



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
23 OCTOBER 2022
World Mission Sunday**

Dear Parishioners

As you are aware, the Parish Crisis Fund was set up in March 2020 to assist struggling families in our community severely impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Since that date, we have received a total of £15,306.05 & £800.00 in supermarket vouchers enabled through the love and generosity of our supportive parish community.

I wish to thank you all on behalf of the families who have benefitted and continue to benefit from the Crisis fund. We as a community have donated £9,749.95 to over 30 families and individuals in need which include over 100 children identified by our Parish Schools and our SVP Conference.

Thank you also to all parishioners who have given so generously of their time in assisting families, regular donations to the Lewisham Foodbank and being a supportive and friendly member of our parish community in times of need.

We anticipate further challenges ahead with the cost of living increases and fuel charges and we ask you to please continue to support the Parish Crisis Fund and to be as generous as you can so we can continue to assist families in our parish community who are struggling.

Donations to the Parish Crisis Fund may be made in the following ways:-

- Cash or Cheque payable to RCAS Forest Hill
- Contactless payment via the digital device in the Narthex

- Secure On-line payment via our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church>
- Bank transfer - NatWest Bank Sort Code 60-50-01 A/c no - 7912443 Account name RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/Crisis Fund

Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK tax payer as the parish will benefit.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support to our Families in need.

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

These two figures in today's Gospel are stock characters, sketched with Luke's brilliant wit and sensitivity. The gospels invariably give the Pharisees a bad press: after the destruction of Jerusalem they were the only surviving branch of Judaism and so, for the evangelists, they represent the vigorous opposition of Judaism to Christianity at that time. The Jewish historian, Josephus, paints a sympathetic picture of them, and Matthew's picture of them as the personification of hypocrisy may be a caricature of their scrupulosity concerning the observance of the Law. Jesus played them at their own game in his careful interpretation of scripture, presenting them with a rich and profound understanding of God's Word. The question must be asked: was Jesus a Pharisee too? Pre-occupation with exact observance of rules can often appear to outsiders as hypocrisy. In Jesus' time a tax-collector was the epitome of malpractice and the abandonment of all decent standards: he worked for the hated Roman occupying power; he had to make his own living by extorting excessive tax. So this parable is one more example of Jesus' reversal of expected values, and his outreach to those generally despised: to the woman notorious in the city as a sinner, to the woman taken in adultery, to Zacchaeus and to the 'good thief'. It beautifully fulfils the first reading, demonstrating that the prayer of the humble 'pierces the clouds'. *Take some moments to reflect on these words from the Gospel: "God be merciful to me, a sinner". Through these words, what is God saying to you?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

Wisdom 11:22-12.2, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2.2, Luke 19:1-10



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we baptised Elora Fakouri. Many congratulations to Elora and her parents Larissa and Justin and welcome Elora to our parish family.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world this weekend! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you are helping missionaries in places like Ethiopia give witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women there hope for a better future. This is described in the article in the latest Missio magazine available in the narthex – please take a copy!

Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to today's very important second collection which will sustain the future of our Church. You can also donate by calling 020 7821 9755 or visiting Missio's website missio.org.uk to give a single gift, set up a direct debit and please Gift Aid your donation if possible.

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next session of the RCIA Journey in Faith is on **Tuesday 25th October in the Lower Hall with refreshments at 7:45pm before the session at 8:00pm prompt, finishing at 9:10pm.**

All are welcome to come along and explore '**Authority and Conscience**' with our **enquirer Tabitha** and her sponsor **Sudha**. It will be a great support to them if you could find the time to join us for this friendly informative evening. We look forward to welcoming you.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023

There will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on Sunday 13th November 2022 at 6pm.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP
(mother of Jan)

Please pray for Jan and Kathy at this difficult time.

Gina's funeral will be at 11.30am on 7th November 2022
at the Local Polish Catholic Mission of the Merciful Jesus
6-8 Oliver Grove, South Norwood, SE25 6EJ

**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**

HOLY SOULS

In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. On the tables at the entrance and exit of the church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November.

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Alternatively you can post your envelopes through the presbytery letter box. Thank you.



BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP RIP

The funeral Mass for Bishop Howard will take place at the Cathedral on 3rd November at 12.30pm. Bishop Howard died in his 95th year having served as a priest of the diocese for 69 years and for 26 of those years he was the auxiliary bishop for the southwest of the diocese. He was a much-loved pastor and dedicated priest of our diocese in his many roles of service.

May he Rest in Peace.



2023 MASS INTENTIONS

We have now received diaries for 2023 and will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone 020 8690 4549 or email to the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account:-

Bank: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437
Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Your surname/Gift Aid no

In addition, Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website [DONATE WITH DONA](#) (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website)

Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer, If you would like Mass to be offered for your intention on a particular date (e.g. anniversary) please try to request it well in advance as we are seeing a significant increase in the number of Mass intention requests. Mass may be offered for any particular need for yourself, a loved one or a friend, birthdays, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick or indeed for the repose of the soul of a loved one.

It is often impossible to give you the date that you request but we will always do our best to give you the closest date available.

If you wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.

MASS ATTENDEES

1/2 Oct - 354

8/9 Oct - 264

15/16 Oct - 278

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 25 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA/JIF	Lower Hall
Wednesday 26 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 30 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Monday 31 Oct 7.45pm	Baptism Course session 1	Lower Hall



12th Forest Hill (St William of York) Scout Group 50th anniversary

Sunday 27th November

11.30am Blessing and promise renewal at St
William of York Church followed by social event at
District HQ, St Germans Rd

Members and leaders past and present welcome,
dust off your scarves and join us to look back and
to the future.

RSVP Antonietta Hesketh

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

World Mission Sunday

Saturday 22 October 2022

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 23 October 2022

09:30 Bob Hall RIP

11:30 Bartolomeo Damele

Monday 24 October 2022 - Feria

09:30 Mary Wickens Wellbeing

Tuesday 25 October 2022 - Feria

09:30 Welfare of Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Wednesday 26 October 2022 - Feria (live-streamed)

09:30 Mr & Mrs Thomas Ryan 60th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 27 October 2022 - Feria

09:30 Michela Miraglia

Friday 28 October 2022 - Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

09:30 Anne Orieso Personal Intention

Saturday 29 October 2022 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 John Barber RIP

Thirty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 29 October 2022

18:00 Anne & John Warner

Sunday 30 October 2022

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Children of Aberfan

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon

Reminder

Sunday 30 October 02.00 - End of BST- Clocks go back 1 hour

