



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

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (A)

7 June 2026

Dear Parishioners

The feast of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is the feast of love, the Eucharist is the sacrament of God's love, and this love calls us to itself and demands to be reciprocated with love, and gratitude.

This communion that unites us to him generates at the same time a communion that we can call "horizontal", brings a communion/ unity within our churches and communities, our families (ecclesial, fraternal) capable of uniting all the participants at the same table/ banquet in a bond of love. We all are here in our parish and in churches around the world, united in Christ.

We come to God through the bread of love we receive, but also through the love for a person within our families and communities.

This Sunday at 9:30am, we offer a thanksgiving Mass for the children who received Jesus in the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time recently, today we celebrate this joyful day with their parents, catechists and the parish community. I repeat my gratitude and my best wishes to all the communicants, the parents/guardians, catechists and the extended family members who have been part of their journey.

"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.

God Bless
Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This is the final section of Jesus' great discourse in the gospel of John on the Eucharist, delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum. It is in the form of a synagogue-sermon, commenting in turn on the phrases of Psalm 78, 'He gave them bread – from heaven – to eat'. Jesus explains that these words are truly fulfilled not by Moses' historic gift of manna in the desert, but by the Father's continuous and repeated gift of Eucharistic bread. The discourse has the same pattern as the Mass, instruction followed by eating. The first two sections of the discourse were about God's gift of revelation in Christ, which is accepted and assimilated by belief in the teaching of Jesus. Now we come to the final section on God's gift of Christ as food. Particularly striking are two points. Firstly, the stress on eating: the word used for 'eat my flesh' is full of the reality of eating; it really means 'chew', and designates the sacramental eating as a real assimilation of the nourishing food. The second point is that 'my flesh for the life of the world' links firmly to the Last Supper: the Christ that we receive is the Christ at the very moment of his redemptive act of self-offering, an act which continues throughout time and into eternity.

What is the best way to prepare for Holy Communion?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Exodus 19:2-6a, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – This weekend, our Confirmation group went on retreat to the Friars at Aylesford. A very special time of reflection, prayer, and growth in faith as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



We kindly ask that you keep all our candidates, their catechists, and the retreat leaders in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide them, strengthen their faith, and fill them with His gifts. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

<https://www.thefriars.org.uk/>

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT - This weekend, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist will renew their commitment to their ministry.

ST WILLIAM OF YORK FEAST DAY - MONDAY 8 JUNE - This is a special occasion for our parish community in thanksgiving for the life and witness of St William of York, known for his gentle spirit, charity, and steadfast faith. St William of York – Pray for us.
<https://swoy.org.uk/patron-saint/>



INTERNATIONAL MASS and CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Our International Mass and celebrations is nearly here!

It takes place on Sunday 14th June 2026. Mass is at 10.30am and there will be a shared lunch straight afterwards in the school playground/Hall. As in past years could you please contribute by bringing along a dish from your country or a favourite food or drink you like to prepare. Please label with the country of origin and let us know ingredients too (for those who may have allergies).

If you don't have time to cook/bake, you can bring along anything shop bought that we can share too.

Kindly add your details to the sign up sheet in the narthex

PEACE CARDS - Please return your decorated card by Sunday 7th June.

COME AND LEARN THE SONGS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MASS - We're singing in English, Greek, Ewe, Igbo, Spanish, Xhosa, French, Tamil and Italian, and also have a Polish song in English. Come along and learn these new and exciting songs before the day. **Rehearsals are at 8pm on Thursday evening, and we'll do a quick sing through at 10.15 on the Sunday before Mass starts.**

**We are looking forward to celebrating our vibrant and diverse parish community
Please feel free to invite/bring family members and neighbours, let us all
celebrate together and all are welcome.**

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Martin Farrell RIP

(brother of Bob, brother-in-law to Mary)

Frank Mordi RIP

(husband of Florence)

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

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

MASS ATTENDEES

16/17 May - 390 23/24 May - 262 30/31 May - 244

PARISH DIARY

Monday 8 June 7.30pm	Baptism Course 2	Cafe York
Thursday 11 June 8pm	Singing rehearsal for our International Mass - All welcome	Church
Friday 12 June 9am-12noon	Dementia Coffee Morning	Cafe York

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2026 - Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - Pope Leo has written his first encyclical Magnifica Humanitas means "Magnificent humanity" on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. This encyclical was released On 25 May 2026 and can be found on the Vatican website. It is a document about how we preserve the wonder and glory of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence. Pope Leo reminds us all of our dignity as human persons, made in the image and likeness of God.

If you would like to read the encyclical please find the link below:-

Pope Leo Encyclical

NEXT SUNDAY DAY FOR LIFE - 14 JUNE 2026 - Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. We will have a second collection next weekend. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD of CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (A)

Saturday 6 June 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 7 June 2026

09:30 **First Eucharist Thanksgiving Mass** (live-streamed)

For the children, their families and catechists

11:30 Sheila & John Harrington RIP

Monday 8 June 2026 - St. William of York, Bishop

09:30 Birthday Blessings for Cynthia Akaforonye

Tuesday 9 June 2026 - Feria

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Wednesday 10 June 2026 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Steven & Colin Hailstone RIP

Thursday 11 June 2026 - St. Barnabas, Apostle

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 12 June 2026 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

09:30 Martin Farrell RIP

Saturday 13 June 2026 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 Canon Alan McLean

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 13 June 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 14 June 2026

10:30 Tony Frisoli RIP Anniversary

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.