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 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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
25 October 2026

Dear Parishioners

Following the invitation to all parishioners to participate in parish synodal process to pray, listen, share and discern, and the preparation to form different groups to facilitate the conversation. we are now pleased to publish the dates, time and venue of the parish groups who have decided to hold the meetings in the next few weeks,

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 Music Group	**Thursdays 29 Oct, 5 & 19 November**	**8.30pm**	**Church**
Parish Pastoral Council & Social Justice Group (BeWell Hub)	**Sundays 1,8, 15 November**	**10.30am after 9.30am Mass**	**School Hall**
Art Goup	**Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 November**	**10.15am after 9.30am Mass**	**Cafe York**
Morning Mass Group	**Wednesdays 28 Oct, 4,11,18 November**	**10.15am**	**Church**

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Exodus 22:21-27, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10, Matthew 22:34-40

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society. A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests. By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver. Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'.
How do we put into practice this commandment to love?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

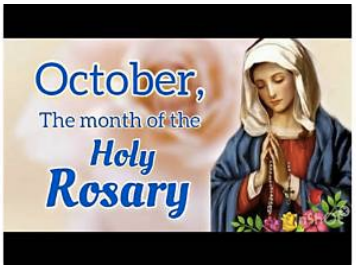
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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world.
To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

MONTH OF OCTOBER:
THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, honouring Our Lady and the many graces won through her intercession in prayer. We will recite the Holy Rosary every Friday after Mass throughout October.



THE GOSPELS

"The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few"
Luke 10:2

WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE TO GOD,

PETER JULIEN

warmly invites you to join him as he is ordained to the

SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

through the laying on of hands by

His Grace Archbishop John Wilson
Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark



Saturday 31 October 2026
at 12.30 p.m.

St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Lambeth Road
London SE1 6HU

PLEASE PRAY FOR ME
as I prepare for this day.

"Serve one another in love"
Galatians 5:13

ALL ARE WELCOME

🚗 TRANSPORT & LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR PETER JULIEN'S ORDINATION

We are looking forward to supporting Peter on this special occasion and would be grateful if parishioners could help us with planning arrangements.

🚗 Transport Required?

If you would like to attend the Ordination but are unable to travel by public transport, please add your name and contact details to the Transport Sign-Up Sheet at the back of the church

🍽️ Staying for Lunch?

Following the Ordination, there will be an opportunity to gather for lunch and celebrate with Peter.

If you are planning to **stay for lunch**, please add your name to the separate **Lunch Sign-Up Sheet** at the back of the church. This will help us estimate numbers for catering and hospitality.

🙏 Please complete the relevant sign-up sheet(s) as soon as possible.

Archbishop John Wilson will ordain Peter Julien and James Gurney to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Southwark at 12:30pm on Saturday 31 October 2026 at St George's Cathedral.

Please join us in the Cathedral or watch the livestream

https://rcaos.org.uk/Diaconateordinations2026

https://www.youtube.com/live/ANHI4zPDObQ

Please pray for Peter and James as they begin this ministry of service to the Lord Jesus and His Church.

THANKSGIVING MASS - SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER AT 10.30AM

Please note in your diary we will have a joint 10.30am Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 22 November to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and Peter Julien's Ordination followed by refreshments in the school hall.



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.

CEMETERY BLESSING in Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance **Sunday 8th November 2026**. We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm with a hymn, led by the Bromley Concert Band. 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

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.

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







BeWell DROP IN CAFE - SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 4.30pm - 6.00pm | Café York

Looking for a friendly place to relax and connect with others?
Join us at our BeWell Drop-In Café for a warm welcome, a cup of tea or coffee, and good company. Whether you'd like to have a chat, meet new people, or enjoy a game of Scrabble, Rummikub or cards, there's something for everyone.

Everyone is welcome. Come along, bring a friend, and enjoy a relaxed and friendly afternoon together.

☕ Friendly conversation

🎲 Games and activities

🤝 A warm and welcoming atmosphere

Café York | Last Saturday of each month | 4.30pm - 6.00pm

FINANCES - SEPTEMBER 2026

The monthly Offertory Collection including contactless - £2,098.47
Donations for Education Sunday - £204.90
Donations for Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) - £138.16
Donations for Families in Need Fund - £159.69
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,318.00

If you wish to set up a regular standing order:
Please contact the parish office

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your continued generosity and support

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Doris Horsley RIP

Funeral at St William of York on Monday 26 October 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

MASS ATTENDEES

3/4 October - 372 10/11 October - 263 17/18 October - 291

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 29 October 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 31 October	Lectors & EM's Formation Day	Capuchin Franciscan Friary
Saturday 31 October 12.30pm	Peter Julien's Ordination	St Georges Cathedral
Saturday 31 October 4.30-6pm	BeWell Drop in Cafe	Cafe York
Tuesday 3 November 7.45pm	RCIA	Lower Hall
Sunday 8 November 2.15pm	Cemetery Blessing	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 Mass	Church
Sunday 22 November 10.30am	Thanksgiving Mass for the Feast of Christ the King and to celebrate Peter Julien's Ordination	Church followed by refreshments in the school hall



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Saturday 24 October 2026
18:00 Bob Hall RIP
Sunday 25 October 2026
09:30 Grace Udefina RIP
11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 26 October 2026 - Feria
09:30 Divine Intervention and a successful operation for Austin Avuru Entities
11:30 **Funeral of Doris Horsley RIP**

Tuesday 27 October 2026 - Feria
09:30 Gertrude Badejo Private Intention

Wednesday 28 October 2026 - Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
09:30 Sian Hart Private Intention (live-streamed)

Thursday 29 October 2026 - Feria
09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 30 October 2026 - Feria
09:30 Holy Souls

Saturday 31 October 2026 - Feria
10:30 Thanksgiving for Orji Idodo all her children, and their entire families

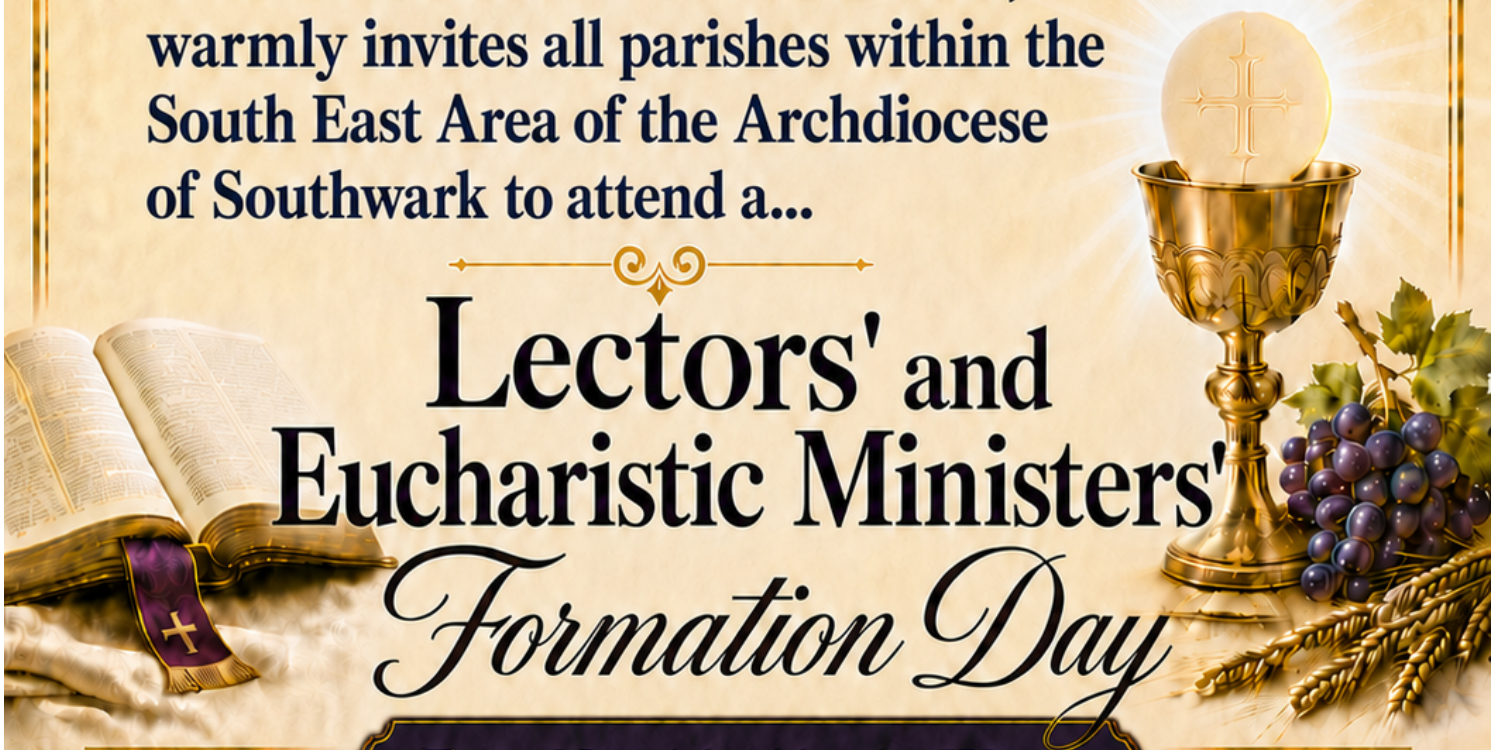
ALL SAINTS (A)
Saturday 31 October 2026
18:00 Renate Betson RIP
Sunday 1 November 2026
09:30 Martin Farrell RIP
11:30 For the Parishioners

LIVE-STREAMING

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass

Canon Victor Darlington,
Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark, warmly invites all parishes within the South East Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark to attend a...



Lectors' and Eucharistic Ministers' *Formation Day*

Topic: Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist

Saturday 24th October 2026 from 10 am to 2 pm

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

For all parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lambeth and Lewisham

Facilitator
Fr Valentine Erhahon, SS Simon and Jude, Streatham Hill

Saturday 31st October 2026 from 10 am to 2 pm

Capuchin Franciscan Friary,
Carlton Road, Erith DA8 1DN

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

Facilitator
Fr Alfred Ebalu, St Pius X Catholic Church, Norbiton

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