



**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

**PENTECOST (A)  
28 May 2023**

Dear Parishioners

Yesterday we celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr Patrick. We know that in this life everything has a beginning and an end, but it is the time spent together that will remain forever in our hearts and minds.

Fr Patrick has written an important piece of history of this community with many parishioners, who are all honoured to have known him and were served by him. The many e-mails and memories we have received since we heard of his death are testimonies to his great ministry, the deep love and appreciation parishioners have towards him.

We give glory and thanks for everything that the Lord has accomplished through the generous heart and hard works of Fr Patrick.

I am sure you all agree with me, in continuing to be as he once said, "a community of welcome and love, of peace and justice", which was made possible through each parishioner's collaboration and involvement in the life of the parish by sharing their gifts and talents.

Thank you for everything you did from preparation to the celebration of the Requiem Mass.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon him.

May Fr Patrick rest in peace. Amen.

Fr Habte

**TODAY'S READINGS** - Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12.3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** -

Today's Scripture readings illustrate the beginning of our Church in a joyful and dramatic fashion. John's Gospel relates the moment when the risen Jesus appears in the room where the disciples were hiding and calls down the Holy Spirit on each of them before sending them on their mission in his name.

The outcome of this meeting and the episode related in Acts, where "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples and the Holy Spirit gifted them with the ability to speak in any of the languages which were being spoken by the many nationalities in Jerusalem for Pentecost, show the difference which the Holy Spirit can bring to people's lives.

Our lives may not be as dramatic as that of the Apostles, but the Gift of the Holy Spirit which we received at our Confirmation enables us to do God's work, whatever challenges life may throw at us. We only have to ask.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Exodus 34;4-6,8-9, Corinthians 13.11-13, John 3:16-18

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29 MAY 2023**

Mass at 10.30am

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

**Sept. 23rd, 3pm at St George's Cathedral**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let the Marriage and Family Life South East team know as soon as possible **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. With this information you will be able to receive an invitation from the Archbishop to attend this special Mass at which you can renew your wedding vows. Email them at [mfse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mfse@rcaos.org.uk) and copy the parish [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) Please include **Forest Hill** in the subject line.

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

**Julia Bentham RIP**

Funeral at 10.00am on Monday 5 June 2023  
St Joseph's Catholic Church,  
The parish is called Our Lady Star of the Sea  
1 Stavordale Road, Weymouth, DT4 0AB

Julia will be received into the church at 4pm on the previous day.

The livestream link is:- <https://www.churchservices.tv/weymouth/embed>

The family have suggested that instead of giving flowers, donations could be made to the Demelza Children's Hospice:- [Donate | Demelza Hospice Care for Children](#)

Please remember Patrick and family and friends in your prayers

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY - 11 JUNE 23**

**Please remember on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June our Parish International Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am.**

The Mass will be followed by an international lunch and activities in the school hall and grounds [The parish refreshment team and SWOYSA would be very grateful if parishioners will cook, bake or donate for the International Day lunch celebrations, you will find sign up sheets in the Narthex.](#)



We will also need Volunteers to help set up and tidy up afterwards, if you can help please contact Denise Quadrucci, Betty Lowe from SWOYSA or Fr Habte if you can spare some time. Thank you

Please invite your families and friends as well. All are welcome.

## **ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The BIG School Library project!

*If you would like to contribute, and make a donation to our Crowdfunder - you can help us fund some of the furniture and bookshelves for our new library. Any donations would be gratefully received.*

Perhaps your company might help us and sponsor a bookshelf?

*Maybe they have a match funding scheme?*

*Do they contribute to community projects?*

*You can donate by following this link*

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-big-library-project>

## **PIANO THROW**

We are making good progress with stitching the throw together and will have a further "Stitch up Session". On Tuesday 6th June at 10.00am in Cafe York.

We have had a very generous response to the request for squares. In addition to the throw we will be able make additional blankets which will all find a good home. We have enough squares for now so we will have a break from knitting for the summer and start a new project in the autumn.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 23**

For church movements and groups

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.

## **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THURSDAY MORNING MASS FROM JULY 2023**

Starting in July 23, Fr Habte proposes we do not have morning Mass on Thursdays, excluding holydays of obligation and special occasions and the church will be open for private prayer instead from 9.30am to 10.00am. For parishioners wishing to attend Mass on Thursdays, please consider going to a neighbouring parish

## PARISH TOILETS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that we have received £10.000 from The National Lottery Community Fund towards the refurbishment of our community toilets. We are hoping to start and complete the works before the end of the summer season. The project is estimated to cost around £20.000, therefore we will be grateful if parishioners could contribute towards this project. We will open a special “Community Toilet Refurbishment Fund” if you are able to help, please indicate that your donation is specifically for this project, as usual you can donate using a bank transfer to the parish account,

*Nat West, 60-50-01, 79124437 RCAS Forest Hill,  
Reference:- Surname/Project/GiftAid no or* via the QR code,

the contactless device in the Narthex, or in cash.  
Please remember to include your gift aid number.



Many thanks in advance for your support.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Thurs 1 June 8pm</b>	<b>Singing Practice</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Fri 2 June 9am-12pm</b>	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>	<b>Cafe York</b>
<b>Sat 3 June 9.15am</b>	<b>Instrumentalists</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Tues 6 June 10.00am</b>	<b>“Stitch up Session”</b>	<b>Cafe York</b>

## MASS ATTENDEES

6/7 May - 250 13/14 May - 641 20/21 May - 348

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)**

**Day of Prayer for the Church**

**Saturday 27 May 2023**

**18:00** Mary Kane

**Sunday 28 May 2023**

**10:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

**Monday 29 May 2023 - Mary, Mother of the Church**

**10:30** Teresa Mitchell

**Tuesday 30 May 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Mr James Ugwu RIP 8th Anniversary

**Wednesday 31 May 2023 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**09:30** John Cooper RIP **(live-streamed)**

**Thursday 1 June 2023 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

**09:30** Sea Bergink-Holl RIP

**Friday 2 June 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Charles & Emily Griffin (FM)

**Saturday 3 June 2023- St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**

**10:30** Aurelio & Rosa Tarquini RIP

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)**

**Saturday 3 June 2023**

**18:00** Sheila & John Harrington RIP

**Sunday 4 June 2023**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Fr Patrick Aikens RIP **(live-streamed)**

Please access the live streaming by visiting: [www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)



**St William of York**  
Catholic Primary School

Brockley Park, Forest Hill, London SE23 1PS

Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Lynch

School Website: [www.swoy.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.swoy.lewisham.sch.uk)

# Nursery and Reception places available for September 2023!

Please contact the school office for more information.

Email: [admin@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk)

Telephone: 020 8690 2842

**Come and visit our lovely small school!**

Visits and tours by appointment!



Forest School sessions.

Experienced, and enthusiastic  
teaching staff.

Lovely children, parents and school community!

One form entry, small, friendly and we celebrate your  
child's unique gifts and talents.



15hrs and 30hrs available. Mornings, Afternoons and ALL DAY from 9am—3pm  
with wraparound care. Wraparound care available from our Breakfast Club and After School  
Club Providers.

We are a Catholic primary school. However, we accept Non-Catholic children, and ALL  
religions are welcome! We celebrate diversity and are an inclusive and welcoming school!

