



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

17 May 2026

Dear Parishioners

This weekend, our children received their first Eucharist, days of great celebration for our children, their parents, catechists and our parish community. Jesus Christ to whom they have been introduced in baptism, in the Eucharist becomes an indispensable food for their journey as Christians. Our children are accompanied by their parents, catechists and the wider parish community in maturing the seed of faith received: they are a source of hope and future not only of our parish, but of the wider community in which they are called to live as good Christians and honest citizens.

"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving to God". We have many reasons to thank the Lord. When we meet Jesus, we have the best occasion to thank him for everything, especially for his friendship which he shows us in the Eucharistic encounter.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all the communicants, the parents/guardians and the extended family members who have been part of their journey. Thank you to the catechists who accompanied them on their journey of formation.



I also would like to thank every member of our parish and school communities for your prayer, love and support during their preparation this year and their continued growth in the faith.

Saturday 16 May 2pm

Madeleine Amoroso, Conor Boyle-Weatherley, Theodore Clarke-Petty,
Diego Golonka, Sophia-Rose Gonzales, Maja Greczynska,
Pharrell Kouassi, Clara Lohan, Esme Lowe, Layla Nicholson,
Alexander O’Gorman, Sophia O’Gorman,
Kyla-Royal Owusu-Achean, Sanaa Rafferty,
Quisqueya Santana La Rosa

Sunday 17 May 9.30am

Joshua Benn, Heavenly K Chijioke, Chimamanda Chinonso
Xavier Curylo, Maysam Dada, Noah Markey
Jack Nguyen, Klara Ongen, Chimamanda Christabel Ugbe

God Bless
Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS - Acts 1:12-14, 1 Peter 4:13-16, John 17:1-11a

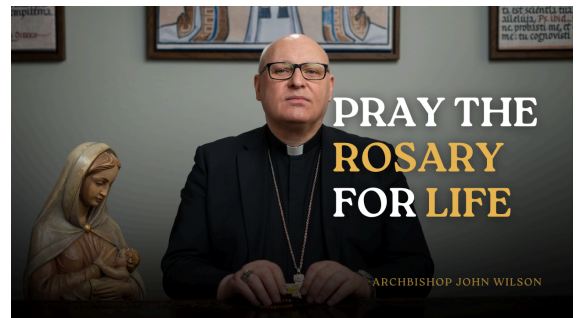
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - As Christians eternal life is central to our faith. For those coming to faith for the first time it can be a hard concept but can be an attraction to Christianity as it takes away the fear of death. Jesus explains how everything that has been given to him by the Father is available to all who follow him. Eternal life is a gift to us from the Father and he has given Jesus the authority to share it with us. Jesus glorifies the Father in his obedience to suffer on the Cross to save all who follow him and by doing so shares with them the gift of eternal life. When we enter into a relationship with Jesus we accept the gift of eternal life, however by accepting this gift we must also accept suffering and trials in our lives like Jesus did through the Cross. LBr

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

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN), the media office of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. The CNN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communications. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

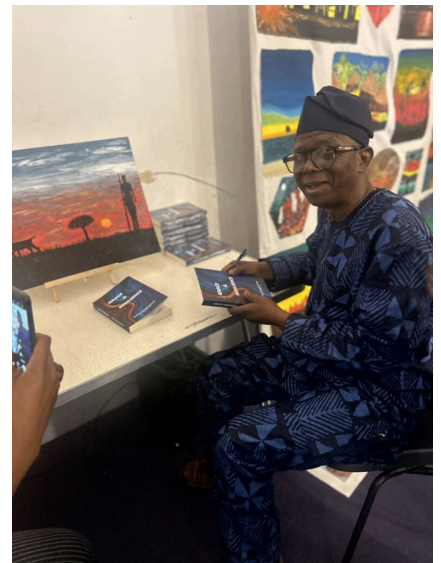
ROSARY FOR LIFE Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children 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.



A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION -

I would like to extend my profound appreciation to all the parishioners who visited the exhibition and book launch, as well as those who purchased paintings and copies of my memoir. I was deeply delighted and encouraged to see so many members of the Church in attendance. Their presence, kind words, and support meant so much to me and made the occasion even more special and fulfilling.

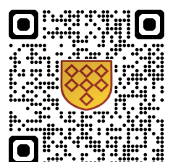
I am especially pleased to share that all proceeds from the sales of my memoir and paintings at the exhibition will go towards supporting the work of the Matthew Adekunle Medupin Foundation. This is an initiative being set up in Nigeria dedicated to assisting orphans, widows, and people living with sickle-cell disease in my community in Ogidi-Ela, Nigeria.



Once again, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation, Fr Habte, together with all the parishioners, for your overwhelming support, encouragement, kindness, and goodwill. May God richly bless you all.

Matthew Medupin

Please visit the latest news on our parish website to see pictures of Matthew's exhibition [HERE](#)



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.

MASS ATTENDEES

25/26 April - 320 3/4 May - 272 10/11 May - 335

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 19 May 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Thursday 21 May 8pm	Singing Practice	Church

REMINDER -

One Sunday Mass at 10.30am on Pentecost 24 May
Bank Holiday Monday 25 May Mass at 10.30am
One Sunday Mass at 10.30am on International Day 14 June

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.

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

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

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

World Communications Day

Saturday 16 May 2026

14:00 First Eucharist Mass (live-streamed)

For the First Communicants, their families and catechists

18:00 Kathleen Garvey RIP

Sunday 17 May 2026

09:30 First Eucharist Mass (live-streamed)

Barbara McGurran Birthday wishes

Prayers for the First Communicants, their families and catechists

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 18 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 May O'Brien RIP

Tuesday 19 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Holy Souls

Wednesday 20 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Mary O'Neill RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 21 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 22 May 2026 - Feria

09:30 Gail & John Quile RIP

Saturday 23 May 2026 - Feria

10:30 Mary Kane

PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

Day of Prayer for the Church

Saturday 23 May 2026

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 24 May 2026

10:30 James Ugwu RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

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