



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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

6 September 2026

Dear Parishioners,

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.

Many thanks

Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - Our Gospel reading is about how to live together well, respecting rather than hurting individuals and communities.

The compassionate model Jesus sets out, is to avoid humiliation and to give each other every opportunity to better understand how our actions might affect others.

It calls us to take personal and collective responsibility when we see harmful behaviour.

Justice is something that we work on to agree collectively. We listen to different experiences, perspectives, motivation, and consequences of actions, intended or not.

When a few people get together, the creative Spirit of God can work wonders, helping us to grow in insight, see with greater love, and learn to appreciate a wider context.

As Church we are called to listen, support, stand up for, protect and to forgive. When we remember that each person is God's treasured creation, and follow Jesus' teaching to love one another, and invite God's Spirit to guide our words and actions, we can be confident that we are gathered in Jesus' name, and that Jesus is with us.

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

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON has sent a Pastoral Message for the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* and the *March for Life*, both of which this occur this week. Copies available in church or you may download a copy [HERE](#)

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING - Our next Youth Group meeting will take place on **Friday 11 September, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm** in the Upper Hall.

We look forward to welcoming all our young people for an evening of friendship, faith, fun and activities. If you usually attend, or would like to come along for the first time, we would be delighted to see you.

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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY is marked this year on 13 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2026 is drawn from its Gospel reading of Matthew 18:21-35: I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh

governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. We will have a second collection next weekend. Many thanks in advance for your support.

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.



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



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

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.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE 2026/28 - The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is pleased to announce that the start of the 2026/28 Archbishop's Certificate will be **10 October 2026**. The Archbishop's Certificate supports not just the work of catechesis but also that of evangelisation and formation in our diocese.

We encourage those who volunteer in a parish to speak to Fr Habte about support for their participation in the Archbishop's Certificate.

Would you like to know more? Join our 'Come and See' Evening on **Monday 14 September at 7pm**. A link to register can be found here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

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 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

MASS ATTENDEES

15/16 August - 214 22/23 August - 206 29/30 August - 246

PARISH DIARY

Monday 7 Sept 8pm	1st Reconciliation & Eucharist Catechists Meeting	Cafe York
Thursday 10 Sept 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Friday 11 Sept 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Sunday 13 Sept 12.30pm	Music Group Party	Cafe York
Friday 25 Sept 9am-2pm	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Cafe York
Saturday 26 Sept 4.45pm	BeWell drop in	Cafe York
Wednesday 30 Sept 6.30pm	Annual Service for Hope and Healing	St George's Cathedral
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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 5 September 2026

18:00 Brian Wrigley Wellbeing

Sunday 6 September 2026

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Julia Bentham RIP

Monday 7 September 2026- Feria

09:30 Mairead Reilly Birthday

Tuesday 8 September 2026 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30 Anne Orieso - Thanksgiving to Our Lady

Wednesday 9 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Rita Mellon RIP

Thursday 10 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 11 September 2026 - Feria

09:30 Max & Elizabeth Cowell RIP

Saturday 12 September 2026 - Feria

10:30 Holy Souls

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

LIVE-STREAMING

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass



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

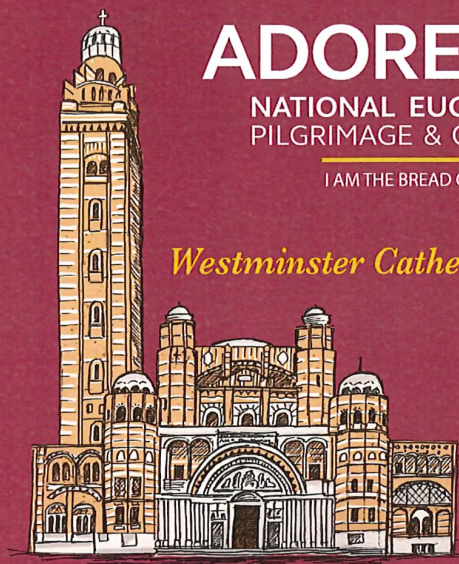
*"Many times the pain of the victims has been
greater because they were not welcomed and
listened to." Pope Leo XIV Jan 2026*



ADOREMUS

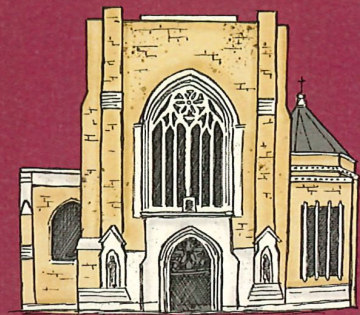
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

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.

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