



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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

18 October 2026

Dear Parishioners

Following the invitation to all parishioners to participate in parish synodal process to pray, listen, share and discern, we embarked in the preparation to form different groups to facilitate the conversation. In the middle of this week, we had two online meetings for facilitators, I am grateful for the parish ministries/group leaders who came to the meetings and agreed to help as facilitators.

We would like to encourage group coordinators and leaders who did not come to the meeting and others willing to lead small groups in the synodal conversation. We are happy to arrange quick meetings to help facilitators to be familiar with the process. I encourage all who are invited to respond so that we could offer more groups and times of meetings for fellow parishioners.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 45:1,4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matthew 22:15-21

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - In today's Gospel the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus with a binary question, asking him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Rome. He was being set up – if he said it was lawful then he was recognising the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said it wasn't then he was in opposition to the ruling power.

Jesus refuses to give a simple answer. He replies with more questions. And his ultimate criteria is to ask them to discern what are the interests of God - "render to God the things that are God".

This response contains an important message. Rather than relating on oversimplified solutions, Jesus challenges us to be mature disciples, discerning the truth, using our conscience and our reason to understand what God wants for us and our world. It is our intellect, heart and conscience that lead us to faith and Jesus is asking us to use these, as well as his teachings, to discover what is God's will and guide our decisions.

JD

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



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has



chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. Many thanks

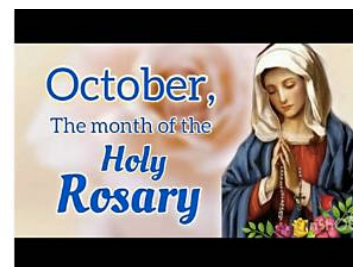


BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we warmly welcome Jude William Marsden and Marina Andreea Gina Janette Antoniu into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Suzannah and William and Andreea and Tom and assure them of our prayers as they begin this wonderful journey of faith with their children. May God bless Jude and Marina, and may they always know the love and support of our parish family at St William of York.

THE 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.



2027 MASS INTENTIONS - We have now received diaries for 2027 and will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by email to foresthill@rcaos.org.uk via telephone 020 8690 4549 or envelope to the presbytery.

Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account. Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church> or the QR code (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website)



Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer. If you would like Mass to be offered for your intention on a particular date (e.g. anniversary) please try to request it well in advance as we are seeing a significant increase in the number of Mass intention requests.

If you wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - When children under the age of 12 need to use the toilets, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is an important safeguarding requirement to help ensure their safety at all times.

We are also experiencing problems with the toilets becoming blocked due to excessive amounts of toilet paper being flushed, sometimes including entire rolls. In addition, wet toilet paper has been found thrown onto the ceiling. These actions are unacceptable and are causing considerable inconvenience and expense.

The toilets were recently refurbished, and it is important that we all help to keep them clean, tidy and in good condition for everyone to use.

Please help us by ensuring that children are supervised appropriately and encouraged to use the facilities responsibly. By working together, we can keep our children safe and maintain our church facilities for the benefit of all.

LECTORS' & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FORMATION DAY - Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area, warmly invites all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to a Formation Day on the theme "Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist."

Saturday 24th October, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Bishop Thomas Grant School, SW16 2HY.

Saturday, 31st October, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Erith DA8 1DN.

Participants are welcome to attend either of the two Formation Days.

Please register your attendance via Mary in the parish office by **23 October 2026**.

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WELCOMING & STEWARDING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Our Welcoming and Stewarding Team plays a vital role in helping everyone who comes to St William of York feel welcomed, valued and part of our parish family. We are very grateful to our existing stewards for their generosity, commitment and faithful service throughout the year.

To help support this important ministry, we are looking for a few additional volunteers to fill some gaps in the rota. If you can offer a little time, even just once a month at the Mass you normally attend, we would be delighted to hear from you. Full guidance and support will be provided. Thank you for helping us to ensure that our parish remains a warm and caring community.

For more information, please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

DISCOVER DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY Looking for an inspiring day out? Our parish is pleased to hold a Community Welcome Pass for Dulwich Picture Gallery, giving parishioners the opportunity to enjoy free entry to one of the UK's most celebrated art galleries. [For information about current exhibitions, opening hours and visitor facilities, visit www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](#)

To borrow the parish pass, please contact Mary in the Parish Office

foresthill@rcaos.org.uk  020 8690 4549

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2026 -

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

Peter Julien's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons Saturday 31 October 2026

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.

This will help us assess demand and determine whether transport can be arranged.

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.**

Thank you for your support and prayers as Peter prepares for this important step in his vocation.

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.

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



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

26/27 September - 259 3/4 October - 372 10/11 October - 263

PARISH DIARY

Monday 19 October 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 2	Cafe York
Thursday 22 October 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 24 October	Lectors & EM's Formation Day	Bishop Thomas Grant
Saturday 31 October	Lectors & EM's Formation Day	Capuchin Franciscan
Saturday 31 October 12.30pm	Peter Julien's Ordination	St Georges Cathedral
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

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

REMINDER - CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY 25 OCT AT 2AM





TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Mission Day

Day of Prayer for the evangelisation of the world

Saturday 17 October 2026

18:00 Timmy Ryan RIP

Sunday 18 October 2026

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 19 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 Chris & Pat Kitchen RIP

Tuesday 20 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 Charles Edwards RIP Birthday

Wednesday 21 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 Ann Model RIP

Thursday 22 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 23 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 Michel Romuald Goubou Irihari RIP

Saturday 24 October 2026 - Feria

10:30 Rosaria Stanizzi RIP

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

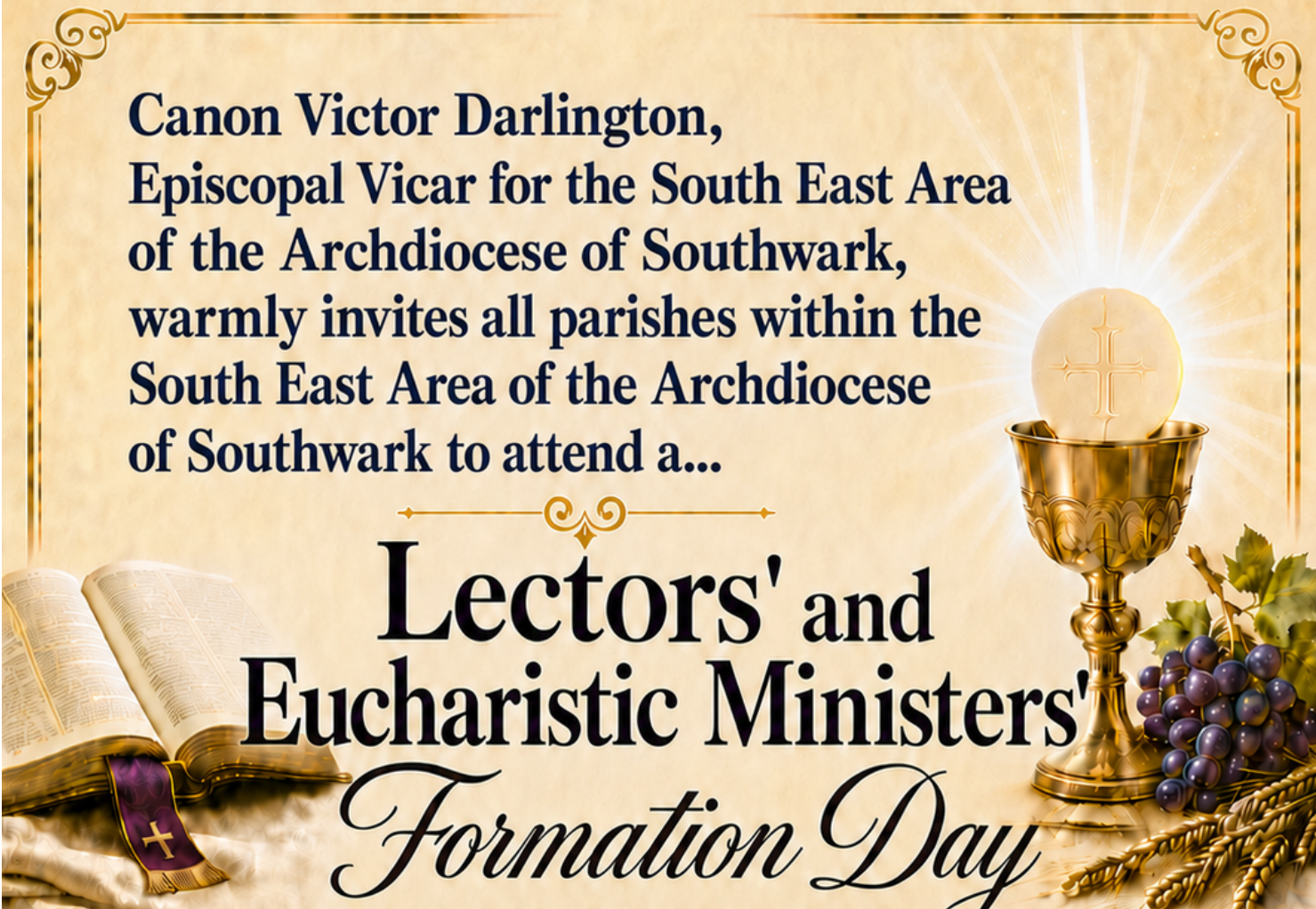
LIVE-STREAMING

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