



**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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
30 April 2023**

Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is Risen

Dear Parishioners

Our Annual International Mass and the feast of our Patron Saint will be celebrated on Sunday 11th June 2023 (Corpus Christi Sunday) at 10:30am Mass. We have established the International day to be an annual event where all members of our parish and school communities come together to celebrate our unity and diversity. Parishioners are invited to suggest and sing hymns and music for the liturgy in different languages, cook their national dish or speciality and bring it to be shared after Mass at our celebration at the school grounds, dress up with their national costume etc...

The Parish music group for the liturgy and the parish social team for the refreshments would like to hear from you, please contact us using the parish email foresthill@rcaos.org.uk or foresthillmusic@rcaos.org.uk

In order to bring the parish together from time to time, I and the parish Liturgy and pastoral teams have decided to Celebrate 4 Sunday Masses annually at 10:30am.

We will celebrate the feast of Pentecost on Sunday 28th May 2023 with a 10.30am Mass. Please put this in your diary.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS - Acts 2:14,36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In each year of the three-year cycle of readings this fourth Sunday of Easter is designated Good Shepherd Sunday, with readings from the parable given in John 10. In the first two Sundays after Easter the meetings with the Risen Lord are described, but after that the most important truth about the Risen Lord which the Church puts before us is that this Jesus whom we encounter is the Good Shepherd. In the Old Testament God is the Shepherd of Israel, and indeed in the neighbouring pastoral nations too the protective deity of the nation is commonly called their 'Shepherd'. As the pastoral ancient world well knew, the duty of shepherds is to care devotedly for the sheep, with no regard to the personal cost to themselves. Ezekiel repeatedly castigates the recent leaders of Israel for their failure to care for the sheep and for managing the flock for their own personal advantage. It is especially striking that in all four gospels the divine title of Shepherd is transferred from God to Jesus himself, at least implying not only that Jesus is the perfect shepherd, but also that he is the incarnation of that divine Shepherd, fulfilling the duties which had hitherto been credited to the God of Israel alone. By his selfless generosity Jesus is the model for all rulers and leaders of nations.

What does it mean to you to describe Jesus as the Good Shepherd?

Who is your special guide in life and why?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

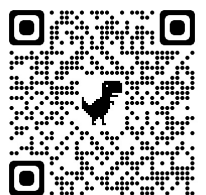
PRIEST TRAINING FUND - SECOND COLLECTION 30th APRIL 2023

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you! ·

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- Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the



back of church

Contactless device in the Narthex or via our website [Donate with Dona](#)

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

REMINDER

This weekend we have our last First Eucharist session and Parents meeting at 3:00pm in the church and school hall respectively.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2023

This year's First Eucharist will be celebrated with families at the weekend Masses on May 13 & 14. On Saturday 13th at 2:00pm and on Sunday 14th at our 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. Congratulations to all our first communicants their Parents/sponsors and thanks to our catechists.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on **Tuesday 9th May at 7pm** entitled *The Good Shepherd Calls* where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONT>

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS

Please note Mass on Bank Holiday Mondays 1, 8 & 29 May will be at 10.30am

CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES 111 & DISPENSATION OF

ABSTINENCE The Bishops of England and Wales have requested that on Friday 5 May all parishes celebrate Mass for His Majesty the King to mark his Coronation.

St William of York will do this at the 9.30am Mass.



Archbishop John has granted a dispensation from Friday Abstinence on this day.

KEEP ON KNITTING

Thank you to all of you who have knitted or crocheted a square (or squares) for our project to produce a colourful throw for the piano. The squares are mounting up but do please keep going- we're not there yet.

Our next meet will be on Tuesday May 2nd at 10.00am in Cafe York.

(Please note change of time!) Non knitters welcome- we will be sewing the blanket together!

If you need wool or needles please help your self from the supply in the Narthex!

Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Roy Raphael RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York on Friday 19 May at 11.00am

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

**Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him,
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

LEWISHAM DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Dates: 18 to 22 September 2023 Cost: £555

Contact Fr Antony [WhatsApp: 07460371711 or catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk]

MASS ATTENDEES

8/9 Apr - 535 15/16 Apr - 234 22/23 Apr - 272

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 30 April 3pm	Eucharist 4th Session Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Tuesday 2 May 10am	Knitting Session	Cafe York
Thursday 4 May 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Friday 5 May 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler Group	Cafe York
Saturday 6 May 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please note on the following Sundays we will come together as a community with the Celebration of the Liturgy at 10.30am (one Sunday Mass on these dates) :-

28 May 23 - Pentecost Sunday

11 June 23 - Parish International Day

3 December 23 - First Sunday of Advent

18 February 24 - First Sunday of Lent

RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE PROGRAMME

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For information or to register for the programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

- or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Eastertide:

New Members of the Church

Vocations - on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the 4th 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

GETTING MARRIED?

At least six months' notice needs to be given for marriages whether they are taking place at SWOY or elsewhere to give time for the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation. Please speak to Fr. Habte in the first instance.

BAPTISM

All who wish their children to be baptised at St William of York, please contact Father Habte to complete the Baptism form. All parents who want their baby baptised need to attend the baptism preparation class.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday 29 April 2023

18:00 Joseph Dominique RIP Anniversary

Sunday 30 April 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Mary O'Sullivan RIP 3rd Anniversary

Bank Holiday Monday 1 May 2023 - Feria

10:30 A.B Thanksgiving

Tuesday 2 May 2023 - St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

09:30 The Cabrini Sisters

Wednesday 3 May 2023 - Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

09:30 Margaret Day (FM) [\(live-streamed\)](#)

Thursday 4 May 2023 - The English Martyrs

09:30 Kathleen Ryan RIP

Friday 5 May 2023 - Feria

09:30 His Majesty the King to mark his Coronation

Saturday 6 May 2023-

10:30 Thelma James Special Intention

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 6 May 2023

18:00 Antonio Ostacchini RIP

Sunday 7 May 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Julia Bentham & Family Wellbeing [\(live-streamed\)](#)

Please access the live streaming by visiting: www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/