



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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sea Sunday

12 July 2026

Dear Parishioners

This week brings us to the closure of the Academic year and the celebration of the thanks giving Mass in our school, the time to say good bye to our year 6 leavers, who will be making a transition to new secondary schools of their choice. This marks the start of the summer recess, it also marks the beginning of a slowing down of the pace of every ministry and activity in our parish life to facilitate this precious time.

This is the time to give gratitude to the Lord for protecting and helping us, and ask him to accompany us in the coming months.

A sincere thank you to all the school staff, governors, parents, and all who collaborate with the school, who contribute every day to the quality of life at our school.

I wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday time, which becomes an opportunity and precious time to rest, but also, a time to rediscover the joy of

being with our families and friends simply, without too many plans and activities. A time to have physical and mental rest, to visit new places and meet new people, and to make it a time of prayer and reflection

I hope that the summer season will bring everyone rest, joy, and new inspiration to continue growing in all aspects of our life.

I wish you a great summer and thank you for your hard work, generosity, love and support to the parish.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures – or parables. Ever heard the one about the elephant and the wasp? Or electricity like a toy train going round a room? Anyway, for the next three weeks we have some of these pictures, to show us what Jesus is trying to do. This first one is rather sad.

Whatever the sower does seems to fail: seed pecked up by birds, scorched by the sun, choked by thistles. What are my pecking birds, my scorching sun, my choking thistles which annihilate the seed Jesus sows in me? It's probably different for every one of us. But some, just a little, of the seed bears a fantastic harvest. There must be something I can show to the Lord with pride and gratitude: 'Look, this is the seed you gave me; it has grown, developed, and here is your harvest.' Jesus, too, reflected on his mission to establish his Father's sovereignty on earth. Jesus, too, may well have wondered if he was getting anywhere. It was only when he had failed utterly, alone, deserted and tortured, that his perseverance won the crown. Jesus doesn't want the successful. He wants the failures as his followers – and that is where the harvest lies.

In Jesus' story what is the seed? What prevents the seed reaching its full growth in me? In what way has the seed made me a better person?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

SEA SUNDAY - Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Emilia Rose Athena Madden and Anastazja Xin-Li Perzanowski. Congratulations to Emilia and Anastazja and their parents Sophia and Sebastian and Alina and Marcin from all at St William of York and welcome Emilia and Anastazja to our parish family.



DIACONAL DAY – This weekend we are celebrating the third Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese, as well as for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love and serve God and His people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to Fr Habte, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.



ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS - On Saturday 11 July, St George's Cathedral welcomed hundreds of married couples, many celebrating significant anniversaries, on a hot summer's day for the annual Marriage Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson.

We wish them, and all married couples, every blessing in their lives together.



SWOY SCHOOL YEAR 6 Leavers' Mass - Friday 17th July at 10.30am

Please do join us to celebrate Yr6s time at St William of York. Their Reception buddies will be performing a song during mass to say goodbye to our lovely Yr6 children. **Please note the 9.30am Mass has been cancelled.**

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Marie Byrne RIP

a long standing and much loved parishioner
Funeral details to be advised

Elisabeth (Lily) Cowell RIP

a long standing and dedicated parishioner
wife of the late Max Cowell
Funeral details to be advised



Evelyn Ormston RIP

mother of Barbara who sadly died on Thursday

**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

20/21 June - 245 27/28 June - 287 4/5 July - 546

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 12 July 12pm-2.30pm	SWOYFEST Summer Festival	School grounds
Monday 13 July 7.45pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 16 July 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 18 July 2pm-10pm	Igbo Community Summer Party	Blythe Hill Fields 42 Blythe Hill Lane SE23 1SP

FINANCES - MAY 2026

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,752.14
Donations for World Communications - £143.51
Donations for Families in Need Fund - £212.66
From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,843.00

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:

Account name: RCAS Forest Hill,
Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your continued generosity and support

DEVOTIONAL STATUES AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS

We are grateful to Maggie Brandon for her generous donation of three devotional statues to parishioners who would like to provide them with a good home for personal prayer and devotion.

The collection includes a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (64cm), a statue of Our Lady with the Child Jesus (61cm), and a larger statue of Our Lady with open hands (80 cm).

Please note that the two smaller statues would benefit from a repaint and may especially suit someone willing to restore them with care.

Maggie has kindly offered to deliver them locally if needed.

If you are interested please contact Mary in the parish office or Maggie 07870 855303

 [View the photos of the statues here](#)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sea Sunday

Saturday 11 July 2026

18:00 Marie Elisabeth Belated Birthday Blessings

Sunday 12 July 2026

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Betty Harvey RIP

Monday 13 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 14 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Martin Costello RIP

Wednesday 15 July 2026 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

09:30 Charles Greg Wellbeing

Thursday 16 July 2026 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 17 July 2026 - Feria

10:30 SWOY School Year 6 Leavers Mass

Frank Mordi RIP

Saturday 18 July 2026 - Feria

10:30 In memory of Jamal R RIP and for Mum

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 18 July 2026

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 19 July 2026

09:30 Ivan Phillip Charles RIP Anniversary

11:30 For the Parishioners

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass



Sea Sunday

SEAFARERS NEED YOU

Every day, seafarers and fishers face danger, isolation and hardship.

Your kindness brings hope, faith, and support.



SCAN TO DONATE

WILL YOU HELP THEM?

Please donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk
Or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5



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YOU?**



PERMANENT DIACONATE

DIACONATE DAY - 12 JULY 2026



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