



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

5 July 2026

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday we welcome Canon Victor Darlington who will join us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Two services will take place at 9.30am and 12 noon and we look forward to gathering as a parish community for this joyful and grace-filled occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Confirmandi

*Abigail James, Adora James, Bennett-Lloyd Okoro, Camille O'Keeffe,
Charlotte Potts, Chisa Besa, Clinton Amadi, Conor Glover, Emeka Amadi,
Ethan Asiwe, Francesco Rinaldi, Gemma Bell, Giacomo Ornato,
Halle-Louise Howe, Henry Crittenden, Honor Synmoie, Isabella Ayling,
Jacob Bruzzaniti, Jacob Lowe, Jacob Pigott, James Ugbe, Jennifer Rinaldi,
Joan Mahon, Klavell Owusu-Acheaw, Koby Igoh, Malachy Scott, Matias Ramirez,
Mia Spiropoulos, Nancy Smith, Niyah Hall, Ruth Allen, Saidiya Johnson,
Thomas Hawthorne, William Utomi*

*Let us keep them in our prayers so that they may continue to
grow in their love of God, self and neighbours.*

Fr Habte



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Zechariah 9:9-10, Romans 8:9,11-13,
Matthew 11:25-30

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Today's Gospel takes us to the very heart of our God. This is Jesus praying to the Father. This is the essence of the Trinity. And here, in our God's heart we find two beautiful themes intertwined – humility and welcome.

Jesus thanks the Father for revealing himself to the humble and child-like. Throughout the Gospel it's the humble who are the first who get who Jesus is and who experience fully God's revelation most easily – from the Shepherd's at his birth, to the penitent thief. It's not that God doesn't invite the rich and important, it's just people like Nicodemus and the rich young man find it harder. The things they bring to the conversation - wealth and possessions, social standing and even religious knowledge – get in the way of understanding and accepting Jesus' message.

Jesus then goes on to call us into his prayer to his Father– “Come to me all who labour”. We are called and welcomed into a gentle relationship with God which will weigh so lightly on our hearts, that our labour and heavy burdens will be turned to rest.

This Gospel will speak to each of us differently – we each have our unique burdens in life. And differently to each generation. But in today's world where possessions and identity feel so important and where the consequent pressures create crippling burdens for our wellbeing and mental health, the challenge of humility and the promise of unconditional welcome are nothing short of liberating. JD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

SEA SUNDAY IS SUNDAY 12 JULY

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



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2026 - For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

BEWELL PARISH NATURE WALK – Saturday 11 July 2.00-4.00PM & PICNIC

Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable Nature Walk at Beckenham Place Park

We will have two meeting points for those travelling together:

- 1:30 pm – Sydenham - Meet at Sainsbury's (by the pump station). This group will walk to the park (approx. 20 minutes).
- 1:30 pm – Catford - Meet in front of Rushey Green Post Office. This group will take the bus to the park.
- 2:00 pm – At the Park

For those making their own way, please meet us in front of the main café area. There will be both a shorter and a longer walk, so everyone can join at a comfortable pace. Afterwards, we will share a picnic from approximately 4:00–5:00 pm. If you would like to bring something to share, please let Geke Ong know 07748403515. Please remember to bring water and suitable sun or rain protection. We look forward to enjoying time together!

<https://www.beckenhamplacepark.co.uk/>



DIOCESE OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH FUNDRAISING OFFICERS

The Archdiocese of Southwark is hiring two Parish Fundraising Officers to help parishes thrive in an increasingly digital environment. Find out more and apply at rcaos.org.uk/vacancies. Closing date: 1 August 2026.



LOCAL LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCE CO-ORDINATOR

Help develop the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (AEC) approach to parish growth, supporting evangelisation, catechesis, and formation. Find out more and apply at rcaos.org.uk/vacancies. This vacancy is replacing an existing member of staff.

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service are seeking a Training Coordinator to help form and support the next generation of Catholic youth leaders across the Archdiocese. Find out more and apply at rcaos.org.uk/vacancies.

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

1) 64 cm/25 inches

2) 61 cm/24 inches

3) 80 cm/32 inches



Marie Byrne RIP

a long standing and much loved parishioner who sadly died last Friday

Please keep Marie and her family and many friends in your thoughts and prayers

Funeral details to be advised

Canon Alan Mclean RIP

If you wish to watch the recording of the funeral follow this link

[Canon Alan's funeral](#)

(it can be viewed up to 30 days)

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

13/14 June - 336 20/21 June - 245 27/28 June - 287

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 9 July 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 11 July 2pm-4pm	BeWell Nature Walk	Beckenham Place Park
Sunday 12 July 12pm-2.30pm	SWOYFEST Summer Festival	School grounds
Monday 13 July 7.45pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York

GARDENING HELP - We are looking for volunteers to help plant, water and maintain flowerbeds, planters around the parish and to protect the wooden benches. The benches need a fresh coat of protective treatment to keep them safe from weather damage and looking their best for everyone who uses them.

Please let Fr Habte or Mary in the office know if you are able to spare a little time, your help would be greatly appreciated.
Many thanks



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 4 July 2026

18:00 Giovanni & Lucia Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 5 July 2026

09:30 CONFIRMATION MASS (live-streamed)

For the Newly Confirmed, their families and catechists

12:00 CONFIRMATION MASS (live-streamed)

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Monday 6 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Katie Scanlon RIP

Tuesday 7 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Dora Etafo RIP

Wednesday 8 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Chris & Pat Kitchen RIP

Thursday 9 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 10 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Frank Mordi RIP

Saturday 11 July 2026 - St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

10:30 Tracey Youngblood RIP

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

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.

WILL YOU HELP THEM?



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