



**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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

14 January 2024

Peace Day

Dear Parishioners

This week, both our school and parish communities have received the sad news of Mrs Sharon Lynch's retirement from her role as headteacher of SWOY from July 2024.

My immediate thoughts and feelings of this news is very much mixed, on one hand I am excited for her, for a brave decision to retire, to plan the future, for the sense of gratitude and fulfilment in serving the school both as a teacher and a headteacher for many years. On the other hand, I think of the future of the school and will miss her very generous, thoughtful and our great working relationship, support, love and friendship with the parish community and myself.

Saying thank you for these wonderful many years would be too simplistic. But that is what I can say at his point. A very BIG and HEARTFELT THANK YOU, with a very deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for everything she did.

She will continue her leadership of the school till the end of the academic year in July 2024, in the meantime, Governors will begin the recruitment process for a new headteacher and will keep us updated over the next few months.

Mrs Lynch has written a letter to the parents, you can read her letter to parents here [Letter to Parents](#)

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS -

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19, 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20, John 1:35-42

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

At the start the New Year we notice that the Gospel passage also starts at the beginning of Jesus ministry with the calling of the disciples. The Messiah had been prophesied as the one who was going to save the world and people would have been keen to be the first to meet him. After Andrew encounters Jesus for the first time he was keen to tell his brother Simon all about him. When Jesus meets Simon he knows already the great things he is to achieve so he renames him appropriately as Peter the Rock who as we know was destined to become the first Leader of the Church. How open are we to listen to the call of Christ in our lives and how much do we do to encourage friends and relatives to engage with the church?

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Jonah 3:1-5,10, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

PEACE SUNDAY

This Sunday, 14 January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis's message for the 2024 World Day of Peace focuses on the role of Artificial Intelligence in peace-making. [CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL MESSAGE](#)



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we baptised Cataleya Alexia Marie Atche. Many congratulations to Cataleya and her parents Adela and Maxime from all at St William of York and welcome Cataleya to our parish family.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS -

Our Sacramental preparations continue this weekend

Sunday 14th January 2024:- 2.50pm for 3pm start - Reconciliation Session 4 in the church

3pm - Reconciliation Group Parents meeting in the school hall

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children who will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday 20th January 2024 at 10.00am.

(Please note there will be no 10.30am Mass that day)

A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 9.30am.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sunday 21st January 2024 at 6pm - Confirmation Session 1 in the church

Please keep the children, young people, families and catechists in your prayers.

BAPTISM - Baptism of babies and young children of parent/s who live in and/or worship regularly at St William of York is celebrated by arrangement .. Preparation for baptism by the parent/s is a requirement and involves attending a course over two evenings, following which a date and time for Baptism can be arranged with Fr Habte.

GETTING MARRIED - At least six months notice needs to be given for marriages whether they are taking place at St William of York or elsewhere to allow sufficient time for the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation.

Please speak to Fr Habte in the first instance.

2024 SOUTHWARK DIRECTORY

Please use link below to access the 2024 Southwark directory which includes the Diocesan Calendar, Parishes, Mass times, Priests, Schools, Societies, Holy Days of Obligation and other useful information:-

[2024 Southwark Directory](#)

MASS ATTENDEES

25 December -484 30/31 December -262 6/7 January - 296

PARISH DIARY

Sun 14 Jan 2.50pm for 3pm	Reconciliation 4	Church
Sun 14 Jan 3pm	Reconciliation Group Parents Meeting	School Hall
Tues 16 Jan 7.45pm	RCIA	Lower Hall
Thurs 18 Jan 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Fri 19 Jan 9.30am-12pm	Mother's & Toddlers	Cafe York
TBC	Instrumentalists	Church
Sat 20 Jan 10.00am	Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Church
Sun 21 Jan 9.30am	Thanksgiving Mass for Reconciliation	Church
Sun 21 Jan 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sun 21 Jan 6pm	Confirmation 1st Session	Church

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church - Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Ordinary Time before Lent:

Peace on Earth - especially on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Openness to the Word of God - especially on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Justice and Peace in the World - especially on Racial Justice Day

(three Sundays before the first Sunday of Lent)

Christian Unity - especially during the Church Unity Octave

The Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it - especially on Thursday 8th February

The Sick and Those who Care for them especially on World Day of the Sick, 11th February

The Unemployed- especially on the Sunday before the 1st Sunday of Lent, the Day for the Unemployed

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY 2024

With the festivities around Christmas and the New Year now celebrated, please note in your diary our reoccurring celebration of Racial Justice Sunday coming up on **28 January 2024**. On that day, Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the event at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY at the 10am Mass.

The Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, coordinated by Canon Victor Darlington, would like to invite all parishioners to this event. Please come in your traditional attires and costumes and possibly bring a flag of your country of origin. This will add vigour and colour to the occasion.

Mass will begin at 10.00am and everyone is gently requested to be seated at least 15 minutes before.



Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. [SIGN UP TODAY HERE](#)

CAFOD and SCIAF are teaming up to bring the Big Lent Walk to Great Britain! Read more about us and our decision to join forces. Thousands of walkers from England, Wales, Scotland and beyond, will be tying up their purple laces and walking an incredible 200km this Lent to fight global poverty.

So, sign up to do the Big Lent Walk yourself, or join in with your school or parish. Then put your best foot forward with the biggest group of Big Lent Walkers yet.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 13 January 2024

Peace Day

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 14 January 2024

09:30 Anne Delaney RIP

11:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Monday 15 January 2024 - Feria

09:30 Charlie Mills RIP

Tuesday 16 January 2024 - Feria

09:30 William Utomi

Wednesday 17 January 2024 -St. Anthony, Abbot

09:30 Paul Van Dooran RIP ([live-streamed](#))

Thursday 18 January 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 19 January 2024 - Feria

09:30 Mrs Walshe

Saturday 20 January 2024 - Feria

10:00 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 20 January 2024

18:00 James Maguire RIP

Sunday 21 January 2024

09:30 Thanksgiving Mass for 1st Reconciliation Children,
Families & Catechists

11:30 For the Parishioners

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

RACIAL

JUSTICE

SUNDAY



28 JANUARY 2024, 10 AM

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ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS AT AMIGO HALL



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