



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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

19 July 2026

Dear Parishioners

With the closure of the Academic year and the Mass of thanksgiving offered for our school community, we now have started the summer recess, this 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.

Summer is a privileged and precious time, which the Lord offers us each year with generosity for relaxation and enjoyment, it's a time that allows us to slow down the pace of everyday life, to rest not only our bodies but also our minds, a time to rediscover the joy of being with one's family, it also can be an invitation to delve deeper into ourselves and rediscover some of the great beauty that surrounds us.

I wish everyone a peaceful and joyous holiday time, may it allow us to recharge with joy, friendship, and regeneration. 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 wish you a great time and thank you for your hard work, generosity, love and support to the parish.

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a field of wheat that has been contaminated with weeds. This relates to the good and evil that we see around us, but also, that we see in ourselves. We should be aware of the seeds that are sown by what we look at and what we listen to, especially avoiding gossip. Previously in his sermon on the mount, Jesus warned us against judging others, because only God knows the true motivations of each one of us, and here it is again, we are warned against summary judgement, because we don't know the full story: good and bad intentions may be hard to distinguish, like wheat and weed. Our own motivations are the only territory that we can truly be expected to control, yet even here there is wheat and weed, pride and selfishness masquerading as good intentions - God knows us better than we know ourselves. So we need to examine our consciences frequently and share a spirit of understanding that we all have weaknesses, not to condone, but to forgive as we seek to be forgiven, whilst striving to do better. Then we will see the kingdom of heaven growing in our community. PB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 1 Kings 3:5-6a,7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

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.

STEWARDS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Many of our regular ministers will be on holiday during the summer period so it will be greatly appreciated if you are able to offer assistance as required at your regular Mass times. Thank you.

MASS ATTENDEES

27/28 June - 287 4/5 July - 546 11/12 July - 234

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 23 July 8pm

Singing Practice

Church

Saturday 25 July 4.45pm

BeWell drop in

Cafe York

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 020 8333 3299. In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a Catholic priest.

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](#)

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

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Marie Byrne RIP

a long standing and much loved parishioner

The reception of Marie's body into St William of York will be
on
Monday 3 August at 4pm.

The funeral will be on Tuesday 4 August at 11.30am



Elizabeth (Lily) Cowell RIP

a long standing and dedicated parishioner
wife of the late Max Cowell

The funeral will be at St William of York on Wednesday 29 July
at 10.30am



Evelyn Ormston RIP

mother of Barbara who sadly died recently

**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**

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

Monday 20 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Henriette Flottes de Pouzols RIP Anniversary

Tuesday 21 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Mark Widdop RIP

Wednesday 22 July 2026 -St. Mary Magdalene (live-streamed)

09:30 Alex Carnell RIP

Thursday 23 July 2026 - St. Bridget

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 24 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Breda McAleer RIP

Saturday 25 July 2026 - St. James, Apostle

10:30 Pierre Dacoury Tabley RIP Anniversary

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 25 July 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 26 July 2026

09:30 Marie Dominique RIP Birthday & Ann Henry RIP Birthday Blessings

11:30 Resty Navarette RIP

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass