



**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 & last Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

29 October 2023

Dear Parishioners,

It is a great pleasure to share that we have once again started the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, journey in faith (RCIA) in our parish since September, this year we have 4 enquirers.

The Rite calls the community of the faithful to be engaged and involved in this process. The journey and the process of initiation takes place within the larger community of the faithful. We would like to invite all members of our parish community to accompany those who embarked on the journey and the Parish RCIA team by offering prayer, support, and example for those who are seeking Christ.

This year we are running two separate but converging sessions fortnightly, we would love to welcome you at any time, therefore, we like to invite you to come and join us either on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Fridays at 7:30pm. The programme overview is available in the narthex or download a copy [HERE](#) The Friday sessions sometimes may join the one on Tuesdays, If you would like to come on a Friday, Please let us know by email at foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

or call on 0208 690 4549.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte and the RCIA team.

TODAY'S READINGS - Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Loving God with all your heart, soul and mind is a great way of saying 'totally'. This commandment is a constant call to grow in love. In our busy lives, we move in and out of consciousness of our love of God. This Sunday's readings call us to deepen that consciousness.

But most of all these readings invite us to be driven by love. In the best times we connect with God and people with joy. With enthusiasm. With awe. We recognise a kindred and beautiful spirit, an inspiring other. Our love for a new baby, partner or a new person in our lives energises us, changing our mindset and heart. Then as we develop each relationship, we discover strengths, complexities and vulnerabilities. We can use the love experienced in our best encounters, to keep us generous through challenging times.

Jesus makes it clear that love for our neighbour is central to love of God. Loving our neighbours, each made in God's image, helps us to know and love God more. We're called to love those close to home, as well as all our neighbours traumatised by the miseries of war; the death, loss, violence, destruction, displacement, hunger and fear.

Violence makes it so hard to love, to see the humanity of those whose acts have traumatised, uprooted or taken lives.

We can love our neighbours by choosing our words carefully, acknowledging their pain, supporting humanitarian aid and praying for healing. We can call for peaceful and just solutions that recognise the experience and humanity of all our neighbours.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10, ! Thessalonians 2:7-9,13, Matthew 23:1-12

FR GREGORY Please remember Fr Gregory in your prayers he is in hospital at present following a fall and is making steady progress in his recovery.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the Pope - We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS -WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER - We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Wednesday 1 November. Masses at 10.30am and 8pm. The 8pm Mass will be live-streamed.

ALL SOULS DAY- THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER - We will celebrate Mass at 9.30am.

HOLY SOULS - In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. On the tables at the entrance and exit of the church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Alternatively you can post your envelopes through the presbytery letter box. Mass offerings for Holy Souls may also be via the contactless device or our website.

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church>



DAY OF RECONCILIATION AND INNER HEALING - SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

St George's Cathedral 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Sat 4 November 'Return to me with all your heart' is the theme for this day. Featuring a range of activities to help you connect with God and experience inner healing: praise and worship, talks, testimonies, Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer ministry, eucharistic healing service and Mass.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of these parishioners who have died in the last year on **Wednesday 8th November at 8:00pm**, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. I would like to invite all parishioners to join us and their families in prayer.

CEMETERY BLESSING- REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM We

shall have a Deanery Procession through Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023. We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm. We recite the Holy Rosary as we walk and pause to sing hymns on the way. We arrive at the far end of the cemetery where after final prayers and hymn we disperse to our family graves inviting the accompanying clergy to visit and pray at the graves of our departed loved ones. Please make use of this opportunity to bless the graves of our beloved ones.

‘REMEMBERING ST WILLIAM OF YORK’ Oral history project - What does it mean to be a parishioner at St. William of York? We are launching a new oral history project called ‘Remembering St. William of York’. This aims to commemorate the Parish through the voices and memories of its parishioners. We would love for as many parishioners as possible to get involved and tell their stories about our Church and its community. If you would like to take part or want to learn more, please email Sarah Limb at se.limb598@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024 - SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

If your child is in Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on **Sunday 5th November 2023 at 6pm**. The preparation sessions will commence in January 2024.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE, SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

It's not long until Advent and it's never too early to plan! There'll be a meeting to think about and plan the Parish Carol Service on **Thursday 9th November, 8pm**, in the Lower Hall. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can make our Parish Carol Service a real celebration involving the whole parish. To find out more, contact us at liturgy.swoy@gmail.com

THURSDAY PARISH SINGERS

The Parish Singers will not be meeting on Thursday 2nd and 9th November.

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

We will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone 020 8690 4549 or email Mary at the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk. Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account:- NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437 Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Your surname/Gift Aid no

In addition, Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website DONATE WITH DONA (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 wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Theresa Ifeanyi Ndudi Mordi RIP

Anne Albert RIP

(mother of James Albert)

Maria Bottone RIP

(a long-standing house-bound parishioner who sadly died last week)

Funeral at St William of York at 11.00am on Wednesday 8 November 2023

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

MASS ATTENDEES

7/8 October - 309 14/15 October -265 22/23 October - 262

PARISH DIARY

Mon 30 Oct 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Presbytery
Tue 31 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA - Walk about the Church	Lower Hall
Fri 3 Nov 9.30-12pm	Mother's & Toddlers	Cafe York
Fri 3 Nov 7.30pm	RCIA - Overview	Cafe York
Sat 4 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 5 Nov 2.50pm for 3pm	Reconciliation 2 Session	Church
Sun 5 Nov 3pm	1st Rec Parents Meeting	School Hall
Sun 5 Nov 6pm	2024 Confirmation programme Information Meeting	Church

Please note our next Family Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 5 November led by year 5 children. We will have one Sunday Mass at 10.30am on 26th November 2023 on the Feast of Christ the King and our usual two Sunday Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am on the First Sunday of Advent on 3rd December .
The 9.30am on Sunday 3rd December will be a Family Mass.
We hope to see many children and families at these Masses.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 28 October 2023

18:00 John Warner RIP

Sunday 29 October 2023

09:30 Josephine Ugwu RIP & Grace Udefuna RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 30 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 31 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Shay Wellman Birthday Blessings

Wednesday 1 November 2023 - ALL SAINTS

Holy Day of Obligation

10:30 Freddie Curtis RIP

20:00 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Thursday 2 November 2023 - ALL SOULS DAY

09:30 Theresa Ifeanyi Ndudi Mondri RIP

Friday 3 November 2023 - Feria

09:30 Deceased members of the Orieso Family
Prayers for John McGlynn RIP Senior

Saturday 4 November 2023 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

10:30 Ernest Levey (FM)

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 4 November 2023

18:00 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

Sunday 5 November 2023

09:30 Clemencia Charles RIP Anniversary

11:30 Madeleine (Ruth) Branigan RIP (live-streamed)

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/