



**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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

4 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parishioners

A couple of years ago we started to jointly celebrate (the parish and school communities) the feast of our Patron Saint and our parish international day. A wonderful and colourful day of our unity and diversity which has been enjoyed by many, a day that has brought most of our parishioners together to give thanks to God for the welcoming and open parish we are, here in Forest Hill.

Since then, this day has now become our yearly event, this year it will fall on the Tenth Sunday of ordinary time, on Sunday 9th June. The parish liturgy committee and the music group are looking for a wider participation of the community this year. Therefore, we ask you to please suggest and advise us of any hymns in your language that we can all learn and sing together on the day.

I encourage you to contact us as soon as possible so that we have sufficient time to learn and prepare. Please contact Maria Noronha from the music group, Fr Habte in person or Mary in the parish office, using our parish e mail or telephone number. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Job 7:1-4, 6-7, ! Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23,
Mark 1:29-39

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -Today's Gospel reading, relating to the beginning of Jesus' missionary life, provides an interesting picture of his earliest Apostles, Peter, James, John, Simon and Andrew as he cured Simon's mother-in-law's fever and many more from the town who came "crowding around the door." At that time they saw themselves as permanent residents of the town where they lived and worked.

What Jesus then said next provided a picture of how he saw his immediate future and that of the disciples. Their role was not to remain in any one town or area but to move throughout neighbouring countries, and their towns and villages.

This was, of course, an image of the world, where we, as Catholics have a mission to continue spreading the Gospel, by living it in our lives. And whatever help we need, we are strengthened by his presence with us in the Eucharist. We only have to ask.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, ! Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Thomas Liam Smiley. Congratulations to Thomas and his parents Lauren and Patrick from all at St William of York and welcome Thomas to our parish family.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY - For the terminally ill
We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent commences on Wednesday 14th February. There will be two Masses at 10:30am and 8:00pm. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass symbolising a forty-day period of fasting and penance.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - On Sunday 18 February 2024 the First Sunday of Lent we will have just one Sunday Mass at 10.30am and Canon Victor Darlington will be presiding.

SWOY LISTENING CAMPAIGN

Thank you for completing the listening campaign form. The information will be really useful to enable us to meet the needs of the parish. **Our first meeting will be on the 22 February in Cafe York 7-8pm.** We understand that people have different time pressure, however there are all sorts of ways to support citizens organising whether it be completing a form, attending a meeting or attending a public action.

Given the upcoming Mayoral elections both local and citywide it is even more important that we ensure our voices and priorities are heard by those in power.

The form is still open and we would be grateful if every member of the parish completes it. Below is the link to the questionnaire or scan the QR code. <https://forms.office.com/r/3H8LbYiLWy?origin=lprLink>
Janet Emmanuel



CARITAS SOUTHWARK ANNIVERSARY

This March is the first anniversary of Caritas Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 16th March at 12.30pm. There will be an event in Amigo Hall afterwards, highlighting some of the wonderful projects taking place in various parishes across the archdiocese. All are welcome.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024 on the following dates between 9.45 am - 4.30 pm: February 3rd: Maidstone Parish, March 16th: Gravesend Parish, April 13th: Whitstable Parish and June 29th: Sittingbourne Parish. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the website <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

CARMELA LUCHMUN RIP

(Marina Begg's mother)

RENATE BETSON RIP

(wife of Fennell Betson)

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

13/14 January -312 20/21 January - 371 27/28 January - 282

PARISH DIARY

Sun 4 Feb 2.50pm for 3pm start	Eucharist 1 Session	Church
Sun 4 Feb 6pm	Confirmation 2 Session	Church
Mon 5 Feb 8pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York
Tues 6 Feb 7.45pm	RCIA Meeting	Lower Hall
Wed 7 Feb 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Presbytery
Thurs 8 Feb 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 9 Feb 9.30am-12pm	Mother's & Toddlers	Cafe York
TBC	Instrumentalists	Church

Pilgrimage to Fatima 10th-16th October 2024.

Cost £765 for 7days/6nights

Twin bed and half board . This includes trips to various Holy places.

Contact Juliet Eseinune 07729391661

Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church, Balls pond road N1

Deposit of £250 to secure flight and hotel which is non refundable .

Full payment due by 28th February 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 3 February 2024

18:00 Jimmy Browne RIP

Sunday 4 February 2024

09:30 Clemencia Charles RIP Birthday

11:30 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Monday 5 February 2024 - Feria

09:30 Donal McDermott RIP

Tuesday 6 February 2024 - Feria

09:30 Fr Ian Latham RIP

Wednesday 7 February 2024 -

09:30 Susanna Dereani personal intentions (live-streamed)

Thursday 8 February 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 9 February 2024 -

09:30 Ann Henry RIP

Saturday 10 February 2024 -

10:30 Etheldreda White (FM)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 10 February 2024

18:00 Ciaran Cummings

Sunday 11 February 2024

09:30 Catherine O'Connell RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/