



**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

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
12 FEBRUARY 2023**

Dear Parishioners

This year the Lenten season will be starting on Wednesday 22 February. Let us make it a true time of conversion and transformation, a time of turning back to God. We will be offering a parish penitential service on Friday 31st March at 7:30pm, let us try to take advantage of the opportunities to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Our Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 10:30AM and 8:00 PM.

During the first 5 weeks of Lent, on Tuesday evenings at 8pm, we will have Bible reflection led by our RCIA team and Evening prayer with Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction and Station of the cross every Friday morning immediately after Mass.

During this Lent please pray for Tabitha who (supported by her sponsor Sudha) is preparing to be received into the Church this Easter as she continues to go through the journey in faith RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.)

May God bless us all as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection.

Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

In today's Gospel Jesus begins "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have not come to abolish but to fulfill."

He then speaks with a more sharper vision encouraging us to take a deeper look within our hearts:

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement." And so he continues regarding insults, lust, resentment, and lies. It may be startling but he is showing us the wisdom of living our Christian lives, in the light of his love.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5.38-48

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Let's [#PrayTogether](#) for the peoples of Türkiye and Syria hard hit by the earthquakes that have caused thousands of deaths and injuries. I thank those who are working to provide relief, and I encourage everyone to offer their solidarity.

~ Pope Francis on Twitter this week ~

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"With emotion I pray for them, and express my closeness to these peoples, to the families of the victims and to all those who are suffering from this devastating calamity." ~ Pope Francis ~

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to those who came to the recent Servers' training session. There will be another session on **Saturday 25th February at 4-5.15pm in church**. Children in Year 4 and above who have celebrated their First Eucharist are welcome to come along and learn about serving at mass. The number of children we can have at the session is limited, so please email us at swoy.altarserving@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming. This helps us to plan the session and know how many children to expect. If you cannot come, please let us know and we will try to arrange another time. If you would like to start serving at Mass, you need to come to a training session first.

COULD YOU HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11.30am MASS?

We are looking for volunteers to restart Children's liturgy at 11.30 Mass
We can support you with ideas and materials and buddy with you for your first few sessions. You'll need to complete a DBS.

Contact Lola Otiko about what's involved via the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

RADIO MARIA

Radio Maria, a Catholic radio station that has recently set up a new studio in London. The 24hr broadcast includes talk shows about life as a Catholic, daily catechesis, live prayer, a truly delightful and eclectic selection of music – and much more! Whether you find encouragement praying with others on-air or tuning into a conversation between the faithful and interesting guests who can bring you new insights and help you feel less alone in your faith, Radio Maria is an invaluable Christian voice wherever you may be.

Available on DAB+ radio in Greater London (Radio Maria England), the Radio Maria Play app for smartphones and tablets, the live-player on www.radiomariaengland.uk and the Amazon Alexa device. Podcasts are available through Anchor, Spotify, Google and other podcast providers. Get in touch on info@radiomariaengland.uk or 0300 302 1251.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - SYDENHAM & FOREST HILL

will be held on Friday 3rd March at 2pm at New Testament Church of God Rehoboth, 159 Perry Rise, Forest Hill, SE23 2QU.

Refreshments will follow the service and everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST ANDREWS, BELMONT HILL, LEWISHAM

A FOUR WEEK INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

Sun 26th Feb to Sun 26th March 2023 Each week, you are invited to meet with your spiritual accompanier at any of the following: Lewisham, Brockley, Sidcup, West Wickham, Bexley, Swanley, or online. You can find information about the retreat at welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com

Contact us via email or via the website:- <https://sisters-of-st-andrew.com>

LENTEN QUIET DAY

Sat, 4 March 10– 4 , at Srs of St Andrew, Belmont Hill, Lewisham – with Sr. Sigrun.

WEEKEND RETREATS.

Monday, 13 March, 'Nothing can be loved at speed' – 10.30 am for 11.00 start and ends 3.30pm, with Sr. Christiane and/or Sr. Regula.

Further information at welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ Weekend - If you are mourning after the death of a loved one this weekend may be for you. Aylesford Priory 24-26th March 2023 Cost £230 single, £210 shared. Please telephone: 01622 717272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

Growing In Faith Together - This new ONLINE course, has been developed collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and SycamOre. It is a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang. Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their friendship and love; engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together.

The LENTEN course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning 28th Feb 2023 and continuing on MAR 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & 4th APRIL 2023. To register click on the link below:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

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

Hannah Janiszewska RIP

Funeral to take place at St William of York

Monday 20 February at 11.45am

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

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2023

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

MASS ATTENDEES

21/22 Jan - 311 28/29 Jan - 269 4/5 Feb - 331

PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 15 Feb 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Saturday 18 Feb 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 19 Feb 5pm	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 11 February 2023

18:00 Jimmy Browne RIP

Sunday 12 February 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Rita Tildesley RIP

Monday 13 February 2023 - Feria

09:30 Viviane Irihari - Goubo Personal Intentions

Tuesday 14 February 2023 - Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

09:30 Henry Evans (FM)

Wednesday 15 February 2023 - Feria

09:30 Francis McGeary RIP ([live-streamed](#))

Thursday 16 February 2023 - Feria

09:30 Theresa Harris (FM)

Friday 17 February 2023 - Feria

09:30 Mary & Jack O'Connor RIP

Saturday 18 February 2023 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 Holy Souls

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 18 February 2023

18:00 Catty Harding

Sunday 19 February 2023

09:30 Kian Channing Wellbeing

11:30 For the Parishioners

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/