



**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

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
2 April 2023**

Dear Parishioners

Reintroducing Communion under both kinds

During the pandemic, many of our social and liturgical practices were altered to accommodate the precautions and guidelines given by the church. We have come a long way from closing churches, online Mass, social distancing, etc... to gradually reintroducing our pre-pandemic social and liturgical practices.

One of the precautions taken was to have Holy communion "under One kind". Recently, following discussion at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and bearing in mind current guidance, Archbishop John Wilson has permitted in the Archdiocese of Southwark to offer once again Holy Communion under both kinds (that is also from the chalice) from Maundy Thursday (6 April 2023) onwards.

"The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."¹³⁶ "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed

Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (CCC 1324)

The gift of the Eucharist and the celebration of the sacrificial banquet always include the offering of bread and wine. When Jesus Instituted the sacrament at the last Supper, he told his apostles to eat his body and drink his blood, therefore, it has always been essential to the celebration of the Sacrament that the priest offering the Mass receives both the Sacred Body and Precious Blood. The lay faithful may receive Holy Communion under just one of these forms.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But "the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly." 1390

While the sign of Communion is more complete when the Eucharist is received, under Both kinds is more, given post-pandemic sensibilities and concerns about the spreading of disease, this practice remains optional. No one is obliged to receive Holy Communion from the shared chalice and that Jesus Christ is received sacramentally, whole, and entire, under one kind.

We will begin using few chalices at Mass on Maundy Thursday, (6th April) and offer the chalice again on Easter Sunday (including the vigil Mass). If more Chalices are needed we will add them depending on your response. For the time being, we will start with two chalices, in the two central communion stations.

Please remember, whether you receive communion under one or both kinds, you still receive the fullness of Christ and the fruit of Eucharistic grace.

God Bless
Fr Habte



TODAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

It's easy to relate to the people's enthusiasm for a saviour who takes away our troubles, heals our ills and overthrows oppression. The kind of hero who we can cheer for together, making us feel connected and fully alive.

But the palm waving triumph quickly gives way to a more challenging vision of kingdom in which Jesus suffers horribly. Jesus calls us to serve, to wash feet, to pray, to give generously of ourselves. Perhaps not the quick divine fixes we sometimes yearn for.

The passion readings hold up a mirror to our human fragility, as we see ourselves in Peter's denial and in the disciples who struggle to stay awake and pray.

Yet as we reconnect with his passion, we are invited to understand that we are forgiven and are deeply loved. As he enters Jerusalem, Jesus is leading us to play an active role in a kingdom where God's love cannot be overpowered, even by death. A kingdom of hope and energy that is truly worth celebrating. MMcD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 10:34,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Please click [HERE](#) our parish Easter Card containing the timetable for Holy Week and Easter. Copies also available in church and on the website.

HELP NEEDED WITH POLISHING DURING HOLY WEEK

Please let Fr Habte or Gerald know if you are able to help with polishing the Paschal candle stand and candlesticks in church during Holy Week. Thank you

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MINISTRY: Please look out for a special rota for Holy week and the Easter Triduum. We need as many collectors, Eucharistic ministers, Stewards, Readers and Altar servers as possible from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday. Thank you.

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.

HOLY WEEK NOTICES

Bells for the Gloria on Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil

Everyone is encouraged to bring bells to Mass on Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil to ring during the *Refrain only* of the Gloria.

Maundy Thursday Café York

On Maundy Thursday, Café York will be open after the Evening Mass until 23:30

Children's Services

Good Friday: Service with Good Friday story at 10.30 lasting about 30 minutes.

Easter Sunday: Family Mass at 09.30. Let us know if your child would like to read.

Please be aware that the adult services are longer than usual.

Morning and Evening Prayer during Holy Week

Morning Prayer in church: 09:30 Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Evening Prayer in church: 18:00 Monday and Wednesday

Evening Prayer Zoom: 18:00 Palm Sunday, Tuesday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday

Meeting ID: 813 9177 6863 Password: 061154

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81391776863?pwd=STIHaktOb2xvNlByTnp3cUVoSjR3UT09>

Night Prayer in church: 23:45 Maundy Thursday, to conclude the time of watching.

Retiring Collections on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Maundy Thursday: Lenten Alms

Good Friday: Holy Places

The Good Friday collection supports pastoral, charitable, educational and social works throughout the Holy Land.

Donations: in person with cash/cheque, by using the contactless card reader in the



Narthex, by scanning the QR code or through our parish bank account. Please use "Lenten Alms" or "Holy Places" as a reference and include your name and Gift Aid number.

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Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday

There will be no individual Veneration of the Cross at the 3pm Good Friday service.

There will be a time of silence for personal prayer and reflection focussed on the Cross, with parishioners remaining kneeling or seated in their places.

All main services will be livestreamed www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE

As we approach Easter, please see the 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. If you are going away at Easter, please use the envelope and post it in the letter box of the presbytery whenever you can.

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



TEACHING AND LEADING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Are you a Catholic and a teacher, middle or senior leader in a community school or academy and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? If so, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session: Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools.

The session will include opportunities to meet current leaders and the education team, find out about Catholic schools and tips in relation to the application process. This event will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR.

If you are interested in attending please register by [clicking here](#) or if you have any queries please contact Sharon Docherty, RE Team Leader and Professional Learning Manager sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk

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.

There will be no Knit and Natter session in April so we will next meet on **Tuesday May 2nd at 2.00pm in Cafe York**. Non knitters welcome- we will be sewing the blanket together!



If you need wool or needles please help yourself from the supply in the Narthex

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Roy Raphael RIP

a long standing parishioner who died this week

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**

MASS ATTENDEES

11/12 Mar - 282 18/19 Mar - 266 25/26 Mar - 245

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 2 April 3pm

Eucharist 3 Session

Church

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

A youth day for (10-16 year olds) will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd April. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer and sport/crafts. Please see our website at <https://tinyurl.com/aprilyouthday> For further details and how to register. Please contact youth@rcaos.org.uk for further information.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

18th -25th August 7 Nights | from £925 by Air from London Stansted and Birmingham

Bishop Paul Hendricks of the Southwark Diocese is delighted to invite you to this wonderful Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. This pilgrimage is now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised will be placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. He warmly invites you to join them. For details, please see: [https:// www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca](https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

Saturday 1 April 2023

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 2 April 2023

09:15 Cecilia Orji Idodo Birthday Blessings

11:30 Michael Doherty RIP 2nd Anniversary **(live-streamed)**

Monday of Holy Week

3 April 2023

09:30 Kathleen Redmond RIP Anniversary

Tuesday of Holy Week

4 April 2023

09:30 Lady Mary Carron (FM)

Wednesday of Holy Week

5 April 2023

09:30 Eucharistic Service

11:30 Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

6 April 2023

20:00 Gertrude Badejo & Family

Good Friday

7 April 2023

10:30 Children's Service

15:00 Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass

8 April 2023 -

20:30 Betty O'Sullivan RIP 1st Anniversary

EASTER SUNDAY (A)

Sunday 9 April 2023

09:30 **Family Mass**

For the Parishioners

11:30 Madam Kadiatu Kano RIP

All main services will be live-streamed on our parish facebook page
Please access the live streaming by visiting: www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/