



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
6 NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parishioners

As you are aware, the Parish Crisis Fund was set up in March 2020 to assist struggling families in our community severely impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Since that date, we have received a total of **£16,123.74** & **£800.00** in supermarket vouchers enabled through the love and generosity of our supportive parish community.

I wish to thank you all on behalf of the families who have benefitted and continue to benefit from the Crisis fund. We as a community have donated **£11,249.95** to over 30 families and individuals in need which include over 100 children identified by our Parish Schools and our SVP Conference.

Thank you also to all parishioners who have given so generously of their time in assisting families, regular donations to the Lewisham Foodbank and being a supportive and friendly member of our parish community in times of need.

We anticipate further challenges ahead with the cost of living increases and fuel charges and we ask you to please continue to support the Parish Crisis Fund and to be as generous as you can so we can continue to assist families in our parish community who are struggling.

Donations to the Parish Crisis Fund may be made via the following ways:-

- Cash or Cheque payable to RCAS Forest Hill
- Contactless payment via the digital device in the Narthex

- Secure On-line payment via our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church>
- Bank transfer - NatWest Bank Sort Code 60-50-01 A/c no - 7912443 Account name RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/Crisis Fund

Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK tax payer as the parish will benefit.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support to our Families in need.

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus. By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line. The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infinitum'). Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument back upon them by returning to that key text of scripture when God replies to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this reply in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection of, and his presence with, his people through thick and thin. This is one more instance of Jesus' deep knowledge and mastery of scripture, of the way that he can transcend the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents and make plain the deep and true sense of these holy texts. To God no one is 'dead and gone'; we all remain safe in his hands. *What does it mean to you to be a 'child' of the resurrection?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Malachi 3:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

RCIA Journey in Faith - TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 7.45PM

The next session of the RCIA Journey in Faith is on Tuesday 8th November in the Lower Hall with refreshments at 7:45pm before the session at 8:00pm prompt, finishing at 9:10pm.



All are welcome to come along and explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our enquirer Tabitha and her sponsor Sudha. It will be a great support to them if you could find the time to join us for this friendly informative evening. We look forward to welcoming you.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of those who have died in the last year on Wednesday 9th 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. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022

Saturday 12 November at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, starting with registration from 10.00am and ending with Mass at 4pm. This is an in-service training day for all catechists in the diocese (including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process), and a day of support for them in their ministry. Please [click here](#) for additional information and please contact Mary if you are able to attend and advise which group in Sessions 2 and 3 you wish to attend- foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

DEANERY PROCESSION: HITHER GREEN CEMETERY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 13th NOVEMBER 2022

We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm with a hymn, led by the Bromley Concert Band. We recite the rosary prayer as we walk, in small groups, 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.

We are asked to vacate the cemetery by 3.45pm.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023 - SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022

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 13th November 2022 at 6pm.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION 13 NOVEMBER 2022

This will replace the previous second collection which was called the Archbishop's Administration Fund.

It will support three areas of the diocesan mission.

Youth and Evangelisation. (Formation of youth in the faith and reaching out with the Good News).

Our Faith in action. (To show compassion and respect for the dignity of all with whom we share this planet)

Clergy Care and Formation. (supporting the work of vocations to the priesthood and caring for our elderly, sick, retired priests).

Special envelopes are available in church this weekend for those who wish to use the envelopes and especially for those who might wish to Gift Aid their donation. Many thanks in advance for your support

RCIA/JIF

CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

We are very pleased to announce our Confirmand Vivian Griffin will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 20th November 2022 the Feast of Christ the King. Please keep Vivian in your prayers.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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. Please note Holy Souls Masses are not attributed to a particular family but are offered for all the dead as we remember all those that have gone before us. Individual names and families are remembered collectively at Holy Souls Masses. Thank you.



PARISH CAROL SERVICE, SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Our annual Parish Carol Service will be on Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm. There'll be a meeting to think about and plan it on **Thursday 17th 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 everyone. To find out more, contact us at liturgy.swoy@gmail.com



UPDATE ON THE SYNODAL PROCESS

The working Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod has now been published. The Working Document for the Continental Stage was based on the syntheses coming from the churches of the five continents after consultation with the faithful and others. The Continental Synodal Assemblies will take place between January and March 2023. These Continental Synodal Assemblies will be convened to reread the journey made and to continue the listening and discernment.



Please find below a link to the working Document for the continental stage for further information and to download the document.

<https://www.synod.va/en/highlights/working-document-for-the-continental-stage.html>

WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON, (31st July to 7th August 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> . For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

2023 MASS INTENTIONS

We have now received diaries for 2023 and will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone 020 8690 4549 or email to 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:-

**Bank: 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 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. Mass may be offered for any particular need for yourself, a loved one or a friend, birthdays, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick or indeed for the repose of the soul of a loved one.

It is often impossible to give you the date that you request but we will always do our best to give you the closest date available.

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

FINANCES

OCTOBER 2022

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,939.57
Donations for CAFOD -Family Fast Day - £957.68
Donations for World Mission Sunday - £602.64
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £921.59
Donations for Bishop Patrick Lynch - £170.00
From monthly standing orders/bank transfers we collected - £4,788.00
From contactless & website donations we collected - £347.97

Thank you for your continued support
Please Gift Aid where possible

MASS ATTENDEES

15/16 Oct - 278 22/23 Oct - 226 29/30 Oct - 222

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 6 Nov 3pm	Reconciliation 2 Session Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Monday 7 Nov 7.45pm	Baptism Course session 2	Lower Hall
Tuesday 8 Nov 2pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Cafe York
Tuesday 8 Nov 7.45pm	RCIA/JIF Session	Lower Hall
Saturday 12 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Saturday 12 Nov 10.00am	Diocesan Day for Catechists	Amigo Hall/ St Georges Cathedral
Sunday 13 Nov 2.45pm	Deanery Procession	Hither Green Cemetery
Sunday 13 Nov 6pm	Confirmation 2023 Information Meeting for Candidates & Parents	Church
Monday 14 Nov 7.30pm	Finance Meeting	Presbytery
Tuesday 15 Nov 2pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Cafe York
Thursday 17 Nov 8pm	Carol Service Planning Meeting	Lower Hall

Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 5 November 2022

18:00 Clemencia Charles RIP Anniversary

Sunday 6 November 2022

09:30 **Family Mass**

Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Fr Habte Thanksgiving **(live-streamed)**

Monday 7 November 2022 - The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George

09:30 Teresa Smith Wellbeing

11:30 Funeral of Genowefa Szczegolski RIP

Tuesday 8 November 2022 - Feria

09:30 Mrs Pond RIP

Wednesday 9 November 2022 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

09:30 Rose Calver RIP **(live-streamed)**

Prayers for Mary Helen Gunasingham

20:00 For all our loved ones who have died in the last year
(live-streamed)

Thursday 10 November 2022 - St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

09:30 Annie Maguire RIP

Friday 11 November 2022 - St Martin of Tours, Bishop

09:30 Peggy Walsh (FM)

Saturday 12 November 2022 - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

10:30 Roisin McGill RIP

Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Remembrance Day

Saturday 12 November 2022

18:00 Costello & Leen Families

Sunday 13 November 2022

09:30 Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Rita Tildesley RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon



Knit n' Natter

Calling all crafty crocheters and nifty knitters!

At our carol service this year we want to have a host of heavenly angels to share with the congregation. So we would like you to get busy with knitting (or crocheting) angels. There are two simple patterns below to get you started but feel free to make your angel as simple or fancy as you choose (though they must be child friendly) There are copies of the patterns in the narthex and the links are below.

Please get busy and bring your angels to church by 17th December. If you would like to share ideas or just have chat while you knit, we will be holding "Knit and natter" sessions in Café York on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th November at 2.00pm. All are welcome!

For further info contact Maureen Swift
(or any member of the Art Group)

Knitted angel <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf>

Crotchet angel [https://Christmas angel crochet pattern \(version 2\)](https://Christmas%20angel%20crochet%20pattern%20(version%202))

(Please note there was a slight problem with the crochet angel pattern last week. It seemed to be missing a decrease round! - the above link and the hard copies in the Narthex have now been updated - apologies for any confusion)



CHRISTMAS ANGEL

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1992-2022



CHRIST THE KING
SIXTH FORMS

Christ the King
Catholic Sixth Forms
warmly invite you to a

Celebration Mass of Thanksgiving

on the occasion of the
30th Anniversary
since its founding

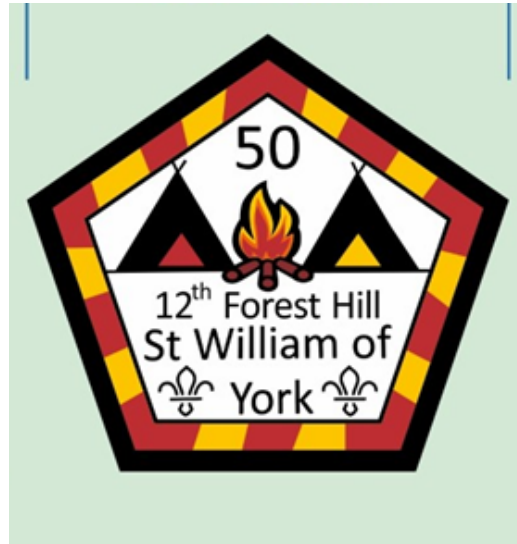
In the presence of Canon Victor Darlington,
Episcopal Vicar for the South East Pastoral Area

Taking place at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR

Wednesday 16th November, 2pm

Refreshments will be served in the Amigo Hall afterwards

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12th Forest Hill (St William of York) Scout Group 50th anniversary

Sunday 27th November

11.30am Blessing and promise renewal at St
William of York Church followed by social event at
District HQ, St Germans Rd

Members and leaders past and present welcome,
dust off your scarves and join us to look back and
to the future.

RSVP Antonietta Hesketh

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