



**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 LENT (A)

19 March 2023

Laetare Sunday

Remembering especially “Our Mothers”

Dear Parishioners

This year on Palm Sunday, palms will be blessed and distributed to remember Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem at all Masses, The first Sunday morning Mass will be led by our children and by the school. Please note that it starts in procession from the school hall at 9:15am.

For the Easter triduum, the Good Friday children's liturgy and Easter Sunday Family Mass, as usual will be led by children, we really need more children to participate in the readings and other activities. If you are going to be here in London during Holy week, please contact the co-ordinators of Family Mass and Children's liturgy.

This Sunday, we continue the celebration of the Scrutinies. This week we particularly pray that God may dispel darkness and be the light that shines in the hearts of the elect as they continue on the road towards Easter.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7,10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In this Gospel we are encouraged to give witness and to share our faith with others. Jesus uses the illustration of a city on top of a hilltop where everyone can see it as opposed to a light hidden where no one can see it to show us how important it is to witness and share our faith. The way we live our lives and interact with others should show all who meet us that we are people of faith and if our faith is important to us we will naturally want to share our faith with others. LB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

TODAY IS MOTHERING SUNDAY

Let us pray for all spiritual and biological Mothers. It was originally a time when people returned to the church where they were baptised or where they attended services when they were children. That allowed families reunion as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. Now people visit and take gifts to their mothers. Our spiritual and biological Mothers deserve our gratitude; may God bless and protect them always. Let us also remember in our prayers all those that may find this day difficult.

POOR PARISHES - 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

Our second collection today is for the poor parishes, formerly, the Needs of the Diocese collection, which enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Aurora Lola Nuraj. Many congratulations to Aurora and her parents Nicole and Bruno from all at St William of York and welcome Aurora to our parish family.



BAPTISM

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

SCHOOL & PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN LENT

On Friday 24th March, at 1:45pm, we will have our School reconciliation service for our children, parents and parishioners are welcome to receive the sacrament after the children. Also, on Friday 31 March at 7:30pm we will have our parish penitential service. All are welcome.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th, Sunday of Lent we will be having a Scrutiny for Tabitha, now one of the elect, who is preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist supported by her Godparent Sudha. Each Scrutiny will be celebrated at a different Mass time each week.



The Scrutinies are a vital part of the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults known as the RCIA and occur during the period of Lent.

They are Rites of self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

The Scrutinies are celebrated to protect the elect against temptation and to give them strength in Christ who is the Way the Truth and the Life.

These Rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and carry out their decision to love God above all.

TAKING THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

On the first Sunday of every month (after 9.30 Mass) Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist visit those in our parish who are unable, through health or disability issues, to attend Mass but wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Ministers take Holy Communion to them and offer it with a short service that can be built around the capacity of the person being visited. This can be done for someone who may be recovering from an injury and/or an operation or indeed someone who has a long-term condition.

Please contact Fr. Habte if you have a family member, friend or neighbour or know of anyone else who would like to receive Holy Communion at home once a month.

LENTEN ALMS

Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of our Lenten practice. Almsgiving is charity towards our neighbour. The parish is thankful for your donations during Lent and the money you place in the Poor Boxes near the Church entrances. The Lenten collection on Maundy Thursday, will be going in support of the Parish Crisis fund.

SWOY ART GROUP

The Art Group is busy preparing for Easter and are calling on all your artistic talents to decorate our Easter people so that they are ready to dance for joy.

Let your inner fashion designer run riot and decorate our people in every colour of the rainbow. Sparkle, glitter, feathers, anything goes.

The templates are in the narthex, 2 different types so you can do both or just one. Please return them either to the narthex or the presbytery by Sunday 2nd April after 11:30 mass at the very latest.

We are really looking forward to seeing your Easter people in all their finery and making them part of our Easter celebrations.

Thank you,
SWOY Art Group

A BIG THANK YOU TO KATHY DOYLE

our parishioner who raised almost £200 in the sale of her beautiful hand knitted Easter chick's. All proceeds have gone to (the church/ CAFOD).

Thank you to everyone who bought them and contributed so generously.

EVENING PRAYER

If you're looking for something new for Lent, why not spend 15 minutes at the end of your day sharing Evening Prayer with other parishioners. We meet at 6pm on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday over Zoom to say Evening Prayer together. Evening Prayer is part of the Daily Office, prayed by lay and ordained Christians around the world every day. We share the words on screen so you don't need your own copy. Contact liturgy.swoy@gmail.com to find out more.

Evening Prayer: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday at 6pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81391776863?
pwd=STIHaktOb2xvNlByTnp3cUVoSjR3UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81391776863?pwd=STIHaktOb2xvNlByTnp3cUVoSjR3UT09)

Meeting ID: 813 9177 6863

Password: 061154

LOVE THE STRANGER

This is a new publication by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' Department for International Affairs which articulates our Christian duty to look beyond labels and see the person who has left their homeland in search of a better life. It can be downloaded by using this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger>

GIFT AID

Envelopes for the period April 2023 to March 2024 are now available for collection from the Narthex. Please collect the envelope number that you have been using through 2022 as you leave the church. If you need a reminder of your gift aid number, please contact Mary via the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

If you are a UK tax payer, please sign up for gift aid as we will be able to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no cost to yourself. It makes a huge difference to us.

Please scan the QR code with your phone camera to access the secure Dona online portal or access via our website www.swoy.org.uk or use the contactless device facility in the Narthex to make a donation and sign up to Gift Aid or if you prefer collect a leaflet and pledge gift aid form from the Narthex and email or post back to the parish office. Since the installation of the contactless device in April 22 an additional 70 parishioners have signed up for gift aid which is great news as previously it was perhaps a maximum of 4 - 6 per year.



Please make a note to advise Mary via email if you change your address or if your tax status should change so we may update our records accordingly.

If you should require a report of your gift aid donations or if you have any questions regarding gift aid, please do not hesitate to contact Mary.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Armide Johnson (Nicky) RIP

one of our housebound parishioners who died last Saturday

Jerome O'Connor RIP

a long standing parishioner who died recently

Funeral to take place at St Mary Magdalen, Brockey on Wed 29 March at 9.30am

John Cooper RIP

Husband of Margaret Cooper

Funeral to take place at St William of York on Tues 28 March at 1pm.

Angela Pigott RIP

(Mother of Simon Pigott)

**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

25/26 Feb - 283 4/5 Mar - 345 11/12 Mar - 282

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 19 March 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday 20 March 7.30pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Presbytery
Tuesday 21 March 8pm	Lenten Service followed by refreshments	Church Lower Hall
Thursday 23 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 24 March 9.30am	Mum & Toddler's group	Cafe York
Friday 24 March 1.45pm	School Penitential Service	Church
Saturday 25 March 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Friday 31 March 7.30pm	Penitential Service	Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Laetare Sunday

Mothering Sunday

Saturday 18 March 2023

18:00 Bridget Cummins

Sunday 19 March 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

**Monday 20 March 2023 - SAINT JOSEPH,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

09:30 Clare Bedding RIP

Tuesday 21 March 2023 - FERIA

09:30 Bernice Antony & Julie Phillips Healing & Wellbeing

Wednesday 22 March 2023 - FERIA

09:30 Monica Schwerk (FM) **(live-streamed)**

Thursday 23 March 2023 - FERIA

09:30 Pa Sylvester RIP

Friday 24 March 2023 - FERIA

09:30 Cecilia Thompson (FM)

Saturday 25 March 2023 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:30 Frances Ellis (FM)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Saturday 25 March 2023

18:00 John Garvey RIP

Sunday 26 March 2023

09:30 Martin & Anne Delaney

11:30 For the Parishioners

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

BRITISH SUMMER TIME begins on Sunday 26th March 2023.

Just a reminder to change your clocks.

The time will "Leap Forward" by one hour.

