



**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

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

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI) (A)
11 June 2023**

Dear Parishioners

The feast of the most Holy Body and blood of Christ is the feast of love, The Eucharist is the sacrament of God's love, and this love calls us to itself and demands to be reciprocated with love, and gratitude.

This communion that unites us to him generates at the same time a communion that we can call "horizontal", brings a communion/ unity with-in our churches and communities, our families (ecclesial, fraternal) capable of uniting all the participants at the same table/ banquet in a bond of love. We all are here in our parish and in churches around the world, united in Christ.

We come to God through the bread of love we receive, but also through the love for a person within our families and communities.

Today we celebrate our parish International day for the second time while reflecting on our togetherness, on our communion, on our bond that we are able to exercise because of the grace and the strength we receive through this sacrament.

The Holy Mass we offer is not an exclusive club of people in God's grace. The Eucharist is for those who feel needy and suffering. Therefore everybody is welcome. God invites us to come to him.

In this same spirit, today we celebrate and renew our commitment to continue to be an inclusive, welcoming, loving community that knows to embrace people of every background.

May God bless our parish family to live its call and commitment. Amen

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16, 1 Corinthians 10.16-17, John 6:51-58

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

The feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus who gave up his life for us and commanded us to celebrate the Eucharist in his memory. Bread is the staple of the world, the simplest thing in the world, something which we eat and never get tired and for those on the streets maybe the only thing they can find to eat. So it is a good symbol to use to emphasise the importance of the Eucharist. As Catholic Christians regular attendance at the Eucharist is an important aspect of our faith. When we come to mass we are fed spiritually and are united with each other which sets us up for the week ahead.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Exodus 19:2-6, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

This weekend, 10 & 11 June, the Solemnity of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist will renew their commitment during Mass.

2024 RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST PREPARATION PROGRAMME

An information evening will be held on **Monday 26 June 2023 at 8.00 pm** in the School hall for the parents/carers of children in year 3 (KS2) and above who wish to present their children for the Reconciliation and Eucharist programme for 2024.

The meeting will last for approximately 30 minutes.

IMPORTANT - If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Fr Habte via the parish office tel:- 020 8690 4549 or email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk **BEFORE** the 26th June.

Please collect an information leaflet from the Narthex or download a copy here [First Eucharist leaflet](#)



DAY FOR LIFE – weekend of 17/18 June 2023

This year, the Day for Life will be marked on the same day across the three episcopal conferences of England & Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Please pray that this will be a tremendous witness to the gospel of life across these islands.

The 2023 Day for Life will seek to highlight the trauma caused by abortion, with the theme “Listen to Her”. [The message](#) is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who, after suffering the trauma of an abortion, found healing. The number of abortions in the British Isles is ever-increasing, and with the introduction and impact of ‘telemedicine’ following the COVID 19 pandemic, many stories of post-abortive trauma have come to the fore: via Rachel’s Vineyard, (based in Birmingham), ARCH (based in Scotland), and Gianna Care (based in Ireland). Unfortunately, these are stories which are not covered by the mainstream media, and the suffering goes unnoticed, even to the point of being actively concealed.

The Holy Father’s [own words in 2016](#) underline the gravity of abortion, but remind us, too, that nothing is beyond the mercy of God. Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and we want people to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church through the promise of hope and healing which is found in the Lord Jesus.

A Novena of Prayer will be available on the CBCEW website which will lead up to the Day for Life. www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

Next weekend we will have a second collection. The funds raised will support life projects across the whole spectrum of life.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH: Walking together, praying together, and working together - Webinar: 11 July 14:00-15:30

A webinar will be held this summer to build upon the work which has taken place around *Racial Justice Sunday* in recent years, and is open to anyone who wishes to discover more about racial justice in the Church. Participants will be encouraged to learn from one another, and to share their own experiences and initiatives, which will help inform the ongoing mission of the Bishops’ Conference in this area.

As part of this, two projects which have received favourable attention in the national media will be shared: the [Image and Likeness of God](#) initiative which celebrates images of Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a range of countries and cultures; and the [Walking Together, Praying Together, and Working Together](#) project, which reflects on the role that each of us has to play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. To register interest: www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

John Warner RIP

It is with great sadness that we received the devastating news last week that John died unexpectedly whilst on a walking trip with his son in Scotland.

Please remember Anne and family and friends in your prayers

Cornelius (Con) Manning RIP

A former parishioner who died this week.

Please remember Con's family and friends in your prayers

Joana Taylor RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York on Tuesday 20 June at 11.00am

Please remember Joana's family and friends in your prayers

**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**

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI is the inspiration for the latest exhibition at the National Gallery, jointly curated by its director, Dr Gabrielle Finaldi, and Joost Joostra, curator in Art and Religion. St Francis of Assisi is at the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, Admission free. See website for opening times- www.nationalgallery.org.uk/

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - June 23

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

PARISH TOILETS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that we have received £10.000 from The National Lottery Community Fund towards the refurbishment of our community toilets. We are hoping to start and complete the works before the end of the summer season. The project is estimated to cost around £20.000, therefore we will be grateful if parishioners could contribute towards this project. We have opened a special “Community Toilet Refurbishment Fund” if you are able to contribute, please indicate that your donation is specifically for this project, as usual you can donate using a bank transfer to the parish account, [Nat West, 60-50-01, 79124437 RCAS Forest Hill,](#) [Reference:- Surname/Project/GiftAid no](#) or via the QR code, the contactless device in the Narthex, or in cash. Please remember to include your gift aid number. Many thanks in advance for your support.



PARISH DIARY

Sun 11 June 10.30am	International Day Mass followed by lunch	Church School hall
Thurs 15 June 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 16 June 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler Group	Cafe York
Sat 17 June 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 18 June 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

MASS ATTENDEES

20/21 May - 348 27/28 May - 418 3/4 June - 279

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Saturday 10 June 2023

18:00 John Cooper RIP

Sunday 11 June 2023

10:30 Tony Frisoli RIP 3rd Anniversary (live-streamed)

Monday 12 June 2023 - Feria

09:30 Diego Pedrazzi RIP

Tuesday 13 June 2023 - St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

09:30 William Jordan (FM)

Wednesday 14 June 2023 - Feria

09:30 Julia Bentham RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 15 June 2023 - Feria

09:30 Michael Winter RIP

Friday 16 June 2023 - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

09:30 Luca Fernandez RIP

Saturday 17 June 2023-The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 Julia Bentham RIP

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 17 June 2023

18:00 John Cooper RIP

Sunday 18 June 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Fr Sean Heslin RIP (Leitrim & Florida)

Our International Mass on Sunday 11 June at 10.30am will be live-streamed
on our parish Facebook page www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Travelling Knitted Bible Exhibition

arranged by

Churches Together in Sydenham and Forest Hill

at

**St Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill, Sydenham, SE26
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FREE exhibition of 35 knitted tableaux illustrating biblical scenes

12th June to 24th June, 2023



Public Opening times

Monday to Thursday

1pm to 4:30pm

*(12th – 15th June and
19th – 22nd June)*

Closed on Fridays

Saturday 17th June

10.00am to 4:30pm

Saturday 24th June

10:00am to 12:30pm

Admission is free but donations are welcome to cover the costs of bringing the exhibition to Sydenham

Churches Together would like to thank the Revd. Jim Perry and St Bartholomew's church for hosting the exhibition. Our thanks also to St George's United Reformed Church in Hartlepool which created and maintains the exhibition.

Churches Together in Sydenham and Forest Hill organises annual celebrations for the week of prayer for Christian Unity and for the World Day of Prayer on behalf of churches of all denominations in Sydenham and Forest Hill.



St William of York
Catholic Primary School

Brockley Park, Forest Hill, London SE23 1PS

Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Lynch

School Website: www.swoy.lewisham.sch.uk

Nursery and Reception places available for September 2023!

Please contact the school office for more information.

Email: admin@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk

Telephone: 020 8690 2842

Come and visit our lovely small school!

Visits and tours by appointment!



Forest School sessions.

Experienced, and enthusiastic
teaching staff.

Lovely children, parents and school community!

One form entry, small, friendly and we celebrate your
child's unique gifts and talents.



15hrs and 30hrs available. Mornings, Afternoons and ALL DAY from 9am—3pm
with wraparound care. Wraparound care available from our Breakfast Club and After School
Club Providers.

We are a Catholic primary school. However, we accept Non-Catholic children, and ALL
religions are welcome! We celebrate diversity and are an inclusive and welcoming school!

