



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 5 MARCH 2023

Dear Parishioners

At the initiation of Archbishop John Wilson, our diocese has been working to establish "Caritas Southwark". The purpose of creating Caritas within the diocese is to have an umbrella to every charitable work that we do, and to build upon existing structures and to take the active love of God beyond our parishes.

Canon Victor Darlington the Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast area, with his team has been working towards achieving the establishment of "Caritas Southwark". The inauguration will be on **Saturday 18th March 2023 at 12:30pm at St George's Cathedral**, with a Mass presided by Archbishop John, followed by a Roadshow of the numerous social and religious activities operating within the diocese.

Here at Swoy, we live and express our solidarity in many different ways by taking part in the many charitable initiatives, we can be part of this umbrella by linking up with Caritas and the many groups it brings together. I encourage anybody who is involved in charitable works and has the interest, to join our Diocesan family on this day of Inauguration.

God Bless
Fr Habte



TODAY'S READINGS -

Genesis 12:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

It must have been an incredible experience for Peter, James and John. Here they were, as they must have been on several other occasions, accompanying Jesus to an isolated place to pray. On this occasion, however, the Gospel tells us that they witnessed something totally unexpected, both wonderful and frightening at the same time. There was Jesus, brilliantly bright and glowing, holding a conversation with two familiar figures from their nation's history – Moses, Israel's leader through escape from Egypt and many years of journeying towards the Promised Land, and Elijah the Prophet. Finally, most scary of all, the voice of the Lord God from the cloud, affirming who Jesus was – the beloved Son of God.

We know, in spite of this wonderful encounter with the Father, Peter was to deny ever knowing Jesus, Judas was to betray him, while the rest of the Apostles, with the exception of John were to flee for their lives, leaving only John, of the three visionaries, staying with him until he died on the cross. They were human, just like us: would we have behaved differently?

In the cynical and material age in which we live, we may have to face direct challenges to our faith. Thinking of the transfigured Christ may help us to treasure and strengthen it and have the courage to hold firm if we are challenged - by colleagues at work, for example. Are we ready for the challenge?

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2,5-8, John 4:5-42

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY -LENT APPEAL- SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. In Bangladesh, 14-year-old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Give today to help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis. Use the envelope, use the contactless device or online at cafod.org.uk/lent
Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

- Fast from complaints and contemplate.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

EASTER RETREAT AT HOME

Our Archbishop John Wilson is again teaming up with the members of the Spirituality Commission to lead us through the Lent to prepare ourselves for the Easter. This year's theme is Renewed in Hope. Once you register online, you will receive daily reflection and weekly video clip link accompanied with prayers. Please register here: [www. southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope)

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - MARCH 2023

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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.

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>

Meeting ID: 813 9177 6863

Password: 061154

CARRY ON KNITTING

Following the very generous response to our “knit an angel” project at Christmas, we have a new project. We would like you to knit or crochet 15 cm (6 inch) squares. Any colour, any stitch! These will be sewn together to make a throw to create a splash of colour over the piano.

Please get knitting and leave your knitted (or crocheted) squares in the Narthex. We will be holding a Knit and Natter session on **Tuesday 7th March** and **Tuesday 4th April at 2.00pm in Café York.**

If you want to know more or need yarn or knitting needles please contact Maureen Swift on 07765 428299.

[Click here to download a flier for more info and an easy to follow pattern or pick up a flier from the Narthex.](#)

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.

RENEWED IN HOPE - A RETREAT FOR LENT

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience for individuals and parishes during Lent 2023. Drawing on the Mass readings for the Sundays of Lent, Renewed in Hope will help us find fresh ways of living and working in hope, in the company of Jesus. For more details see <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk> and to register follow this link: <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

This will be marked over two periods on **Friday 17th & Saturday 18th March.** We will have Mass at 6pm on Friday 17th March, and the church will remain open afterwards for quiet prayer and reflection with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, finishing with Night Prayer at 11pm. On Saturday 18th March, we start again with Morning Mass at 10.30am and the church will remain open until 12 noon with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

John Cooper RIP

(who died on Friday)

Please remember John's wife Margaret and his family and friends
in your prayers at this difficult time.

Angela Pigott RIP

(Mother of Simon Pigott who died this week)

Please remember Angela's family and friends in your prayers at this difficult
time.

Anthony Warner RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York
on Friday 10 March at 12pm

Please remember Anthony's family and friends in your prayers at this difficult
time.

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

11/12 Feb - 249 18/19 Feb - 271 25/26 Feb - 283

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 5 March 3pm	Eucharist Session 2	Church
Monday 6 March 8pm	Baptism Course Session 2	Lower Hall
Tuesday 7 March 2pm	Knit & Natter Session	Cafe York
Tuesday 7 March 8pm	Lenten Service followed by refreshments	Church Lower Hall
Thursday 9 March 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 10 March 9.30am	Mum & Toddler's group	Cafe York
Saturday 11 March 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 12 March 6pm	Confirmation Session 5	Church

CAFOD's ONLINE LENT CALENDAR 2023

CAFOD in partnership with CBCEW (The Catholic Church Bishops' Conference for England and Wales) has created a beautiful online Lenten calendar. Each day, you click on a picture and will receive a prayer and reflections which offer you the opportunity to reflect on your own or with your loved ones.

"Let's pray that we may allow our hearts to be touched this Lent by the cry of our sisters and brothers living in poverty."

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cafod-online-lent-calendar-2023/>

FINANCES

FEBRUARY 2023

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,924.93
Donations for Racial Justice Collection- £209.72
Donations for the Clergy Support Fund -£517.28
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £243.65
From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,111.00

Thank you for your continued support

Please Gift Aid where possible



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Saturday 4 March 2023

18:00 Margaret Stomboli RIP

Sunday 5 March 2023

09:30 Family Mass

Pedro Alberto Gonzalez RIP

Prayers for Cecilia Orji Idodo Birthday Blessings

11:30 For the Parishioners ([live-streamed](#))

Monday 6 March 2023 - Feria

09:30 Mary & Allan Wickens Wellbeing

Tuesday 7 March 2023 - Feria

09:30 Jerviane Edwards Birthday

Wednesday 8 March 2023 - Feria

09:30 John O'Neill RIP ([live-streamed](#))

Thursday 9 March 2023 - Feria

09:30 Mr & Mrs Carlo Pierina Furlon

Friday 10 March 2023 - Feria

09:30 Anne Orieso Personal Intentions

12:00 Funeral of Anthony Warner RIP

Saturday 11 March 2023 - Feria

10:30 Thelma James Special Intentions

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Saturday 11 March 2023

18:00 Frances Cummins Get Well

Sunday 12 March 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Samuel Wyse RIP

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

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