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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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
15 November 2026
World Day of the Poor

Dear Parishioners

Please join us for our 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.

Following Mass, everyone is warmly invited to refreshments in the school hall. Contributions of food and drink to share are greatly appreciated. If you are able to bring something, please add your food/drink items to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

We are also inviting parishioners to contribute towards a parish gift for Peter. Donations can be made via the QR code, by bank transfer, cash or cheque, or using the contactless devices in the Narthex. Congratulatory cards are also available in the Narthex, and everyone is warmly invited to add a message for Peter.

Thank you for your kindness, prayers and generosity as we celebrate this joyful occasion.

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This parable invites us to think about how we nurture the talents and qualities that build community in all parts of our lives. The master is pleased by the people who recognise the value of what they have been entrusted with, and who interact with others to multiply that value. They don't do it alone. They look out for what is of value to others too.

In contrast the man paralysed by fear ends up hiding the value and is deprived of the joy that human interaction produces.

The master in the parable talks repeatedly about entering into his joy. He wants us to be happy and make each other happy.

To build a happy community we can use the frequent opportunities we have to build up others, with a smile, a welcome, making someone a drink, listening, remembering a face, name or a previous conversation or sharing a meal, time, knowledge, skill or resources.

Like those who traded their talents in the parable, we can actively look out for the needs, varied talents and joy in others. Perhaps we could enable someone who is a bit weighed down or frozen by fear, to see the treasure in their own lives, and to enter the joy. MMcD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17, ! Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This Sunday is the tenth World Day of the Poor. Pope Leo XIV's message emphasises that the poor occupy a central place in Christian life and that their growing marginalisation demands renewed commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity. Info: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-of-the-poor



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS -

This weekend we warmly welcome Eliana Chimaraoke into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Chisom and Edison and assure them of our prayers as they begin this wonderful journey of faith with Eliana. May God bless Eliana, and may she always know the love and support of our parish family at St William of York.

RED WEDNESDAY - 18 NOVEMBER Aid to the Church in Need: Red Wednesday is your chance to show solidarity with persecuted Christians worldwide. For resources and further details of the Red Wednesday fundraising challenge,
visit info: tinyurl.com/RedWednesday

GIFT SUNDAY

We'll be collecting gifts again this year to pass on to the Salvation Army for their annual Christmas appeal. We will be collecting gifts at all masses over the weekend of **28-29 November and during the following week until the weekend of 5-6 December.** This year, we are asking for donations of

- Toys or gift vouchers for children and teenagers, unwrapped
- Supermarket gift vouchers, small Christmas food and other items - e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, crackers

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)	**Sunday 15 November**	**10.30am after 9.30am Mass**	**School Hall**
Morning Mass & Art Groups	**Wednesdays 18, 25 November**	**10.15am**	**Church**
Parish Music Group	**Thursday 19 November**	**8.30pm**	**Church**

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.



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.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVING TEAM



Has your child received their First Holy Communion? If so, we would be delighted to invite them to consider becoming an Altar Server.

Altar serving is a wonderful opportunity for children to deepen their faith, take an active role in the Mass, and become more involved in the life of our parish. It is also a great way to build confidence, learn new skills, and make friendships with other young people in the parish.

Children who have received their First Holy Communion are warmly welcome to join our Altar Serving Team. Full training will be provided.

If your child is interested, please contact Mary in the Parish Office with their name and age, and we will be in touch regarding the next training session.

We look forward to welcoming many new young people to this important ministry and helping them grow in faith and service within our parish family. 🙏✨

MASS ATTENDEES

24/25 October -247 31/1 November - 286 7/8 November - 299

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 19 November 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 20 November 10am	Parish Carol Service Planning Meeting	Cafe York
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
28 & 29 November to 5 & 6 December	Gift Sunday collections	Church
Sunday 6 December 11.30pm-2.30pm	School Christmas Fair	School
Sunday 6 December 6-9pm	Igbo Community Christmas Party	Upper Hall
Sunday 13 December 7pm	South East Area Carol Service	St Saviour's, Lewisham
Sunday 20 December 4pm	Parish Carol Service	Church

PARISH CAROL SERVICE, SUNDAY 20th December, 4pm

Our annual parish Carol Service will be on Sunday 20th December, 4pm. We gather together on the last Sunday before Christmas to share readings, prayers, reflections and sing carols together as well as concluding our parish Advent project "Woolly hats for Seafarers". Put the date in your diaries and see you there!

If you have any ideas or would like to get involved with planning it, we're having a meeting on **Friday 20th November, 10am in Cafe York.** If you can't come, email us with any ideas liturgy.swoy@gmail.com. All are welcome!

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.

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

STELLA MARIS

THE IGBO COMMUNITY are having a Christmas Party on Sunday 6 December from 6pm-9pm in the Upper Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

SOUTH EAST AREA CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 13th December 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
St Saviour's Catholic Church, 175 Lewisham High Street, London SE13 6AA
All are warmly invited to join Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area, for the South East Area Carol Service.
Come together with parish communities and choirs from across South East London for a joyful evening of carols, Scripture readings and prayer as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - 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.

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.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2026 - Sunday 22 November is World Youth Sunday.
The second collection will support the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which helps young people encounter Christ, grow in authentic friendship, and be equipped for mission in the Church and the world.

To find out more about our activities for young people and young adults, visit www.scys.org.uk or scan the QR code.
Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
World Day of the Poor
Saturday 14 November 2026
18:00 Susan Carter RIP
Sunday 15 November 2026
09:30 Deceased members of the Ortiz family and DeRoxas family
11:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

Monday 16 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 Garvey & O"Connor Families

Tuesday 17 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 Divine Intervention and a successful operation for all Austin Avuru entities

Wednesday 18 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 Josie Cliffe RIP 25th Anniversary (live-streamed)

Thursday 19 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 20 November 2026 - Feria
09:30 Anthony Bullen RIP

Saturday 21 November 2026 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30 Thanksgiving for Orji Idodo, all her children and their entire families

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)
World Youth Sunday
Saturday 21 November 2026
18:00 John Costello RIP
Sunday 22 November 2026
10:30 Deacon Peter Julien Thanksgiving

LIVE-STREAMING

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass

SWOYSA CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER!

HIGHQUALITY NORMAN FIRS AT GREAT PRICES, ORDER YOURS TODAY!

Collect @ SWOY 6th Dec 2-3:30





Deadline 28th Nov

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followed by bank transfer to
SWOYSA: 60-13-10 42042658
(use your first initial & surname as the reference)

3-4ft	4-5ft	5-6ft	6-7ft	7-8ft
£35	£40	£45	£55	£65

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South East Area
Carol Service
with Canon Victor Darlington
Sunday 13th December
– 7pm –
St Saviour's, Lewisham
Music, Readings & Prayers
with the Choirs and Parishes
of the South East.