



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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

13 September 2026

Education Sunday

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - This is a favourite theme of Matthew, continuing and concluding Jesus' teaching that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So forgiveness is the vital step. So important is this matter of forgiveness that two consecutive Sunday gospels are devoted to it. It expands and stresses our petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.' The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one about a king and his servants revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats; and here, the generous king and the ungenerous servant). There is also a contrast between the two sums of money which is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes the equivalent of millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole province. The second owes the couple of months' wages of a casual

labourer. Is there anyone you cannot forgive? Do you start the forgiveness-process, or wait for the other party? What is the best way to show forgiveness?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

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 e mail. 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

EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION - This weekend we celebrate Education Sunday and give thanks for all those involved in Catholic education and faith formation. We have also received a [Pastoral Message from Archbishop John](#). Copies of the message are also available in church, and parishioners are warmly encouraged to take one and reflect upon it.

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Education Service (CES), which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education across England and Wales. The CES works closely with government and

educational partners to promote and protect Catholic education, support schools, and help ensure that parents continue to have the opportunity to choose a Catholic education for their children.

Your generous support for this collection helps to sustain this important work. Many thanks for your continued generosity and prayers.

Fr MICHAEL NIXON will be celebrating Mass in our parish throughout September. We warmly welcome Fr Michael from St Saviour's, Lewisham, and wish him a happy, fruitful and blessed time with our parish community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A LEGACY - CECILIA COSTELLO RIP

The parish gratefully acknowledges a generous legacy received from the Estate of Cecilia Costello RIP. We give thanks for Cecilia's kindness, generosity and faithful support of our parish community. Her legacy will help to support the ongoing mission and work of the parish, and we remember her with gratitude in our prayers. May the Lord grant her eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

KNIGHTS OF CHARITY DONATION - We are deeply grateful to the Knights of Charity for their generous donation of £2,000, which represents the remaining funds of the group following their decision to close down their charity. As part of their final act of generosity, they have distributed their remaining funds to all neighbouring parishes. This wonderful gift has been given specifically for the benefit of our parish, particularly towards ongoing building needs and essential upkeep. May the Lord bless them abundantly for their generosity and faithfulness.

MUSIC GROUP PARTY - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME - The music group will be having their annual lunch party in Cafe York after **11.30 mass on Sunday 13th September**. Everyone who has helped with the music is very welcome, including those who joined us for Easter or other special occasions. Bring some food to share.

We're always looking for new singers for 9.30 and 11.30 masses. No experience necessary! And if you play an instrument we'd also love to meet you.

If you're interested in joining us regularly or occasionally, please come to the lunch party and say hello. Or if you can't make it, speak to any member of the group after mass any Sunday.

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

We are having our BeWell nature walk on Saturday 26th September in Beckenham Place Park. 2-4pm. A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex. Full details and meeting places will be advised nearer the date

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



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 at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.



Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Michel Romuald Goubo 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

22/23 August - 206 29/30 August - 246 5/6 September - 273

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 13 Sept 12.30pm	Music Group Party	Cafe York
Thursday 17 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
Saturday 26 Sept 4.45pm	BeWell drop in	Cafe York
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
Saturday 24 October	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Formation Day	Bishop Thomas Grant School, SW16 2HY.
Saturday 31 October	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Formation Day	Capuchin Franciscan Friary DA8 1DN.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT 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 in advance for your support.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Education Day

Saturday 12 September 2026

18:00 Renate Betson RIP

Sunday 13 September 2026

09:30 Carmela De Palma RIP Birthday

11:30 For the Parishioners

Monday 14 September 2026- The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

09:30 Sue Hepworth RIP

Tuesday 15 September 2026 - Our Lady of Sorrows

09:30 Nancy Willis RIP

Wednesday 16 September 2026 - Sts. Cornelius, Pope

09:30 Marie Byrne RIP

Thursday 17 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 18 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Gerry O'Sullivan RIP Anniversary

Saturday 19 September 2026 - Feria

10:30 Martin Kane

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

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** ➤

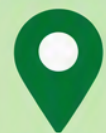
The Honor Oak WI is proud to run again a Coffee Morning
in support of all people living with cancer.



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!





ARCHDIOCESE of
SOUTHWARK

You are warmly invited to our annual

SERVICE FOR THOSE THAT

HAVE BEEN HARMED BY ABUSE

Hope



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An evening of hope & healing

Led by Archbishop John Wilson

Wednesday 30th September 2026

6.30pm

St Georges Cathedral, SE1 7HY

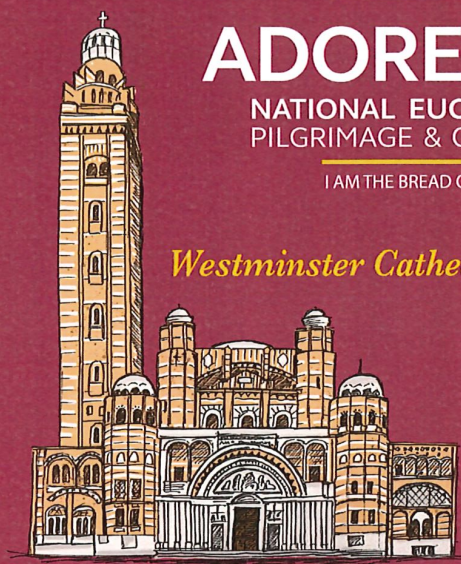
*"Many times the pain of the victims has been
greater because they were not welcomed and
listened to." Pope Leo XIV Jan 2026*



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.

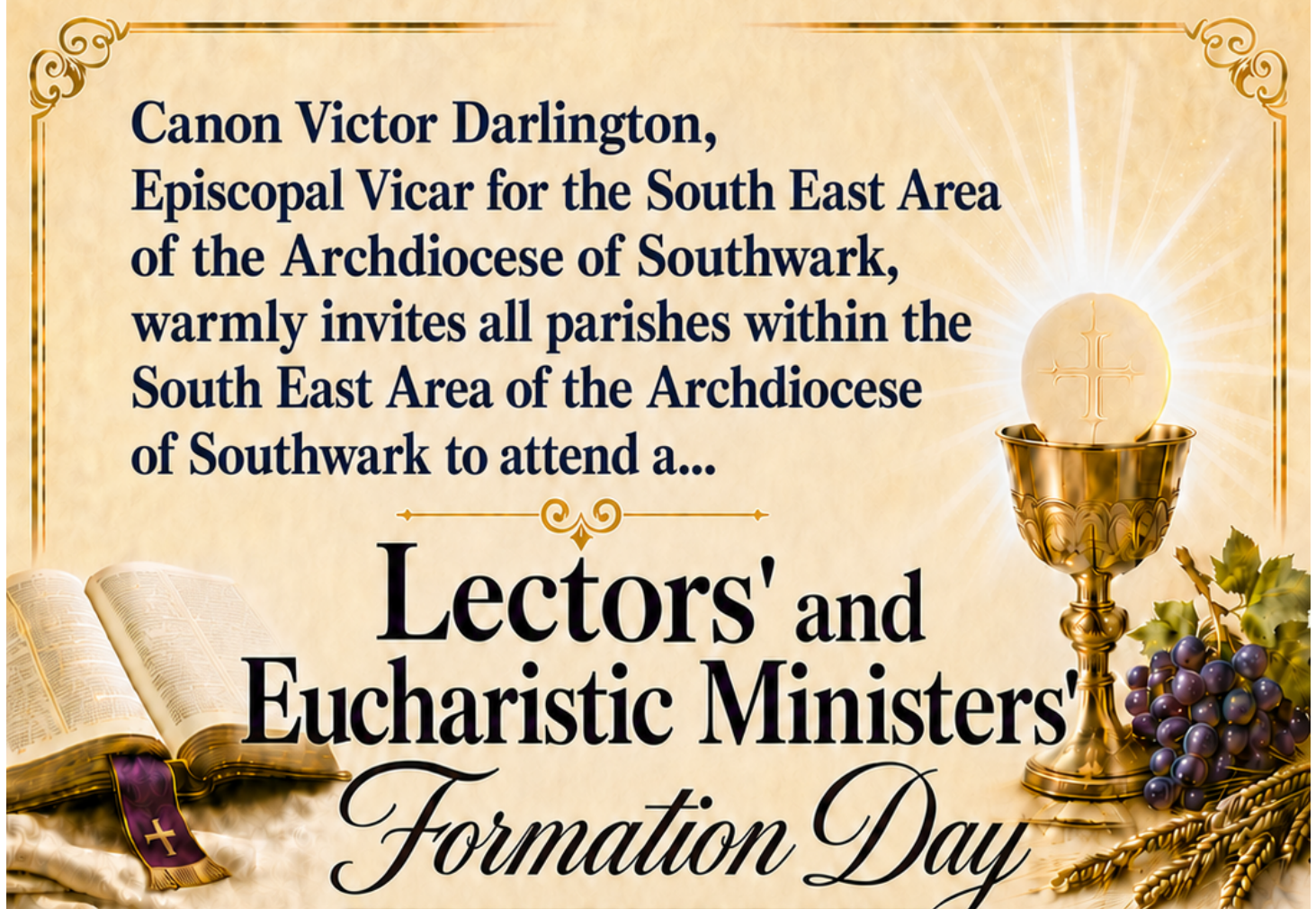
These will be followed by an all-night Vigil from 12 midnight to 06.00.

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