



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 occasion)

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First & last Friday of the month after Mass

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

26 July 2026

Dear Parishioners

With the closure of the Academic year and the Mass of thanksgiving offered for our school community, we now have started the summer recess, this also marks the beginning of a slowing down of the pace of every ministry and activity in our parish life to facilitate this precious time.

Summer is a privileged and precious time, which the Lord offers us each year with generosity for relaxation and enjoyment, it's a time that allows us to slow down the pace of everyday life, to rest not only our bodies but also our minds, a time to rediscover the joy of being with one's family, it also can be an invitation to delve deeper into ourselves and rediscover some of the great beauty that surrounds us.

I wish everyone a peaceful and joyous holiday time, may it allow us to recharge with joy, friendship, and regeneration. A time to have physical and mental rest, to visit new places and meet new people, and to make it a time of prayer and reflection.

I wish you a great time and thank you for your hard work, generosity, love and support to the parish.

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - 1 Kings 3:5-6a,7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus often talked in parables as we find in this week's Gospel. When he talks about the Kingdom he makes it clear that he would do anything to bring one person into the kingdom even if it means neglecting other responsibilities as we see in this gospel when he refers to the pearl and also in the parable of the lost sheep. He then goes on to talk about the end of time when we will be judged on how we have lived out our lives and the good and the evil will be divided up. If we want to be with God in the next life we need to prioritise our faith and show compassion in our dealings with other people however challenging that may be in certain situations.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 55:1-3, Romans 8:35,37-39, Matthew 14:13-21

**ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S PASTORAL MESSAGE -
Called to Bear Fruit and Next Steps**

Archbishop John has sent a [Pastoral Message](#)

concerning Called to Bear Fruit, which reflects upon the consultation undertaken across the Archdiocese, the work already under way, and the continuing discernment concerning the next phase of missionary renewal.



In the autumn, a further document will be presented to deanery conferences for prayerful consideration and discussion. This will offer reflections looking towards the practical implementation of Called to Bear Fruit across the parishes and communities of the Archdiocese. The process will continue in a synodal spirit of prayerful listening, shared participation, and communion, attentive to the differing circumstances of each local community.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2026 -For evangelisation in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

STEWARDS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Many of our regular ministers will be on holiday during the summer period so it will be greatly appreciated if you are able to offer assistance as required at your regular Mass times. Thank you.

CANON ALAN McLEAN RIP -

We recently received an obituary for Canon Alan McLean, a popular and much-loved priest who was a great friend to many at St William of York. Canon Alan served in the parish with Fr Patrick Aikens from 1986 to 1993 and is remembered with great affection by those who knew him.



The obituary can be read here: [Canon Alan McLean](#).

Please continue to keep Canon Alan in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

FR DERMOTT O’GORMAN who has been assisting at The Most Holy Trinity, Bermondsey, Dockhead will become parish priest in September. Fr Dermott will remain the Youth Director of the Diocese. Please remember Fr Dermott in your prayers as he prepares to begin this new ministry.

MASS ATTENDEES

4/5 July - 546 11/12 July - 234 18/19 July - 257

FINANCES - JUNE 2026

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,977.28
Donations for Day for Life - £165.86
Donations for Peter’s Pence - £288.47
Donations for Families in Need Fund - £180.02
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,472.00

Bank details to set up a regular standing order:
Account name: RCAS Forest Hill,
Sort Code: 60 50 01 Acc No: 79124437

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your continued generosity and support

FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE. From Bishop Paul. One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Marie Byrne RIP

a long standing and much loved parishioner

The reception of Marie's body into St William of York will be
on
Monday 3 August at 4pm.

The funeral will be on Tuesday 4 August at 11.30am



Elizabeth (Lily) Cowell RIP

a long standing and dedicated parishioner
wife of the late Max Cowell

The funeral will be at St William of York on Wednesday 29 July
at 10.30am



**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**

(Please note the 9.30am Masses have been cancelled on 29 July and 4 August)



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 25 July 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 26 July 2026

09:30 Marie Dominique RIP Birthday & Ann Henry RIP Birthday Blessings

11:30 Resty Navarette RIP

Monday 27 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Mary Clancy RIP 1st Anniversary

Tuesday 28 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Holy Souls

Wednesday 29 July 2026 - Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus

10:30 Funeral of Elizabeth (Lily) Cowell RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 30 July 2026 - Feria

09:30 Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

Friday 31 July 2026 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

09:30 Maura Aka Fonge RIP Anniversary

Saturday 1 August 2026 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

10:30 Mary O'Neill RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 1 August 2026

18:00 Kathleen Redmond RIP Birthday

Sunday 2 August 2026

09:30 Anna Tully & Edward Ptuska RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page
www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

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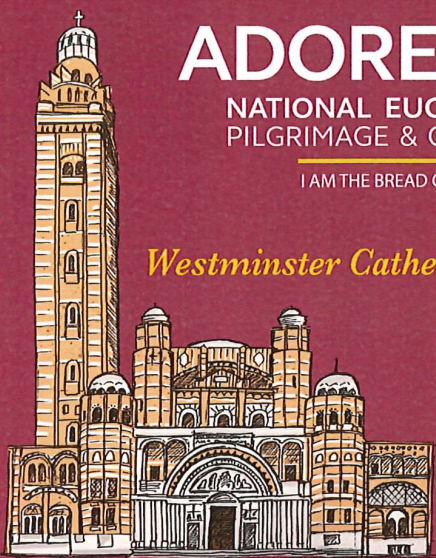


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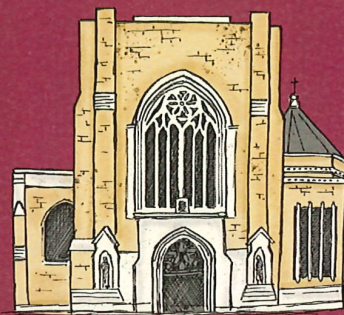
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Westminster Cathedral



St George's Cathedral



The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress

ADOREMUS

Saturday, 10 October 2026

Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and has two aspects:

- A representative gathering of the Church in London with Bishops, priests, and people
- All parishes are encouraged to unite local events with the national gathering from which footage will be available to enable remote participation

For delegates from the Dioceses of England and Wales

St George's Cathedral Southwark

10.30 Presentations on Eucharistic Art and Life for those able to arrive early, with refreshments available and some information stands around the campus

12 noon The Adoremus Mass, Archbishop John Wilson
Followed by keynote address: Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe
OP 'The Eucharist: Our sacrament of hope in dark times'
Time for packed, picnic lunches

15.00 Eucharistic Procession to **Westminster Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood**, with the representative group of the Church

17.00 Solemn Benediction led by Bishop James Curry

For all there will be space to watch the start of the Procession at St George's, to follow on line, to watch the Procession as it passes (Stop and Pray) and to join the delegates for Benediction either in the Cathedral or the grounds of the Cathedral for which a live sound stream will be provided.

There will then be Mass at 18.00 open to all, followed by Holy Hours at 19.30, 20.30, and 21.30 led by the Youth Ministry teams of Westminster, Southwark and CYMFed.

These will be followed by an all-night Vigil from 12 midnight to 06.00.

All of these times can be booked at
www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/
to secure places.

Further information will be posted at
www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/

Program subject to change.