



## 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

### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**2 August 2026**

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**9 August 2026**

Dear Parishioners

As we move through the summer holiday season, I send my warmest wishes to all our parishioners, especially our children, young people, and families.

We hope these summer weeks are bringing opportunities for rest, fun, and time together with loved ones. Whether you are enjoying a holiday away, spending time with friends and family, attending summer activities, or simply relaxing at home, may this be a season of happiness and renewal.

Children, as you enjoy your break from school, remember that God is with you wherever you go. Take time to notice the beauty of God's creation, be kind to those around you, and keep a little space in each day to say a prayer and thank Him for His many blessings.

May God bless you with a safe, joyful, and restful summer, and may Our Lady watch over you and your families.

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed summer holiday.

Fr Habte

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 55:1-3, Romans 8:35,37-39, Matthew 14:13-21

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Every mother knows the disaster-situation of the family day out when the shops turn out to be closed and the emergency supplies have been left at home. This lot have been following Jesus three days on the trot, and there must have been nothing left at all to eat. Jesus turns the disaster into a party for that huge crowd of people. Left to our own resources we are helpless, but Jesus can deal with that. How many were there? We don't know, for the numbers are symbolic. In the Bible 'twelve' alerts us to the tribes of Israel. So the twelve baskets of scraps show that the crowd is the twelve tribes of Jesus' new Israel. The way Jesus takes the bread and says the blessing must remind any Christian of the Eucharist. So this gigantic field-party was a sort of Eucharist, Jesus at the centre of his people, entertaining them and cheering them. It probably wasn't very orderly. There would have been children enjoying the food and then running around and tripping up themselves and others. An African Mass is often like that, with lots of singing and dancing and celebration. That is why the Sunday Mass is so important: meet your friends and celebrate Christ together! *What does this Gospel teach us about the Eucharist?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - The Christian people are often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus the disciples were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him – and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? In all these situations we may discover God's presence, and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me.' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time, and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can help, even in a life-threatening situation. *Why is Peter such a good role-model for us*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

## **HOLY FATHER SUMMER MESSAGE**

Pope Leo XIV urges Christians to use the summer not only for rest but to deepen their faith through acts of peace, mercy and service. Responding to a reader's letter, he encourages care for the sick, elderly, migrants, prisoners and all who suffer, especially amid war and hardship. He calls for simplicity over materialism, support for volunteers and families, and holidays that reflect Christian values, reminding believers that God's grace and love are always present. (Source -Vatican news)

**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**

11/12 July - 234 - 18/19 July - 257 - 25/26 July - 236

## **FINANCES - JUNE 2026**

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,977.28

Donations for Day for Life - £165.86

Donations for Peter's Pence - £288.47

Donations for Families in Need Fund - £180.02

From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,472.00

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

## **POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2026 -For evangelisation in the city**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

**FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE.** From Bishop Paul. One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at [www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw](http://www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw)

## BEWARE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI), EMAIL & PHONE SCAMS

### Important Notice for All Parishioners

We are aware of an increasing number of scams using artificial intelligence (AI), fake emails, text messages, phone calls, and social media accounts to impersonate priests, parish staff, banks, charities, and other trusted organisations.

Please stay vigilant:

- Fr Habte or Mary will never ask for money, gift cards, bank transfers, passwords, or confidential information by email, text message, or telephone.
- Be cautious of any message or call that creates a sense of urgency, secrecy, or pressure to act immediately.
- Scammers can use AI to create convincing emails, photographs, and even voice messages that appear genuine.
- Always check email addresses carefully and never click on unexpected links or open suspicious attachments.
- Fraudsters may make calls pretending to be from the parish, your bank, the police, or another trusted organisation. They can even make their phone number appear genuine.

### How to Verify a Phone Call

If you receive an unexpected or suspicious call:

- Do not provide personal, financial, or security information.
- End the call and contact the organisation directly using an official phone number obtained independently.
- Do not rely on phone numbers or contact details given by the caller.
- Never feel pressured to make an immediate payment or disclose sensitive information.

If you receive a message or call that appears to come from the parish but seems unusual, please contact the Fr Habte or Mary immediately. If you believe you have been targeted by a scam, please report it to the Parish Office and to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or 0300 123 2040.

Thank you for keeping our community safe

**Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul 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



**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon  
her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

(Please note the 9.30am Mass has been cancelled on 4 August)

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - On Saturday 8th August we will  
baptise Olivia Foster. Congratulations to Olivia and her parents  
Elizabeth and Christopher from all at St William of York and  
welcome Olivia to our parish family.



**BAPTISM:** Baptism of babies and young children of parent/s who live in and/or  
worship regularly in the parish of William of York is celebrated by arrangement on  
Saturdays. Preparation for baptism by the parent/s is a requirement, following  
completion of the course a date and time for the Baptism can be arranged.  
Please speak to Fr Habte in the first instance. Thank you.

**GETTING MARRIED?** At least six months' notice needs to be given for marriages  
whether they are taking place at St William of York or elsewhere to give time for  
the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation.  
Please speak to Fr Habte in the first instance.

**Our next double-edition newsletter will be issued for the  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
on Sunday 16 August 2026**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Saturday 1 August 2026**

**18:00** Kathleen Redmond RIP Birthday

**Sunday 2 August 2026**

**09:30** Anna Tully & Edward Ptuska RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 3 August - Feria**

**09:30** Marie Byrne RIP

**16:00** Reception of Marie Byrne RIP into the church

**Tuesday 4 August 2026 - St. John Vianny, Priest**

**11:30** Funeral of Marie Byrne RIP

**Wednesday 5 August 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Sheila Cowell RIP

**Thursday 6 August 2026 - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

**Friday 7 August 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Marie Byrne RIP

**Saturday 8 August 2026 - St. Dominic. Priest**

**10:30** Catherine Neville RIP

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Saturday 8 August 2026**

**18:00** Catherine Teresa O'Connell RIP

**Sunday 9 August 2026**

**09:30** Chris & Pat Kitchen RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners

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**Sunday 9 August 2026**

**09:30** Chris & Pat Kitchen RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 10 August - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

**09:30** Martins Orih Birthday Blessings

**Tuesday 11 August 2026 - St. Clare, Virgin**

**09:30** Maeve Kelly (FM)

**Wednesday 12 August 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Marie Byrne RIP (live-streamed)

**Thursday 13 August 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

**Friday 14 August 2026 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

**09:30** Joseph Dominique RIP Birthday Remembrance

**Saturday 15 August 2026 - Feria**

**10:30** Ivan Philip Charles RIP Birthday Remembrance

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)**

**Saturday 15 August 2026**

**18:00** Renate Betson RIP

**Sunday 16 August 2026**

**09:30** Martin Farrell RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners

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**Sea Sunday**

**YOU GAVE HOPE IN  
A TIME OF NEED**

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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING**

**This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers are helping  
seafarers and fishers get the support they need.**



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