



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

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**31 MARCH & 7 APRIL 2024**

*Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen*

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! At Easter we experience that Love is stronger than death, that Love conquers death. Easter returns every year and renews our lives because the risen Jesus is alive forever and remains among us. The Lord invites us, like every year, to participate and enjoy the fruits of his Easter; The celebration of Easter is the joy of us believers who affirm with exultation that our God is alive and present among us and gives us peace.

I would like to extend my joyful Easter wishes to everyone, Happy Easter to the ministers and collaborators and volunteers here in our parish; to the elderly and sick, to families, to children, to young people.

Today I would like to thank Readers, Sacristans, Flower Arrangers, Altar Servers, the Conflrmandi, Catechists, Musicians, Choir, Stewards, the parish social and refreshment team and all parishioners for their support and hard work during

the Holy week and throughout the year. Thank you especially for your support, good wishes, cards, gifts and your generous Easter Offerings.

I wish you, all the blessings of the Risen Christ and a joyful Celebration of Easter! May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear, and may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always lead you and bless you abundantly.

God Bless  
Fr Habte

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST):** starts on **Sunday March 31, 2024 at 1am.**

Clocks in the UK go forward one hour. Please remember to put your clocks forward.

### **CHANGE TO MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK**

Please note that From Monday 1 April to Friday 5 April Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am.

### **EASTER SUNDAY'S READINGS -**

Acts 19:34,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

### **EASTER SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -**

Jesus inspired his followers with new values and a new way of understanding their faith and God's kingdom. So it must have been devastating for his close followers to then see him humiliated, tortured and brutally killed. They'd lost the teacher they'd loved who had changed their lives.

The different accounts of the resurrection describe the women discovering his empty tomb. Initially terrified, they go on to tell the closest disciples what they had observed. Their despair turns into joy as they work out together that Jesus has risen. Their encounters with the risen Jesus in the following days help to rebuild their faith and give them the confidence to continue to spread what they now understand better as the Good News.

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we celebrate God's unstoppable generous love for all, that even transcends death. Jesus' death and resurrection make it clear that God wants to forgive us, to raise us up and enable us to live life to the full. Let's use our joy and faith in God's eternal love to bring light, hope and generosity to those we meet and to the challenges of our world. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Alleluia!

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS** -Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Today's Gospel is the conclusion of St John's Gospel, the story of God's revelation. Having started with the announcement that the Word is God, it concludes with Thomas' recognition that Jesus is "my Lord and my God".

Poor Thomas had sometimes got a bad press. But it's unfair to think of him as doubting Thomas. He is a disciple desperate to experience the resurrection in the world - not as a ghostly theological theory but a physical truth that transforms what he experiences in the world. Today's Gospel invites us to follow his example and seek and celebrate the material and physical experience of the resurrection in our twenty first century world.

The wounds of Christ in the world today - the suffering of individuals and communities - aren't to be dodged in our season of Easter joy. They are still real. Like Thomas we are invited by Christ to touch them. But as Christians, an Easter people, we now recognise that these wounds aren't the end of the story, there is hope. And these wounds can be healed through the power of the resurrection, can be transformed by love which has the power to undo oppression and bring back to the fullness of life all who live in sadness.

As we see this transforming love at work, we are challenged to recognise it as the power of the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and our God. JD

**THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** The faithful have a Duty of honouring Divine Mercy. The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. "The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter Dives in misericordia, n. 7).

**EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE** - please see the yellow Easter Offering envelopes, available in the Narthex, so you can make a donation, giving thanks to our Parish Priest for all his hard work and dedication to St William of York. For those of you in the gift aid scheme, please write your gift aid number on the Easter offering envelope as the parish will benefit. You may also give via the Contactless device. QR code or via the parish bank account details:- Sort Code 60-50-01 -Account number 79124437 - RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/ Easter. Many thanks



## **A BIG THANK YOU TO KATHY DOYLE**

our parishioner for donating beautifully hand knitted Easter chick's with a surprise chocolate egg. They sold very quickly and all proceeds have gone to church funds in accordance with Kathy's wishes.

Thank you to everyone who bought the chicks and contributed so generously.

## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL: For the Role of Women**

This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognised in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."

## **CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Eastertide:**

New Members of the Church, Vocations - *especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Survivors of Sexual Abuse - *especially on Tuesday in the fifth Week of Easter.*

The Right Use of the Media - *especially on World Communications Day, Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Church - especially at Pentecost*

Human Work - *especially on 1st May, Saint Joseph the Worker*

## **RCAOS LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

The Life in the Spirit Seminars will again be held during Eastertide (starting on **St George's Day, Tuesday 23 April**) at the Cathedral, on Zoom and at various parishes around the Archdiocese. Full details can be found at <https://bit.ly/LISS2024>  
Last year over 450 people took part. See poster for further details.

**CALLED TO LOVE** - A new, unique retreat for singles, dating and engaged couples who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others. Runs from **Saturday 4 to Sunday 5 May**, with the option of a night's stay on the Friday.

Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/> to book and for more information.

## **MASS IN CELEBRATION OF LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS**

The Mass for Migrants will take place in St George's Cathedral this year on **Monday 6th May at 12:30pm**, with a preceding banner procession at 12.15pm. This service jointly celebrates the diversity of our communities and the contribution of migrant workers to London and Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood Diocese. All are warmly welcomed to join us for this Mass.



## MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

*Jonathan Mann & Jennifer Turner*

*Our prayers and best wishes go to the happy couple on their forthcoming marriage at our parish on Saturday 6 April 2024.*

**ADULT CONFIRMATION - On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11:30am Mass**, Rachel Allen one of our candidates who has been going through the RCIA Journey in Faith programme, will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. It has been a great joy to welcome Rachel and her family to our Parish family since they joined us. I would like to congratulate Rachel for her commitment in completing the journey towards this day. Fr Habte

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE July 13<sup>th</sup>, at St George's Cathedral** - If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Forest Hill and please copy in the parish [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED** - Please contact the Parish office if you have a 1 bedroom flat or accommodation available to rent in the SE23, SE4, SE15 or SE14 areas. This is needed by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks

### MASS ATTENDEES

9/10 March -273    17/18 March - 311    23/24 March - 419

### PARISH DIARY

Sunday 21 April 3pm	Eucharist 3	Church
Sunday 21 April 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.	Church
Sunday 21 April 6pm	Confirmation 6 with parents	Church



## RCAOS YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

There are several forthcoming events for youth (under 18) and young adults (over 18) in the Archdiocese:

### **Youth Days (10-14 years)**

The next Youth Day, for young people aged 10 to 14, will take place at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 11 May. The day will include faith input, prayer, sports, games, and pizza. · Parents can book their children, and group leaders can register [here](#) · A write-up and video of the March Youth Day is [here](#)

### **Retreat Days (13-17 years)**

The next Retreat Day for young people aged 13 to 17 will take place on Saturday 15 June at Richard Challoner School, New Malden. These days are opportunities for teenagers to grow in faith and friendship in a fun environment. · Parents can book their children, and group leaders can register [here](#) and further details will be available soon. A write-up of the last retreat day in February, which was given by NET Ministries, is [here](#).

### **Young Adults' Masses**

St George's Cathedral hosts a Young Adults' Mass at 6pm on the first Sunday of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+) in the Amigo Hall. You can find details of this and weekly events for young adults at St George's Cathedral on Facebook and Instagram @stgeorgesya

### **Training**

We are introducing training seminars for those already involved in, or interested in becoming involved in, local parish youth ministry. The first Training Seminar is on Saturday 27 April at St George's Cathedral. To register, please click [here](#)

### **CYMFed Flame Congress**

- We are excited to join the CYMFed Flame Congress on Saturday 15 March 2025, which is the largest Catholic youth event in the UK. The Flame theme is "Unstoppable – Fan the Flame of Hope". Featuring guest speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and much more.

Flame is open to those from school year 9 through to university age. The Archdiocese has purchased a block booking. · Group Leaders from our schools, parishes and universities can book here. The early-bird price is £29 payable by 1 August 2024. · Please direct any queries to [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

### **Southwark Catholic Youth**

- The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has several activities in 2024 for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, please sign up to our network at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork) or see our website at [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1)



**Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of**

**DR ALEXANDER UCHÈ RIP**

father of Emmy

Please pray for Dr Alexander's family and friends at this difficult time

**MARGARET O'SULLIVAN RIP**

sister of Catherine Doherty

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

**GRAZINA McCARTHY RIP**

A long standing parishioner who was a welcomer and a member of the choir and art group during Fr Patrick's time in the parish

Funeral on Monday 8 April at 1pm

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Dockhead

Cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium

Funeral reception at the Waverley Arms, 202 Ivydale Road, SE15 3BU

In lieu of flowers, donations to St Christopher's Hospice who took great care of Grazina in her final days <http://grazinabeatamccarthy.muchloved.com>

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

**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**

**DIOCESE JOB VACANCY** - We are looking for a new Evangelisation and Outreach Advisor to join our well-respected and vibrant team. This is a full-time post and further information can be found on the Agency website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy-evangelisation> Deadline for applications midnight 15 April. Interviews 22 April 2024

**PARISH OFFICE** - The Parish Office will close from Monday 1st April and re-open on 8th April 2024. The answer machine will be switched on and messages will be responded to. In an emergency, please come to the presbytery and if no answer at the door, please leave a written message. Thank you  
This newsletter is for two weekends. Please do not destroy it too soon!  
Our next newsletter will be issued for the Third Sunday of Easter on Sunday 14th April 2024.

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)**

**VIGIL MASS**

**Saturday 30 March 2024** (live-streamed)

**20:00** Anne & Martin Delaney RIP 65th Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday 31 March 2024**

**09:30 Family Mass**

For the Parishioners

**11:30** John Garvey RIP (live-streamed)

**Monday within the Octave of Easter - 1 April 2024**

**10:30** Sandanamary Selveraj get well

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - 2 April 2024**

**10:30** Welfare of the Gunasingham family

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - 3 April 2024** (live-streamed)

**10:30** Kathleen Redmond RIP Anniversary

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter - 4 April 2024**

**10:30** Private Prayer

**Friday within the Octave of Easter - 5 April 2024**

**10:30** Yvonne Owokade Personal Intentions

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter -6 April 2024**

**10:30** The Axford Family

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (B)**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Saturday 6 April 2024**

**18:00** Julian Casey

**Sunday 7 April 2024**

**09:30** Marie Dominique RIP Anniversary

**11:30** For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish facebook page

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)





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**11:30** For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

**Monday 8 April 2024 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**09:30** Gertrude Badejo Birthday Thanksgiving

**Tuesday 9 April 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Peter McNeeley Get Well

**Wednesday 10 April 2024 - Feria** (live-streamed)

**09:30** Martin Farrell Get Well

**Thursday 11 April 2024 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 12 April 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Mark McDonagh Get Well

**Saturday 13 April 2024 - Feria**

**10:30** Renate Betson RIP

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**Saturday 13 April 2024**

**18:00** Beth O'Connor-Coffey RIP

**Sunday 14 April 2024**

**09:30** Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners

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Southwark Archdiocese

# Life in the Spirit Seminars 2024

THIS EASTERTIDE ACROSS SOUTHWARK

Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Weekly talks and discussions

Daily reflections

All day retreat



Tuesday 23 & 30  
April, 7, 21 & 28 May  
(day/time may differ  
at Hub locations)

Sat 18 May  
All Day Retreat at  
St George's  
Cathedral

*"I felt like a true disciple at last, something I had always wanted to be"*

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE  
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC TEAM



Agency for Evangelisation  
and Catechesis  
ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK

For more details and to  
register scan the QR code or  
go to: [bit.ly/LISS2024](https://bit.ly/LISS2024)



Pope Francis has asked for the Life in the Spirit Seminars, which explore what it means to live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit, to be made widely available throughout the Church.

Why not come and find out for yourself why the Pope is so keen on them, by joining this year's diocesan Seminars, starting on St George's Day, 23 April, at various locations around the diocese including St George's Cathedral or on Zoom. Full details please email [southwarkrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:southwarkrenewal@gmail.com)

An online registration form is available

- GOD'S LOVE - Tuesday 23 April - Speaker: Joan Fernandez
- SALVATION - Tuesday 30 April - Speaker: Canon Gerard Bradley
- NEW LIFE - Tuesday 7 May - Speaker: Janet Iannicelli
- RETREAT DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL - Saturday 18 May (Pentecost Saturday) - Speaker: Fr Emmanuel Mansford CFR
- GROWTH - Tuesday 21 May - Speaker: Allegra Mutanda
- TRANSFORMATION - Tuesday 28 May - Speaker: Gary Stephens

Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission

## Training Event

### Using “Ways into Prayer” a resource for parishes and groups

ONLINE

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 7.30 to 9pm

or

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 from 10.30 to 12noon

I loved the  
session on  
silence and  
stillness



Ways into Prayer  
has really  
helped me  
deepen my  
relationship with  
God.

This free short workshop aims to enable use of our “Ways into Prayer” pack. This is a simple to use resource that introduces people to different forms of prayer.

You can find out more here <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

We will share how Bexley parish used the resource to support parishioners in deepening their prayer lives through a six week programme.

The training will be facilitated by Trudy Kilcullen and Fr Douglas Bull both members of the Southwark Spirituality Commission together with Christine Crump/ Martin Grecula from St John Fisher Church, Bexley, who will share their experience of using the resource at parish level.

To book please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/A6zm9YPU0S>

Your zoom link will be sent to you a week before the workshop.