Tomlinson RIP

Tuesday 26 May 2026 - St Philip Neri, Priest

09:30 Clement Spooner (FM)

Wednesday 27 May 2026 - St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

09:30 John Warner RIP Anniversary (live-streamed)

Thursday 28 May 2026 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 29 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Holy Souls

Saturday 30 May 2026 - Feria

10:30 Connelly & Lestrelle Family RIP

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

Saturday 30 May 2026

18:00 Molly O'Brien Birthday Wishes

Sunday 31 May 2026

09:30 Barbara McGurran Birthday Blessings

11:30 For the Parishioners

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass



COFFEE MORNING

IN SUPPORT OF



DementiaUK

Join the Honor Oak Women's Institute

**IN CAFE' YORK
ON FRIDAY 12TH JUNE
FROM 9AM TO NOON**

We can promise lots of coffee, tea
and scrumptious cakes.

Bring a friend and spread the word.