



**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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

28 January 2024

Racial Justice Day

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -Deuteronomy 18:15-20, ! Corinthians 7:32-35,
Mark 1:21-28

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -Having called his disciples today Jesus spends a Sabbath in Capernaum with his disciples. The focus of today's Gospel is his authority. At the start of his ministry it is Jesus' authority that sets him apart and attracts so much attention.

There are two distinct elements of this authority which are described in today's Gospel. The first is the authority he demonstrates in his teaching. Rather than basing his preaching on what other scribes had already said, Jesus' teaching is based on his own authority. His starting point for his teaching is "I am telling you this". He draws his authority from who is and from his relationship with his Father. He also demonstrates his authority by freeing a man from an unclean spirit who possesses him. "Have you come to destroy us?" the unclean spirit asks. And he has. Jesus has the authority to destroy unclean spirits, representing all that holds us back from fulfilling our potential as children of God.

Jesus's authority challenges us today. We meet Jesus in the Gospel, in the sacraments and in the lives of others, especially the poor and excluded. Accepting his authority in these encounters means accepting his message of forgiveness and love for others and for ourselves. If we accept this authoritative message, he will free us from everything that makes us less than we are called to be. Today's Gospel calls each of us to accept the loving authority of Christ and offers us healing in return. JD

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

THIS SUNDAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

Today there will be a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in the wider community. Many thanks for your generosity.

LISTENING CAMPAIGN - 27/28 JANUARY 2024 - St William of York have been members of Citizens UK for over 15 years. Citizens UK is an alliance of local communities working together for social justice and the common good. They bring together everyday people and local organisations to build a better, fairer society, listening and discussing changes members want to see in their community. For example, issues such as immigration, the living wage and affordable housing. St Williams of York Citizens together with London Community Land Trust recently completed a project and successfully delivered 11 affordable homes in Citizens House, Unity Way, Sydenham. The project which began in 2014 has received positive press coverage in a number of national newspapers and specialist architectural journals. In May the project won a highly coveted Pineapple Award for Community Engagement. Building on this excellent work we would like to invite the parish to participate in another listening campaign, to find out what issues are important to us today and from there create a St William of York Citizens group who will represent our views on the Lewisham and Greenwich Citizens alliance. **The Listening Campaign will take place on 27/28 January after each Mass.**

Below is the link to the questionnaire or scan the QR code. <https://forms.office.com/r/3H8LbYiLWy?origin=lprLink>



Janet Emmanuel

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.

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

HIGHER EDUCATION CHAPLAINCY EVENT - SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

The Higher Education Chaplaincy in the Archdiocese of Southwark would like to invite all those in higher education to a Q&A event with the Archbishop on Saturday the 3rd February 2024 at St George's Cathedral.

The event starts at 3.45pm with a tour of the Cathedral followed by the Q&A session and Vigil Mass at 6pm. Refreshments and pizzas at 7pm in Amigo Hall.

Everyone in Higher Education are welcome to attend. For further details visit <https://fb.me/e/4PmFDo5ll>

MASS ATTENDEES

6/7 January - 296 13/14 January -312 20/21 January - TBA

PARISH DIARY

Sat 27 & Sun 28 Jan - after Masses	Listening Campaign	Church
Mon 29 Jan 8pm	Liturgy Group Meeting	Lower Hall
Tue 30 Jan 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Thurs 1 Feb 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 2 Feb 9.30am-12pm	Mother's & Toddlers	Cafe York
TBC	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 3 Feb 2.50pm for 3pm start	Eucharist 1 Session	Church
Sun 3 Feb 6pm	Confirmation 2 Session	Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Racial Justice Day

Saturday 27 January 2024

18:00 Carmela Luchmun RIP

Sunday 28 January 2024

09:30 Michael Ryan RIP

11:30 Michael Guilfoyle RIP

Monday 29 January 2024 - Feria

09:30 Nancy Willis RIP

Tuesday 30 January 2024 - Feria

09:30 For the Parishioners

Wednesday 31 January 2024 - St. John Bosco, Priest

09:30 Paul O'Brien RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 1 February 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 2 February 2024 - The Presentation of The Lord

09:30 Yvonne Owokade Personal Intentions

Saturday 3 February 2024 - St. Lawrence of Canterbury, Bishop

10:30 Jessie Comerford (FM)

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)

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/