



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. WILLIAM OF YORK

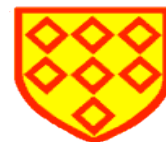
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Mass Times

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

30 August 2026

Dear Parishioners,

As the new school year begins in the coming days, our school gates will once again open to welcome both new and returning pupils. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our students, teachers and staff as they embark on a new academic year.

This new school year brings with it a special mission: to sow good seed in the rich soil of our children's lives. We hope and pray that through their dedication, commitment and desire to learn, our young people will continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love of God.

Our school lies at the heart of parish life in so many ways. The leadership team, teachers and support staff play a vital role in nurturing and forming the next generation, helping them to develop academically, spiritually and personally.

We also warmly welcome back all our parish families after the summer holidays. We keep in our prayers those who are starting school, college or

university for the first time, as well as those returning to continue their studies in the new academic year.

I hope that every member of our school community has enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break and is ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. May this be a peaceful, fruitful and successful year for all. May God bless each of you abundantly throughout the months ahead.

Happy new school year to everyone, and may it be a wonderful time of growth, learning and joy.

With every blessing,

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - What a turn-around! Last Sunday Peter was being congratulated on at last realising the Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why the change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose, and Peter shied away from it. What is that particular soft option which you find it so easy to take? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you, and you are avoiding? We are no better than his first disciples! It happens twice more in the gospel that Jesus foretells his passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word. Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck! *What is the heaviest Cross in your life? How can you share it with Jesus?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we will baptise Noah Saifulla . Congratulations to Noah and his parents Marylin and Mohammed from all at St William of York and welcome to our parish family.



SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY 31 AUGUST - Please note Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - Our next Youth Group meeting will take place on Friday 11 September, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the Upper Hall.

We look forward to welcoming all our young people for an evening of friendship, faith, fun and activities. If you usually attend, or would like to come along for the first time, we would be delighted to see you.

We look forward to seeing you then! 😊



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation begins on **1 September and continues until 4 October**, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year's theme, "Living Water of Hope", invites us to reflect on water as a precious gift from God that sustains all life and nourishes creation.

During this special season, we are encouraged to give thanks for the beauty and abundance of God's creation, to deepen our commitment to caring for our common home, and to pray for those communities around the world affected by water scarcity, pollution and environmental challenges.

As we celebrate the gift of living water, may we renew our faith in Christ, the source of living water, and become ever more faithful stewards of the earth entrusted to our care.

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." (John 7:37-38)

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 - For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE 2026/28 - The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is pleased to announce that the start of the 2026/28 Archbishop's Certificate will be **10 October 2026**. The Archbishop's Certificate supports not just the work of catechesis but also that of evangelisation and formation in our diocese.

It is so important that all involved in evangelisation, catechesis and formation in our parishes feel confident, supported and have access to quality ongoing formation as they engage in the vital mission of welcoming, supporting and accompanying new and maturing Catholics in their journey of faith.

We encourage those who volunteer in a parish to speak to Fr Habte about support for their participation in the Archbishop's Certificate.

Would you like to know more? Join our 'Come and See' Evening on **Monday 14 September at 7pm**. A link to register can be found here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026 - On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend our twelfth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on **Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral**, Southwark, SE1 6HU. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process.

Further details and registration details via this link [Invitation letter to all catechists](#)
All catechists are encouraged to attend.

HOW DO WE PRAY? - You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Me to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in- person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December.

There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can.
For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE - LECTORS' and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FORMATION DAYS

Saturday, 24th October 2026 - 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HY

For parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lambeth and Lewisham

Saturday, 31st October 2026 - 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Carlton Road, Erith DA8 1DN

For parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Woolwich

The theme for the Formation Days will be:

“Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist”

Full details, will be circulated shortly

MASS ATTENDEES

8/9 August -255 15/16 August - 214 22/23 August - 206

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 10 September 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 11 September 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 26 September 4.45pm	BeWell drop in	Cafe York
Wednesday 30 September 6.30pm	Annual Service for Hope and Healing - (see poster)	St George's Cathedral
Saturday 3 October 10am-5pm	Day for Catechists	Amigo Hall & St George's Cathedral
Saturday 24 Oct 10am-2pm	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Formation Day	Bishop Thomas Grant School
Saturday 31 Oct 10am-2pm	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Formation Day	Capuchin Franciscan Friary

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 29 August 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 30 August 2026

09:30 Ruth Brereton RIP 18th Anniversary

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2026- Feria

10:30 Paul Van Dooran RIP

Tuesday 1 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Thanksgiving for Orji Idodo, all her children and their entire families

Wednesday 2 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Divine intervention and a successful operation for all Austin Avuru entities

Thursday 3 September 2026 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 4 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Breeda McAleer RIP

Saturday 5 September 2026 - Feria

10:30 Jonathan Agbaw Thanksgiving for God's healing mercies upon him and his family

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 5 September 2026

18:00 Brian Wrigley Wellbeing

Sunday 6 September 2026

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Julia Bentham RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

(FM)=Foundation Mass



ARCHDIOCESE of
SOUTHWARK

You are warmly invited to our annual

SERVICE FOR THOSE THAT

HAVE BEEN HARMED BY ABUSE

Hope



Hope

Hope

An evening of hope & healing

Led by Archbishop John Wilson

Wednesday 30th September 2026

6.30pm

St Georges Cathedral, SE1 7HY

*"Many times the pain of the victims has been
greater because they were not welcomed and
listened to." Pope Leo XIV Jan 2026*