



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

27 September 2026

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Jesus tells the parable of the two sons whose father asks them to work in the vineyard: the first son refuses and the second son agrees. But then, the second son does not go to the vineyard and it seems he was simply appeasing his father with words, whilst choosing to occupy himself as he pleased. By contrast, the son who initially refused has a change of heart and, putting aside his personal preference, he does as his father has asked. Then comes the question with an obvious answer - which son does his father's will? Of course, it is the son who changes his mind who does his father's will. The sinners who repent and seek to serve God are closer to heaven than pious individuals hiding their self-serving intentions behind holy words. It is not enough to say "Lord, Lord!" - we must show our love for God and neighbour in the way we behave: the evidence of our faith is in our works.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 25:6-10a, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS and REFUGEES

Pope Leo calls us to reflect on the experiences of young migrants and refugees, and to avoid making calculations but instead to see the inherent dignity of each child and person. [POPE LEO XIV's message](#)

[CARITAS newsletter marking the 112th World Day of Migrants & Refugees](#)

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.

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

BEWELL RAVIOLI MAKING WORKSHOP – Join us on **Saturday 3 October, 12:00pm to 3:00pm**, in the **Upper Hall** for a fun community Ravioli Making Workshop. No cooking experience is needed. Come and learn, cook and enjoy a delicious meal together. **Advance sign-up is required, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.** All welcome!

FAMILY & WELCOME MASS - Our next Family & Welcome Mass for our First Eucharist families will be at **9.30am on Sunday 4 October** We hope to see many families at that Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Our first session will take place on Sunday 4 October at 2.45pm in the Church.

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.

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.



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

We will have a second collection next weekend.



ADOREMUS 2026 – 9 & 10 October - Encounter Christ in the Eucharist

This October, young people and young adults from across London are invited to come together for Adoremus 2026, part of the Eucharistic Congress taking place in Westminster.



At the heart of the events is a simple invitation: **to encounter Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament**, and spend time with Him in prayer, Adoration and worship.

Friday 9 October, 7–9pm:

Young Adults (18–35) Vigil at Most Holy Trinity, Dockhead, with Adoration, Confessions, Fr Emmanuel Mansford, Bishop Gerard Bradley and One Hope Project.

Saturday 10 October:

The main Adoremus celebration begins at St George's Cathedral with Mass at 12 noon, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral. A Youth Vigil takes place at Westminster Cathedral from 8–11pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night.

Full details: scys.org.uk/adoremus-2026

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](#)



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.

MASS ATTENDEES

5/6 September - 273 12/13 September 308 19/20 September - 249

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 29 Sept 8pm	Art Group Meeting & refreshments	Cafe York
Wednesday 30 Sept 6.30pm	Annual Service Hope & Healing	St George's Cathedral
Thursday 1 October 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 2 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day	
Friday 2 October 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 3 October	Diocesan Day for Catechists	St George's Cathedral
Saturday 3 October 12-3pm	BeWell Ravioli Workshop	Upper Hall
Sunday 4 October 2.45pm	1st Rec & 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.
Saturday 31 October	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Formation Day	Capuchin Franciscan Friary DA8 1DN.

FINANCES - AUGUST 2026

The monthly Offertory Collection including contactless - £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

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2026 -

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church,
helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental
illnesses.

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

Monday 28 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Thanksgiving for Orji Idodo all her children and their entire families

Tuesday 29 September 2026 - Sts, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

09:30 Patsy Grant RIP

Wednesday 30 September 2026 - St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Simone Gnahua Goubo RIP & Michel Romauld Goubo Irihari RIP

Thursday 1 October 2026 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 2 October 2026 - The Holy Guardian Angels

09:30 Anne Orieso Birthday Thanksgiving

Saturday 3 October 2026 - Feria

10:30 Rosaria Stanizzi RIP

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Rosary Sunday

Saturday 3 October 2026

18:00 Tonino Del Guercio RIP

Sunday 4 October 2026

09:30 **Welcome & Family Mass**

For the Parishioners

11:30 Peter Healey RIP Anniversary

LIVE-STREAMING

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



ARCHDIOCESE of
SOUTHWARK

You are warmly invited to our annual

SERVICE FOR THOSE THAT

HAVE BEEN HARMED BY ABUSE

Hope



Hope

Hope

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*



Church Community Event



Ravioli Making Workshop

Come, learn, cook and share
a delicious meal together!



Good food
brings people
together
— ♥



Saturday
3rd October
12 - 3pm



St William of York's
Upper Hall



After we make
the raviolis we will
eat them together!



Signing up
is required.



No cooking skills
are required!



Organised by the
BE WELL TEAM



Lead by

Raffaella, Antonella, Sara and Zaira





St William of York
CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOREST HILL

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ARE WE CALLED TO BE?

Your voice will help shape the answer.

A Feast for All Peoples

A PARISH JOURNEY OF
LISTENING & DISCERNMENT

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2026

What is this?

As part of the next stage of the Synodal journey, our parish will be offering **five weeks of small-group conversations** using the resource *A Feast for All Peoples*.

A chance to pray, listen, share and discern together as we explore the kind of Church we are called to be.

*No lectures. No expertise needed.
Just honest conversation
and an open heart.*

Why take part?



Your voice matters

Your experience and perspective are part of our parish story.



Listen and be heard

Make space for God — and for one another.



Help shape our parish

Explore how we can become a more welcoming, missionary and synodal community.



Everyone is welcome

Whether you have been involved before or are completely new, this is for you.



Want to explore the resource before we begin?

Find *A Feast for All Peoples* on the Archdiocese of Southwark Synod page.



Scan here to visit the Synod resources page.

The Five Conversations

Each week we will explore a different theme, helping us to reflect together on what it means to be a synodal Church in our parish and in the world.

1



What does it really mean to walk together as Church?

Exploring what it means to be a synodal Church in our parish today.

2



How can we listen more deeply — to God and to one another?

Growing as a community that listens with open hearts.

3



Where are we being called to serve and share the Gospel?

Recognising the gifts we have and how we can respond to the needs of our community and beyond.

4



How do we discern together when we don't all agree?

Learning how to make decisions together, guided by the Holy Spirit.

5



What should the Church's voice and witness look like in today's world?

Considering how we can be a prophetic and hopeful presence in our local area and in the wider world.

*Real questions.
Real people.
Real conversations.*



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CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOREST HILL

Practical Details

Everything you need to know to take part in our small-group programme.



When?

October – November 2026
(exact dates to be confirmed)



How long?

60–90 minutes per session, depending on the size of the group.



How will it run?

- In person — at the parish
- Online — for those who cannot attend in person

A range of days and times will be available.



Where?

At St William of York in Forest Hill.

Online options will also be available.



Interested? Let us know.

Email: foresthillppc@rcaos.org.uk with your name and contact details

OR

Add your name and email address to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

You are not committing to a particular day or format yet — we want to hear what works for you.

*Everyone's voice matters.
Come and be part of the journey!*



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.

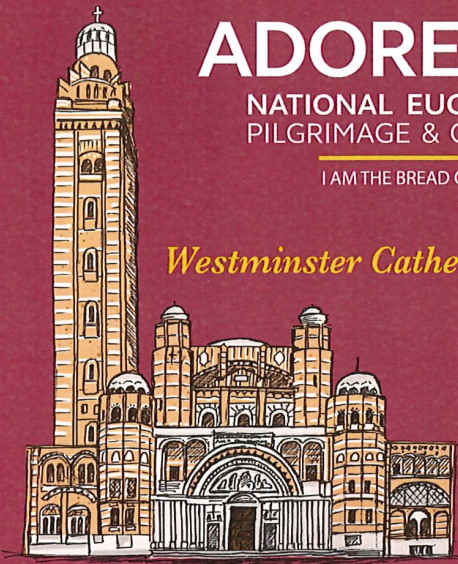
We can't wait
to welcome you!



ADOREMUS

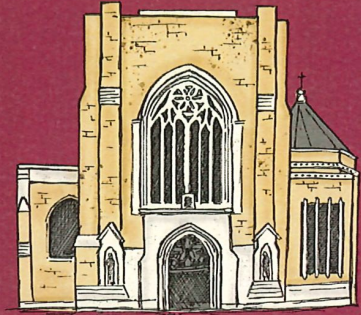
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



Westminster Cathedral

St George's Cathedral



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/

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

Program subject to change.

YOUTH
ADOREMUS
Adoration

**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2026**
10.10.2026

*Westminster Cathedral,
Victoria St, London SW1P 1LT*

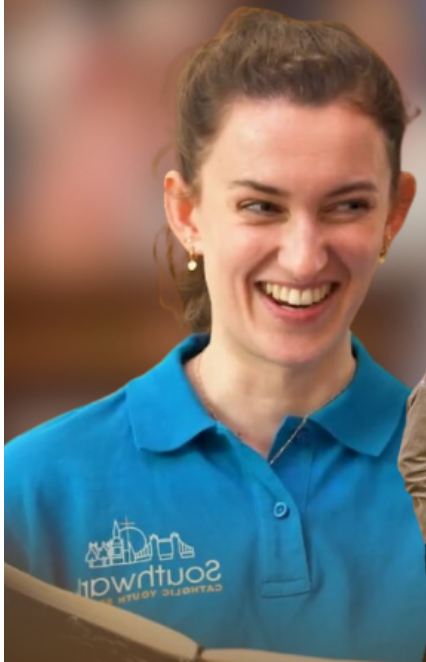
JOIN US FOR AN ALL-NIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
*Guided Adoration, Eucharistic saint reflections and the Holy Rosary from
8–11pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night.*

20:00 - Westminster Youth Ministry, Eucharistic Saint: St Clare of Assisi

21:00 - Southwark Youth Service, Eucharistic Saint: St Francis of Assisi

22:00 - CYMFED, Eucharistic Saint: St Carlo Acutis

Confessions available throughout the evening



SCYS
Mission Team

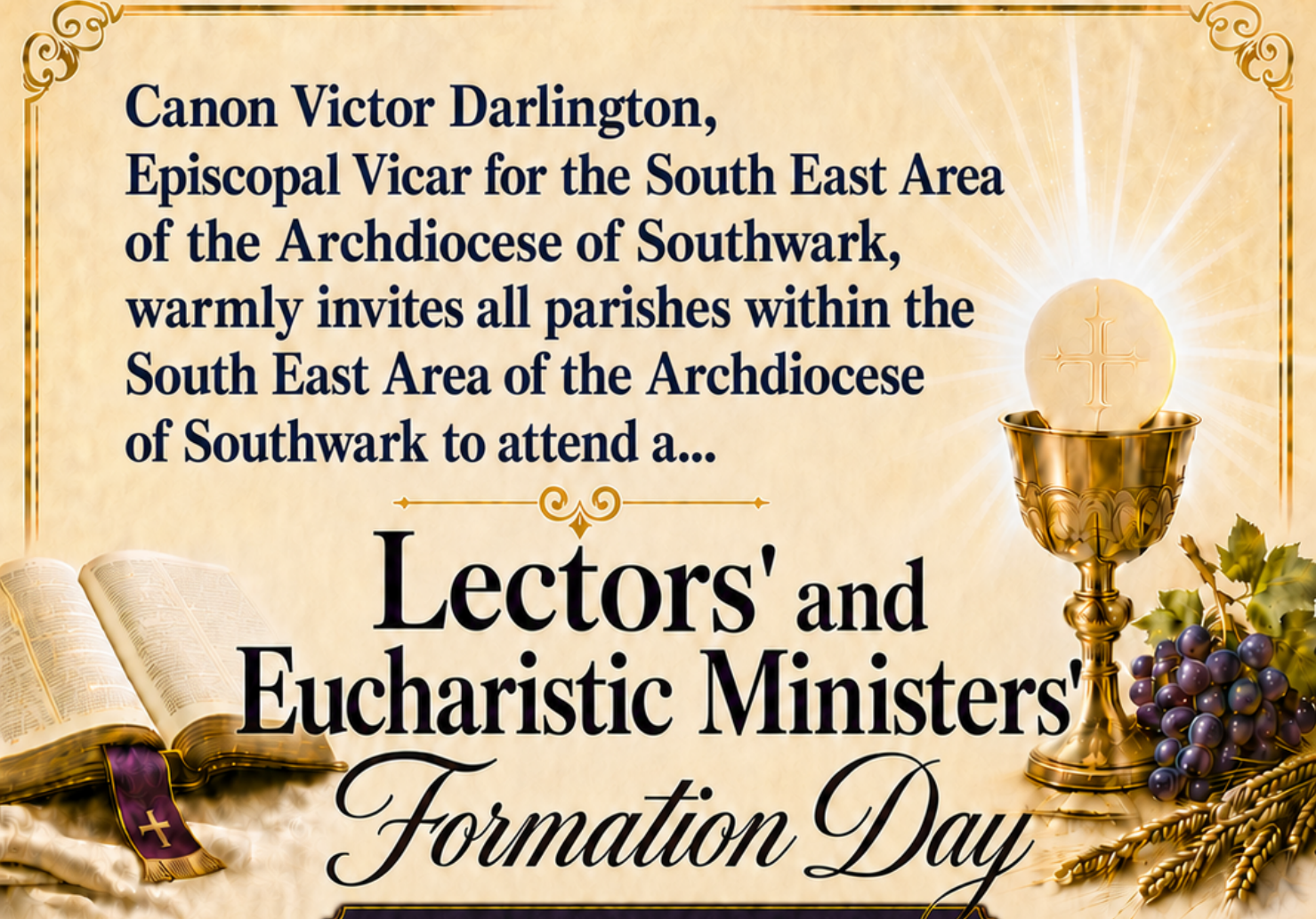


ONE HOPE PROJECT



**Fr Matthew
O'Gorman**
Vocations Director

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