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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 closed,
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

ALL SAINTS (A)
1 November 2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON PETER JULIEN

We warmly congratulate Peter Julien, who was ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop John Wilson on 31 October 2026.

As a parish family, we give thanks to God for Peter's generous response to his vocation and for this important milestone in his journey of faith and service. We assure him of our continued prayers as he begins his ministry as a Deacon.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen him with wisdom, compassion and joy, and may his ministry be a source of blessing to our parish, the wider Church and all those he serves.

We also keep Peter's family in our prayers, thanking them for their support and asking God's continued blessing upon them.

May God bless Deacon Peter abundantly in his ministry.

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Revelation 7:2-4,9-14, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12a

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -. In this, the sermon on the mount, Jesus teaches the beatitudes, the blessings motivated by love which supersede the avoidance of wrong-doing that is prescribed by the ten commandments. They appeal to our hearts in eight ways and they indicate what sort of people we should be when we profess to love Jesus. They encompass challenges of life that we will all have to face to a greater or lesser extent and they promise the happiness of coming close to God by humbly seeking to do his will and by lovingly caring for the well-being of others. That blessing may be hard to appreciate when our faith puts us into conflict with the accepted standards of society, but we are urged to rejoice, because there is a heavenly reward and our saviour knows the path we tread and he walks with us.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Wisdom 6:12-16,1 Thessalonians 4:13-18,Matthew 25:1-13

THANKSGIVING MASS - SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER AT 10.30AM

Please join us for a joint Thanksgiving Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 22 November as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and give thanks for the ordination of Deacon Peter Julien. Refreshments will follow in the school hall, and everyone is warmly invited to attend this special parish celebration.

SYNODAL SESSIONS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

I am grateful to the parish ministries and groups that have generously agreed to host these meetings. I encourage everyone to attend whichever sessions are most convenient for them. Your voice, experience and faith are important, and all are welcome.

Meeting Schedule

GROUP	DATES	TIME	VENUE
Parish Pastoral Council & Social Justice Group (BeWell Hub)	**Sundays 1,8, 15 November**	**10.30am after 9.30am Mass**	**School Hall**
Morning Mass & Art Groups	**Wednesdays 11,18, 25 November**	**10.15am**	**Church**
Parish Music Group	**Thursdays 5 & 19 November**	**8.30pm**	**Church**

HOLY SOULS - Throughout the month of November, the Church remembers and prays in a special way for the Holy Souls and for all our faithful departed. As we celebrate All Souls' Day on Monday 2 November, we commend to God's loving mercy our deceased relatives, friends and all those who have gone before us in faith.

Parishioners are warmly invited to have Masses offered for their deceased loved ones during November. Sheets and envelopes are available on the tables in the narthex. Please write the names of those you wish to be remembered and place your offering envelope in the designated box on the sanctuary. Alternatively, envelopes may be posted through the Presbytery letterbox.

Mass offerings may also be made using the contactless giving device, by scanning the QR code, or online at: donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church

Let us keep all our departed brothers and sisters in our prayers throughout this month of remembrance, trusting in the promise of Christ's resurrection and eternal life. Thank you for your prayers and support.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CEMETERY BLESSING - SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 2.15

Hither Green Cemetery. We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm with a hymn. We recite the Rosary prayer as we walk, in small groups, and pause to sing hymns on the way.
Please make use of this opportunity to bless the graves of our departed beloved ones.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER AT 8.00

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of parishioners who have died in the last year on **Wednesday 11 November at 8.00pm,** followed by refreshments in the parish hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to join the families of the deceased as we gather in prayer, remembrance and thanksgiving for their lives

BEREAVEMENT TALK - SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2-4PM

we will be hosting St Christophers Hospice who will be talking to us about loss.
It will be a workshop that will encourage conversation and provide some theory around what grief is, some confidence to talk about it and some tips on management of grief whether the loss be recent or a decade ago. It will take place in the upper hall. All are welcome, Please add your name to the Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2027 - If your child is currently in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for candidates and parents in the church on **Sunday 29 November 2026 at 6.00pm.** The preparation programme will begin in January 2027.
We look forward to welcoming all those interested in taking this important step in their faith journey.

WOOLLY HATS FOR SEAFARERS

Last Christmas we delivered 106 woolly hats to Stella Maris in Tilbury and were immediately able to see how much they (and the messages of support written with them) were appreciated by the seafarers.

Stella Maris is a charity we support as a parish and we hear a little about their work every summer when the annual appeal is made. They give all sorts of practical support to the seafarers who leave their homes and families to work on ships to bring food and all sorts of goods to our shores. One of the things Stella Maris provides is woolly hats – which are very much in demand by seafarers arriving in the depths of winter. For the second year we will be running a Christmas project to provide woolly hats – and we are starting early to give you plenty time to get busy.

Please take a leaflet in church or download a copy **HERE** to find out how you can contribute. There is yarn and needles available for anyone to take. Knitted, crocheted and shop bought hats are all welcome! Just make sure they are a nice snug fit to stay on amid storm and tempest!
Talk to Maureen Swift if you want to know more 0776 5428299

"Seafarers and I are very grateful for your support and the woolly hats will keep them warm especially in the cold days we have now."
Wojtek – Stella Maris chaplain at Tilbury







MASS ATTENDEES

10/11 October - 263 17/18 October - 291 24/25 October -247

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 5 November 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Sunday 8 November 2.15pm	Cemetery Blessing of Graves	Hither Green Cemetery
Sunday 8 November 2.45pm	Reconciliation Session 2	Church
Sunday 8 November 2.45pm	1st Reconciliation & Eucharist - Parents Meeting with Fr Habte	School Hall
Wednesday 11 November 8pm	Remembrance Service	Church
Saturday 14 November 2-4pm	Bereavement Talk	Upper Hall
Sunday 22 November 10.30am	Thanksgiving Mass for the Feast of Christ the King and to celebrate the ordination of Deacon Peter Julien	Church Refreshments in the School Hall
Sunday 29 November 6pm	Confirmation Meeting for parents and candidates for the 2027 programme	Church

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2026 -

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.



ALL SAINTS (A)
Saturday 31 October 2026
18:00 Renate Betson RIP
Sunday 1 November 2026
09:30 Martin Farrell RIP
11:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

Monday 2 November 2026 - ALL SOULS DAY
09:30 Costello & Leen Families

Tuesday 3 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 Deceased Orieso Family RIP

Wednesday 4 November 2026 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
09:30 Holy Souls

Thursday 5 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 6 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 John McGlynn Senior RIP

Saturday 7 November 2026 - The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George
10:30 Rosaria Stanizzi RIP

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Remembrance Day
Saturday 7 November 2026
18:00 Pietro Battista RIP
Sunday 8 November 2026
09:30 Chris & Pat Kitchen RIP
11:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

LIVE-STREAMING

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

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