



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 closed,
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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

20 September 2026

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a, Matthew 20:1-16

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - It is hard not to sympathise with the workers who have sweated it out right through the day in the hot sun. The idlers who have hardly got earth on their spades or grease on their hands get a great bonus and I get no bonus at all! Is this fair? No. God is not fair. You can't apply the concept of "fairness" to God at all. We can't enter into a reckoning with God. God does not calculate as we do. In the terms of this world, this is obvious enough. The wicked do prosper, while honesty and high moral standards, instead of being rewarded are often simply mocked. Can we go deeper and say that the reward is in heaven? This hardly fits with the way Jesus worked here on earth. He did not reward the virtuous. He said he was the doctor who had come to the sick. His favourites were the worst of society, tax collectors and prostitutes, not even amiable rascals. Heaven was open to anyone who accepted him. It is no good looking for fairness in God, for this implies that we deserve something. We cannot claim to 'deserve' anything; we are simply called into a loving relationship and to put our trust in Jesus.

What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your own life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SECOND COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND:

This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization. Many thanks for your support.

SYNOD - NEXT STEPS

In 2021 Pope Francis called upon Catholics across the whole world to be engaged in a two-year synodal process to thoughtfully consider personal experiences of three areas of Catholic Life - Communion, Participation and Mission.



Following the guidelines, here in our parish we went through a process of listening, sharing and reflection based on the three areas of Catholic life, many parishioners took their time to meet in small groups and present their responses, some met in person and some arranged zoom meetings, and others who could not make it to the small groups sent their response by email. Our Parish facilitators produced a consolidated response to Parish Listening, Sharing and Reflection as within the Synodal Process.

As a continuation of the process, between now and the start of November 2026 – we will have a parish conversation on the final document, either using the small group discussion resource or the final document itself.

Our parish facilitators will soon talk to us on how we would like to proceed with this process, I encourage you to please respond with the usual generous and enthusiastic spirit, to help our diocese and parish be a more prayerful, missionary welcoming, and listening church where there is hope and growth.

Fr Habte

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS - Parents and carers intending to apply for a Catholic secondary school place for **September 2027** admission are asked to collect a yellow priest reference form from Fr Habte or Fr Michael after Mass. Completed forms should be returned via the Presbytery letterbox, together with your contact details and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate (if your child was not baptised at St William of York. Please ensure that all documents are submitted by **Wednesday 30th September 2026**.

Fr Habte will contact families if he wishes to discuss any aspect of their application. We will notify you when your child's Certificate of Catholic Practice is ready for collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

- The Honor Oak WI is proud to run again a Coffee Morning in support of all people living with cancer. in Cafe York -Friday 25th September from 9am to 2pm. Please come and bring a friend to help such a worthy cause. We'll have plenty of home made cakes, jam, marmalade and more.



BEWELL NATURE WALK - SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026 2-4PM

We are having our BeWell nature walk on Saturday 26th September in Beckenham Place Park. 2-4pm. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

We will have 2 meetings points at 1.30 at the big Sainsbury Sydenham at the side of the pump station. This group will walk to the park (approx 20 min).

The other meeting point is in Catford in front of the Rushey Green post office, that group will take the bus up to the park.

For those who want to go straight to the park, we will meet around 2 in front of the main cafe area.

We will have again a shorter and a longer walk and meet afterwards for a cup or tea or coffee near the cafe area.

Please note that Cafe York will not be open prior the 6 pm mass that day.

For any questions please contact Geke on 07748403515

ART GROUP - Do you feel inspired by the way our church is decorated to celebrate festivals and seasons of the Church's year? Why not join the Art Group? We need all sorts of talents. Artists and designers would of course be very welcome, but we also need anyone who has a bit of time to offer and can assist with organising, cutting out, sticking and stapling or is good at climbing up a ladder!

Please come and join the Art Group to share ideas and plan ahead over tea and cake on **Tuesday 29th September. at 8.00pm in Cafe York.**

If you want to know more please talk to Maureen Swift - 0776 5428299

ANNUAL SERVICE FOR HOPE AND HEALING - WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30 September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be lead by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026 - On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend our twelfth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on **Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral**, Southwark, SE1 6HU. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Please visit our website for further information and the registration link

<https://swoy.org.uk/day-for-catechists-saturday-3-oct-26/>

All catechists are encouraged to attend if they are able.

HOW DO WE PRAY? You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Me to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission.

The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting **6th October** from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in- person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Season of Creation began on **1 September and continues until 4 October**, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year's theme, "Living Water of Hope", invites us to reflect on water as a precious gift from God that sustains all life and nourishes creation.

During this special season, we are encouraged to give thanks for the beauty and abundance of God's creation, to deepen our commitment to caring for our common home, and to pray for those communities around the world affected by water scarcity, pollution and environmental challenges. As we celebrate the gift of living water, may we renew our faith in Christ, the source of living water, and become ever more faithful stewards of the earth entrusted to our care.

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." (John 7:37-38)

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 - For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

LECTORS' & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FORMATION DAY - Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area, warmly invites all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to a Formation Day on the theme "Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist." The day will include Holy Mass, formation, discussion and Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Camberwell, Lambeth & Lewisham Deaneries: Saturday, 24th October, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Bishop Thomas Grant School, SW16 2HY.

Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich & Woolwich Deaneries: Saturday, 31st October, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Erith DA8 1DN.

Participants are welcome to attend either of the two Formation Days. The deanery groupings are intended to help with the distribution of numbers, but if someone is unable to attend the date allocated to their area, they are very welcome to attend the other date instead.

Participants are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m. and to bring a packed lunch. All Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are warmly encouraged to attend. A link to the programme can be found here [Formation Day](#)

Please register your attendance via Mary in the parish office
foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL - FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, QR code or donate online cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.





What's coming up at SCYS?

A new year of faith, friendship, formation and unforgettable experiences.

There's plenty happening across SCYS, with opportunities for young people, young adults, and parish youth leaders.

Take a look at what's coming up and start planning for the year ahead

[EXPLORE THE EVENTS HERE](#)

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE A one-day course for married couples of any age to explore their relationship, deepen communication, and reflect on the Church's call to marriage. No group sharing; all discussion remains private to each couple. Next date: **3 October (West Norwood)**. Booking essential: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

GRIEF IN LOSS RETREAT – 9-11 October 2026. A weekend away from daily life for anyone who has experienced bereavement, offering quiet, prayer, and space to grieve, remember, and hope in the light of the Resurrection. The Friars, Aylesford. Contact reception@thefriars.org.uk or 01622 717272 to book.

FINANCES - AUGUST 2026

The monthly Offertory Collection - £2,742.63

Donations for Families in Need Fund - £124.28

From monthly standing orders we collected - £4,614.00

If you wish to set up a regular standing order:
Please contact the parish office

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

FEAST of ST PIO of PIETRELCINA (Padre Pio): Mass & Veneration – 23 September, 7pm. Join Archbishop John Wilson for Mass on the Feast of St Pio of Pietrelcina, 23 September at 7pm, St George's Cathedral. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to venerate a relic of St Padre Pio – a piece of cloth he once used to clean the wound in his side. Confession will be available during Eucharistic Adoration from 6pm, before the Mass. All are welcome.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Michel Romuald Goubou Irihari RIP

(brother of Viviane Charles)

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

MASS ATTENDEES

29/30 August - 246 5/6 September - 273 12/13 September - 308

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 24 Sept 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 25 Sept 9am-2pm	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Cafe York
Saturday 26 Sept 2-4pm	BeWell Nature Walk	Beckenham Place Park
Tuesday 29 Sept 8pm	Art Group Meeting & refreshments	Cafe York
Wednesday 30 Sept 6.30pm	Annual Service for Hope and Healing	St George's Cathedral
Friday 2 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day	
Saturday 3 October	Diocesan Day for Catechists	Amigo Hall & St George's Cathedral
Sunday 4 October 2.45pm	1st Reconciliation & Eucharist Session 1	Church
Monday 5 October 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 1	Cafe York
Monday 19 October 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 2	Cafe York
Saturday 24 October	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Formation Day	Bishop Thomas Grant School, SW16 2HY.
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

Saturday 19 September 2026

18:00 For the Parishioners

Sunday 20 September 2026

09:30 Josephine Ugwu RIP

11:30 Adrian & Matthew McGurran RIP

Monday 21 September 2026 - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

09:30 Divine intervention and a successful operation for all Austin Avuru entities

Tuesday 22 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Jerviane & Charles Edwards Private Intentions

Wednesday 23 September 2026 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

09:30 Danny Harrington RIP

Thursday 24 September 2026 - Our Lady of Walsingham

09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 25 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Owenia Williams RIP Anniversary

Saturday 26 September 2026 - Feria

10:30 Mary Magdalen Orieso RIP

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Saturday 26 September 2026

18:00 Harry O'Brien RIP

Sunday 27 September 2026

09:30 Chris & Pat Kitchen RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

LIVE-STREAMING

Please note we will be unable to live-stream during September,
we will resume live-streaming in October.

(FM)=Foundation Mass

Together
we make a
difference 



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

➤  Hosted by The Honor Oak WI  ➤

➤ **FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026** ➤

The Honor Oak WI is proud to run again a Coffee Morning
in support of all people living with cancer.



Friday
25th
September
2026



9.00am
to 2.00pm



Café York

➤ Please come and bring a friend ➤
to help such a worthy cause.

We'll have
plenty of
home made
cakes, jam,
marmalade
and more!
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Let's make it the biggest ever!





12TH FOREST HILL SCOUTS

ADVENTURE • FRIENDSHIP • SKILLS FOR LIFE

Join the Adventure
at St William of York Scout Group

BEAVERS | CUBS | SCOUTS

EXPLORE

LEARN

ACHIEVE



BEAVER SCOUT COLONY

AGES 6-8

The Beaver Colony is the youngest section of our Scout Group, giving young people the opportunity to:

- Make new friends
- Enjoy games and adventures
- Learn practical skills
- Build confidence and independence
- Have fun outdoors and indoors



THURSDAY EVENINGS (TERM TIME)

Lewisham Scouts DHQ,
St Germans Road

NEW PLACES AVAILABLE
for children turning 6

Join the waiting list today:

www.12thforesthill.scoutsonline.co.uk



CUB SCOUT PACK

CHIEF SCOUT
SILVER AWARD
(TOP CUB SCOUT AWARD)



Congratulations to

★ *Christiana, Amelia
and Ettan* ★

who have completed their Chief Scout
Silver Award.

It shows that they are adventurous,
have helped their community and have
learnt about the world. It also means
that they have gained skills, worked in
a team, completed all their Challenge
Awards and at least six Activity Badges.

WELL DONE!



This term they are starting Scouts
and working with new and old friends
towards their Gold Award.



SCOUT TROOP

Having re-opened last October with
9 members, the Troop is going well
and they are **now at capacity!**

They've had a year of taking part in
new adventures, learning new skills,
and had fun with friends while
developing teamwork and life skills.



Camped and explored outdoors



Learned practical life skills



Taken part in exciting adventures



Built strong friendships



Developed confidence
and leadership

It was great to see them all
reunited this Thursday as they
all started secondary school
so had a lot to catch up on.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Could you help shape a young person's future?

No Scouting experience needed –
just enthusiasm and a bit of time!

We're seeking enthusiastic adults
to help with:



BEAVERS



CUBS



SCOUTS

Whether weekly or
fortnightly, your time
can make a real
difference.



BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Supporting local young people
- ✓ Learning new skills
- ✓ Making new friendships
- ✓ Being part of a thriving parish community



FIND OUT
MORE



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.12thforesthill.scoutsonline.co.uk



EMAIL US

join@12thswyoyscouts.org



Get involved.
Make friends.
Discover more.

We can't wait
to welcome you!

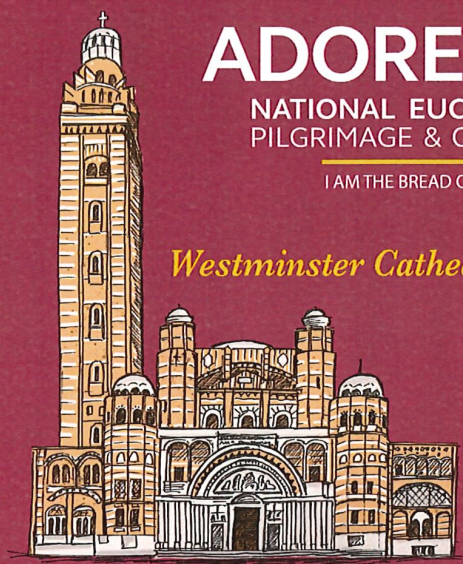




ADOREMUS

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.

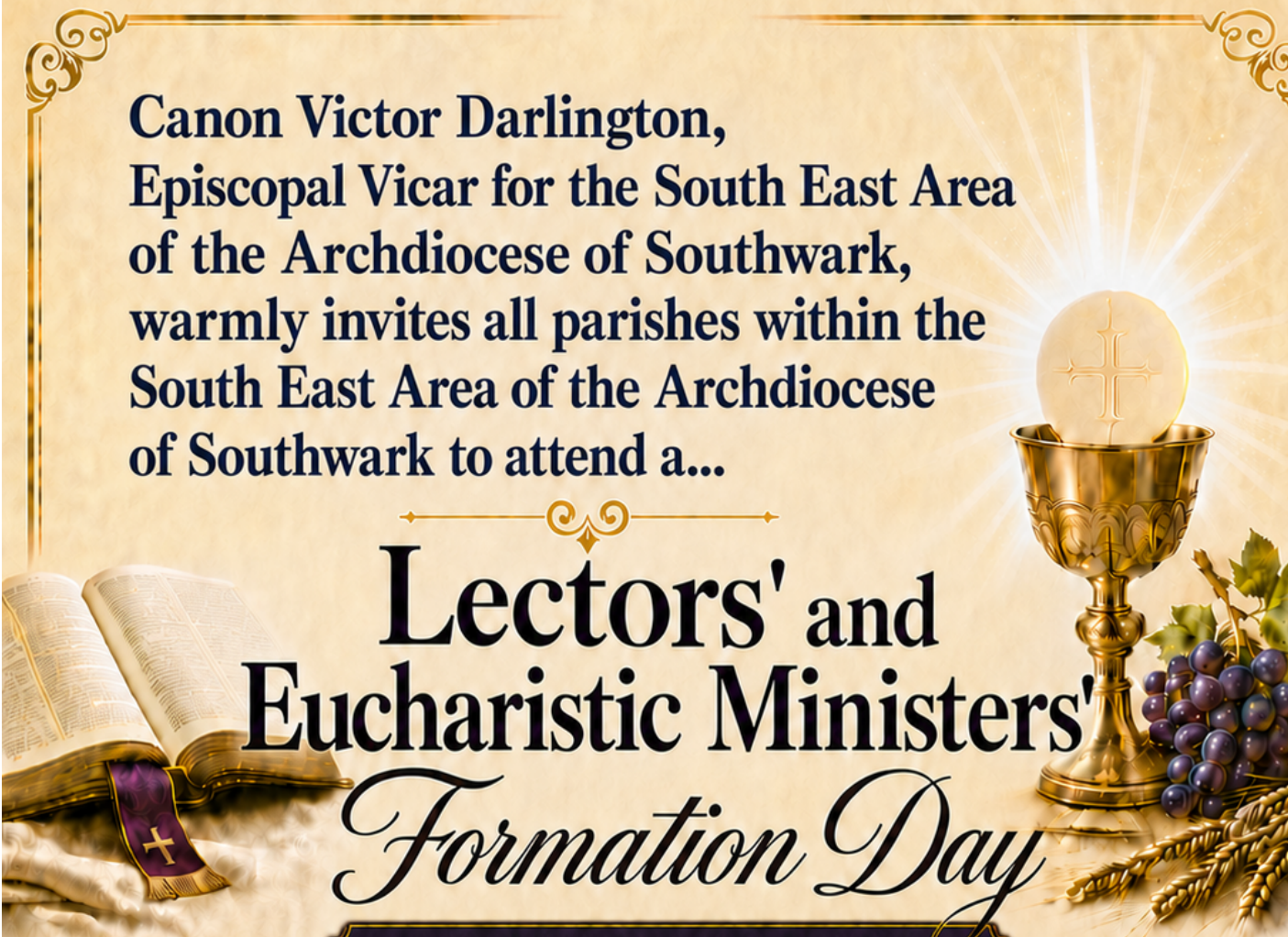
These will be followed by an all-night Vigil from 12 midnight to 06.00.

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.

Canon Victor Darlington,
Episcopal Vicar for the South East Area
of the Archdiocese of Southwark,
warmly invites all parishes within the
South East Area of the Archdiocese
of Southwark to attend a...



Lectors' and Eucharistic Ministers' *Formation Day*

*Topic: Nourished by the Word,
Sent with the Eucharist*

Saturday 24th October 2026 from 10 am to 2 pm

**Bishop Thomas Grant School,
Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HY**

*For all parishes in the Deaneries of
Camberwell, Lambeth and Lewisham*

Facilitator

Fr Valentine Erhahon, SS Simon and Jude, Streatham Hill

Saturday 31st October 2026 from 10 am to 2 pm

**Capuchin Franciscan Friary,
Carlton Road, Erith DA8 1DN**

*For all parishes in the Deaneries of
Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Woolwich*

Facilitator

Fr Alfred Ebalu, St Pius X Catholic Church, Norbiton