



**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 Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  
1 October 2023**

Dear Parishioners

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

*And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28*

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter in church or download a copy [HERE](#).

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish.

Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a pledge card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

Fr Habte

**TODAY'S READINGS** - Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - Matthew loves to tell parables of Jesus which contrast 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons. Matthew's parables put everything in black-and-white terms with no shades of grey (wise and foolish wedding-attendants, sheep and goats, etc.). Luke uses a different kind of parable, in which the characters - just like ourselves - often do the right thing for the wrong reason. The sayings of Jesus were handed down by word of mouth for some years before being written down. Did the straightforward contrast in Matthew (it is odd that both change their minds without a reason) develop into Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son? Both times the 'goodie' son ends up bad, and the 'baddie' son ends up good, but in Luke's version both changes of mind are motivated, and there is great emphasis on the son's repentance and the father's overwhelming joy at getting him back. The lesson in Matthew's story is given also by Jesus' word in the Sermon on the Mount, 'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven'. It is no use simply saying that Christ is our 'Lord'; we have to express it in our behaviour.

*What meaning do you find in this parable for yourself and the relationship you have with the Father?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**



This weekend we baptised Autumn Benaiah Alcanices and Zoe Ophelia Brown. Congratulations to Autumn and Zoe and their parents Maniya and Benedict and Jenna and Killian from all at St William of York and welcome Autumn and Zoe to our parish family.



### **FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023 APPEAL - HARVEST COLLECTION**

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church, use our contactless device in the Narthex, the QR code or give online at [cafod.org.uk](https://cafod.org.uk)



## **CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS**

Please collect a form from Father Habte after Mass if you will be applying for your child to attend a Catholic secondary school this year. Please email to [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or post the information/school forms through the presbytery letter box at 4 Brockley Park together with your contact details and copy Baptism certificate if your child was NOT baptised at St William of York by **Sunday 8th October 2023**. Fr Habte will contact you if he has any points to discuss and we will let you know in good time when the forms may be collected.

## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

**For the Synod** - We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS OF THE SOUTH EAST - FORMATION DAYS 2023**

All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are invited to attend one of the two formation days. Can you please email Mary at [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) to confirm which day you can attend.

1. Saturday 14 October 2023 - 10am-4pm, for Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich . Venue: St Stephen's Church, 26 Deepdene Road, Welling, Kent DA16 3QL.
2. Saturday 21 October 2023 - 10am-4pm, for Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth . Venue: Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HYS.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINAR - SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

You are all invited to an Archdiocesan Seminar on Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in our Parishes, Schools & Communities on Saturday 28 October 2023 at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY from 9.30am to 4pm. Visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024 - SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

If your child is in Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on **Sunday 5th November 2023 at 6pm**. The preparation sessions will commence in January 2024.

## REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of these parishioners who have died in the last year on Wednesday 8th November at 8:00pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. I would like to invite all parishioners to join us and their families in prayer.

## EVENTS FROM THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAM AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Grief in Loss, Hope In Christ 6th - 8th October at Aylesford Priory - a retreat at times of bereavement email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

Sycamore: Growing in Faith Together 4 one hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 24th October Email Carole: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

Passing on the Faith as Grandparents, 4 online Tuesday evenings in November Email Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

Passing on the Faith for Parents, 4 online Wednesday evenings in November Email Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

Building a Better Marriage Saturday 11th November which helps enrich the marriage you have. Email Carole: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

## MASS ATTENDEES

9/10 September -262 16/17 September - 351 23/24 September - 275

## PARISH DIARY

Sun 1 Oct 2.50pm	Reconciliation 1	Church
Tue 3 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA Meeting	Lower Hall
Thur 5 Oct 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Fri 6 Oct 9am-12pm	Baby & Toddler group	Cafe York
Sat 7 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Saturday 30 September 2023**

**18:00** Tonino Del Guercio RIP

**Sunday 1 October 2023**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Ron Howell RIP Birthday (live-streamed)

**Monday 2 October 2023 - The Holy Guardian Angels**

**09:30** Olive House RIP

**Tuesday 3 October 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Anne Orieso Birthday Thanksgiving

**Wednesday 4 October 2023 - St. Francis of Assisi**

**09:30** Tonino Del Guercio RIP (live-streamed)

**Thursday 5 October 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 6 October 2023 - Feria**

**Harvest Fast Day**

**09:30** James Gallagher RIP

**Saturday 7 October 2023 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

**10:30** Thomas Shine (FM)

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families**

**Saturday 7 October 2023**

**18:00** Anthony Warner RIP Birthday

**Sunday 8 October 2023**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)