



**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 occasions)*

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

30 July 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)

6 August 2023

Dear Parishioners

With the closure of the academic year and Masses of thanksgiving in both our schools, we now have started the summer recess, this also marks the beginning of a slowing down of the pace of every ministry and activity in our parish life to facilitate this precious time.

I wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday time, which becomes an opportunity and precious time to rest, but also, a time to rediscover the joy of being with one's family, simply, without too many plans and without having to chase after goals or activities with which to fill the days. A time to have physical and mental rest, to visit new places and meet new people, and to make it a time of prayer and reflection.

Whatever you plan to do. I wish you a great time and thank you for your hard work, generosity, love and support to the parish.

We will have a visiting priest Fr Alexio Tapiwa Matsika residing in the presbytery during the month of August.

We welcome Fr Alexio to our parish and wish him a joyful and blessed time with us.

God Bless

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - 1 Kings 3:5,7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - St Matthew presents us this week with three final pictures from his collection of Jesus' images about the Christian community. Matthew likes pairs of parables: the dragnet pairs with last week's darnel-parable, the treasure pairs with the pearl. The Kingdom is an exciting and unexpected treasure which can change our whole life; it's like winning the pools or the lottery – except that God's gifts change us only for the good, and fill our lives with meaning and joy. Of course we know that God's call is demanding: you've got to pay a price for the field in which the treasure lies, or for the genuine pearl found in a junk-shop! The very last picture - the householder bringing down different food-packets, pots and jars off the shelf - is encouraging too: some are old favourites (perhaps like the Christian values and prayers which we inherited from our families), but some add new flavours too, which we have discovered or been taught ourselves. If we listen, the Spirit is always there to show us new ways of living out our Christian calling, revealing to us an opportunity for prayer or help or service. This 'householder' is often thought to be Matthew's secret signature for himself: he brings out old and new in the Christian message.

How can we learn new ways of living out our Christian calling?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Neliah Maelle Mulema Mbimbe .

Congratulations to Neliah and her parents Yasmin and Jacques from all at St William of York and welcome Neliah to our parish family.



MESSAGE OF THANKS

Anne Warner and family thanks all family and friends and our family of the parish for supporting us at John's funeral Mass and all through this difficult time. A Mass will be offered for your intentions. Much love Anne & family.

PARISH DIARY

Mon 31 July 8.00pm

PPC Meeting

Cafe York

MASS ATTENDEES

8/9 July - 252 15/16 July - 273 22/23 July - 312

STEWARDS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Many of our regular ministers will be on holiday during the summer period so it will be greatly appreciated if you are able to offer assistance as required at your regular Mass times. Thank you

LIVE-STREAMING

Please note we will be unable to live-stream Mass throughout August, we will resume live-streaming in September after the holidays.

BENEDICTION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please note we will not have Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday in August, we will resume in September after the holidays.

TOILET REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support for our Toilet Refurbishment Project. To date we have received a grand total of £7,446.32 towards our £10,000 target. All donations will be gratefully received direct to our bank account, via cash or cheque or via the contactless device in the Narthex or via the QR Code. Please remember to gift aid your donation as we will be able to claim an additional 25% from HMRC. Many thanks for your generosity and support.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2023 For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2023 For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from all over the world, taking place in Lisbon this summer with Pope Francis.

For those not lucky enough to be there, a day of celebration has been arranged in London .

Saturday 5 August 11.00 am – 5.00 pm

Notre Dame de France 5 Leicester Place LONDON WC2H 7BX

The programme is: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass

If you were confirmed in the last few years this might be something to join in with to register a group or individually go to: bit.ly/wydlondon

PERSONAL ASSISTANT an 18-30 year old female personal assistant needed for our mild special needs & mildly autistic daughter (a friendly young adult) in family home in Catford. Fridays and some other weekdays 11.00am -5.00pm (flexible days/hours to be agreed). Rate of pay £12.90 hour. Ability to engage and support, mainly desktop activities. Will need a DBS (or to apply for one). We would love to hear from you. Phone Jytte Mon-Sat 12. 00 noon till evening 07944 711594

ANNUAL FORMATION DAY FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please note in your diaries the date of the Annual Formation Day which is being arranged by Canon Victor Darlington. The Formation Day will be from 10am until 4pm on **Saturday 21 October** at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham. London, SW16 2HY. More details later.

FORTHCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham - Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

For details go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Archdiocese of Southwark 2023 Autumn Assembly by the Justice & Peace Commission on **Saturday 23rd September 2023** entitled **The Right to Stay: Free to Choose** in response to the message of the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, at St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP. Parish Mass 10am. Registration 10.30am.

Programme starts 11am. Finishes 4pm. Free Entrance. Donations suggested. Lunch provided. All welcome.

Keynote speaker: Rt. Rev. Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migration & Refugees and Member of the Department for International Affairs at the Bishops Conference for England and Wales on 'Love the Stranger', What really happened at Napier Barracks? To reserve a place email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

There will be a Seminar entitled **"Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities"**. This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on **Saturday 28 October 2023**. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.

For more information and registration, please use this link: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST READINGS -

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

Mark's was the first Gospel to be written; he gives the basic account which Matthew and Luke both use. This commentary looks first at Mark, then at the changes made by Matthew and Luke. Mark's Gospel has been described as 'a Passion Narrative with extended introduction.' In this second half of the Gospel, everything is overshadowed by the Passion of Jesus. The disciples are going to be stunned and shaken by the Passion, when their loved and awesome leader is taken from them and tortured to a humiliating death. So beforehand God allows them to see the other side, to see Jesus for what he really is. They see his features as a heavenly person, transformed with the divine light and clothed in dazzling garments. With him are the two heavenly figures who had experience of God on the Holy Mountain, Moses and Elijah, for this is an experience of Jesus as God. The overshadowing cloud is further evidence of the divine presence. The Voice that spoke to Jesus at his baptism now speaks to them all, authenticating Jesus as God's Son and chosen teacher. The disciples are literally 'gob stopped', and want to preserve the experience by building three shelters for the heavenly visions. But such an experience, like any mystical experience of the divine, is not to last. They must return to the business of living their daily lives in the light of this overwhelming experience. Matthew's account is almost the same as Mark's. He adds the detail of Jesus' face shining like the sun. This was the case with Moses when he encountered God on the Holy Mountain, and Matthew, writing for Jewish Christians, is always keen to stress that Jesus was a Second Moses. He also changes the reaction of the disciples: in Mark, they are so scared that they do not know what to say, but in Matthew, they fall to the ground and do reverence, and Jesus gently raises them up. Luke stresses that Jesus went up the mountain to pray. He frequently stresses Jesus' constant need for prayer, and many of Luke's parables are about prayer (the Importunate Widow and the Unjust Judge, the Pharisee and the Tax Collector). Luke also details that Jesus, Moses and Elijah were conversing about his journey up to Jerusalem, a journey that is the theme of the latter half of Luke's gospel.

Jesus went up the Holy Mountain to pray. Where do you like to pray? What do you find the best form of prayer

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

This newsletter is for two weekends. Please do not destroy it too soon.

**Our next newsletter will be issued for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time on
Sunday 13th August 2023**



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 29 July 2023

18:00 Roy Raphael RIP

Sunday 30 July 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 31 July 2023 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

09:30 John Warner RIP

Tuesday 1 August 2023 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Kathleen Redmond RIP Birthday

Wednesday 2 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Fr Norman Gillett (FM)

Thursday 3 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 4 August 2023 - St. John Vianney, Priest

09:30 Joseph Dominique RIP Birthday

Saturday 5 August 2023- Feria

10:30 The Judge Family (FM)

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Monday 7 August 2023 - Feria

09:30 Sheila Cowell RIP

Tuesday 8 August 2023 - St. Dominic, Priest

09:30 Dora Etafo RIP

Wednesday 9 August 2023 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

09:30 Maeve O'Kelly (FM)

Thursday 10 August 2023 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 11 August 2023 - St. Clare, Virgin

09:30 Lucy & Thomas Stanton (FM)

Saturday 12 August 2023- Feria

10:30 Francis Ellis (FM)

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