



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 - Friday 9.30am Mass

Eucharistic Devotion after Mass on Fridays during Advent

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Any time during Advent by contacting Fr. Habte in advance.

Advent Penitential service on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 4 DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parishioners

We continue our advent season, a time of waiting to the one who comes to transform us, the preaching of John the Baptist is the signal of the beginning of Jesus' public action. He calls us to conversion, to change is us whatever is hindering us from the love of God. He teaches hope in the one who comes to save us. The Lord will come with every gift, we have to respond to John's call of repentance "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" a message to prepare us to recognise the one who heals and perfects our own humanity.

As we continue to bring our gifts so generously for our parish Gift Sunday, homeless collection, and participate in the many personal and parish activities in the Advent season, I would like to thank you all for your generous giving of your that times talents and treasure. The gifts will bring so much hope, joy and smiles to many individuals and families.

I wish every member of our parish community a spiritual and fruitful Advent season.

Fr Habte



TODAY'S READINGS -

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In today's Gospel reading, we see John the Baptist baptising huge numbers of people "from Jerusalem, all Judaea and the whole Jordan district." And while he was sceptical when Pharisees and Sadducees approached him for baptism, he foretold them that "the one who follows me (Jesus Christ) is more powerful than I am and that his baptism will be with the Holy Spirit and fire."

This episode reminds us of the power for good that has been given to us through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. They seal our Christian identity and give us a close bond to Jesus himself (made even stronger, of course through the Sacrament of the Eucharist), who is always willing to help us to live by his Word and be positive in our lives as Christians.

Are we ready to take up that challenge?

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Isaiah 35:1-6,10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

GIFT SUNDAY

We will continue to collect gifts at all masses on 3-4 December. This year, we are asking for donations of Toys or gift vouchers for children and teenagers, Small Christmas food and other items - e.g., Christmas puddings, biscuits, chocolates, crackers. The gifts will be delivered to the Charities on Monday 5 December. Thank you for your generosity.

RUBY ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

to Grace & Matthew Medupin who are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this weekend. May God bless you both on this special day and bring many more years of love and good health together. Blessings & warmest wishes to Grace & Matthew on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary!



SWOY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 4th December 2022 12.30-14.30

With festive food and drink, Santa's Grotto, Christmas family photos, and many more stalls to keep everyone entertained.

Bring your friends, family and neighbours – EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Thank you for your support!



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Thursday 8th December we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will offer Mass at the usual time 9:30am

PARISH CAROL SERVICE - SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER

Due to the World Cup final taking place on the afternoon of Sunday 18 December which many parishioners may wish to watch, the Carol Service will now take place on Saturday 17th December at 4pm followed by refreshments in the school hall. We look forward to this parish event, a great celebration for everyone.

ADVENT LEAFLET (UPDATED)

Please take an updated leaflet from the Narthex or click here [Advent Leaflet](#) . Advent is a busy time for all of us at church at home and work. Keep the leaflet handy so you know what we'll be doing together in our Church and Parish Community.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING ADVENT

We will have Eucharistic adoration during Advent after the Friday morning Mass. Please come and join us.

ADVENT PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE - TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Advent is a good time to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance, either at the Saturday 11:00pm- 12:00 noon parish confession times, or any time during advent by contacting Fr. Habte in advance. We will also be holding a parish Penitential service on Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING ADVENT WILL BE FOR THE HOMELESS

Please give generously! THANK YOU.

ART at CHRISTMAS

The Art Group are busy making preparations for the celebration of Christmas in our community. This year, with your help, we plan to create a choir of angels for our church and are looking for your creativity to help us make this happen. There are templates of the Angel in the Narthex and we invite you to take one, and decorate it with your customary flair, colour and sparkle so that our choir of angels will be a glorious riot of joy.

Please return your finished angels to us by **Sunday 11th December** at the latest, you can leave them in the Narthex or the presbytery.

It is always a pleasure to see your beautiful creations and we look forward to bringing your angels together for Christmas.

A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

On Monday 28 November 2022 it was announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Mgr Philip Moger as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. The date for Bishop Elect Moger's Episcopal Ordination is Tuesday 21 February 2023 in St George's Cathedral, Southwark.



Please keep him in your prayers.

For more information, please follow this link [Read More](#)

SAVE THE DATE! RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY MASS - 5 FEBRUARY 2023

To mark this important day, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass at 10 am in St George's Cathedral, in collaboration with the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion which is led by Canon Victor Darlington. It will be a great opportunity for all Catholics in our Archdiocese to join together in reflecting on the importance of our oneness in Christ. All are invited to this Mass which will be celebrating our oneness in our diversity. It would be a beautiful opportunity to see many countries and cultures represented. It is also an opportunity to give thanks for the work of our Commission for promoting racial and cultural inclusion. All warmly invited to join Archbishop Wilson in celebrating Racial Justice Sunday. Those attending are encouraged to wear cultural dress and are asked to be seated by 9.45 am for a prompt start at 10 am in St George's Cathedral.

VACANCY - CHAPLAINCY APPRENTICE, CHRIST THE KING, BLACKHEATH

We are keen to appoint an exceptional professional with a genuine passion in supporting students to achieve their full potential. Join us at CTK Emmanuel where students aspire to be the best and to reach the top in their chosen ambitions. Please follow this link for the Job description and additional information [Read More](#)

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Joyce Kathleen Précieux

(mother of Irene)

Funeral at St William of York on
Wednesday 4 January 2023 at 12.15pm

Please pray for Joyce's family and friends at this difficult time.

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Advent and Christmas Time:

Migrants and Refugees, especially on Migrants' Day, Friday 3rd December.
Expectant Mothers, especially on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE SOUTH-EAST PASTORAL AREA

All parishioners in the deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, Camberwell, Greenwich Lambeth and Lewisham are warmly invited to a Christmas Carol Service to be held at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 103 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6EF on Sunday 11th December 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Reverend Canon Victor Darlington will be the Principal Celebrant.

FINANCES

NOVEMBER 2022

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,670.55
Donations for Archbishop's Appeal Fund - £291.90
Donations for Catholic Youth Service - £204.17
Donations for Holy Souls - £315.00
Donations for Parish Crisis Fund - £786.46
Donations for Advent Homeless - £397.43
From monthly standing orders/bank transfers we collected - £4,219.00
From contactless & website donations we collected - £380.76

Thank you for your continued support
Please Gift Aid where possible

HOLY SOULS MASSES

Thank you for offering Masses for Holy Souls to be celebrated for the faithful departed. These Masses will be celebrated over the next year.

MASS ATTENDEES

12/13 Nov -298 19/20 Nov - 269 26/27 Nov - 297

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 4 Dec 12.30pm	SWOY School Christmas Fair	School
Sunday 4 Dec 3pm	Reconciliation 3 Session	Church
Tuesday 6 Dec 2pm	Knit n Natter	Cafe York
Wednesday 7 Dec 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 9 Dec 10.00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Saturday 10 Dec 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Saturday 17 Dec 4pm	Carol Service Refreshments	Church School Hall
Sunday 18 Dec 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Tuesday 20 Dec 7.30pm	Advent Penitential Service	Church

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Saturday 3 December 2022

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 4 December 2022

09:30 **Family Mass**

Thanksgiving Grace & Matthew Medupin
40th Wedding Anniversary

11:30 Robbie Sharp RIP Anniversary & Genowefa Szczegolski RIP
(live-streamed)

Monday 5 December 2022 - Feria

09:30 Richard Gallagher RIP

Tuesday 6 December 2022 - Feris

09:30 Sandra Asare Birthday

Wednesday 7 December 2022 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

09:30 Mrs Sule RIP Anniversary **(live-streamed)**

Thursday 8 December 2022 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

09:30 Thanksgiving to Our Lady

Friday 9 December 2022 - Feria

09:30 Anne Orieso Personal Intentions

Saturday 10 December 2022 - Feria

10:30 Arthur & Elizabeth Adamson (FM)

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 10 December 2022

18:00 Fr John Pledger (FM)

Sunday 11 December 2022

09:30 Tony Frisoli RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon



You are warmly invited to the:

Christmas Carol Service

Of the South-East Pastoral Area, Archdiocese of Southwark
Parishes in the deaneries of Bexley; Bromley; Camberwell; Greenwich; Lambeth and Lewisham



Date:

Sunday 11th December 2022

Gaudete Sunday

Time:

7.30pm

Venue:

**St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 103 Woolwich New Road
London, Woolwich, SE18 6EF**

Theme:

Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to you

Featuring:

**St Peter's Chior
Voice of Africa Choir
St Paul's Thamesmead Choir**

Principal Celebrant:

The Reverend Canon Victor Darlington

Episcopal Vicar for the South East; Episcopal Vicar for the Commissions for Education; Promoting Racial & Cultural Inclusion; and Director of CARITAS for the Archdiocese of Southwark, London

