



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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

4 October 2026

Dear Parishioners

The new catechetical year in our parish starts this week with the Welcome Mass for our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion children, and in November with the Confirmation group. This marks a special time for our community to renew our mission of proclaiming the faith and to strengthen the bonds of unity among the members of our parish family.

Being a Christian and growing in faith is a journey that unfolds over time. During this process, our children and young people grow as Christians, both through celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation, and through acquiring religious knowledge that will accompany and support them throughout their lives.

Catechesis not only prepares them for the reception of the sacraments, but also for a serious and lifelong commitment to Christ, a commitment whose foundations are being laid today.

I encourage all parents and guardians to make a commitment to join us at Sunday Mass. It is truly impossible for children to understand Christian life if catechesis is not connected to participation in the Holy Mass. Your presence at Sunday Mass is

important not only for you, but also for your children, who look to you as an example. It also contributes to the growth and wellbeing of our Christian community here in the parish.

I ask all parishioners to keep our children, their parents and guardians, and our catechists in your prayers as we begin this journey of faith together.

God Bless
Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - The main message of this Gospel is in the last sentence: "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." God gives us each of us different gifts and talents and expects us to use them to further the Kingdom. Throughout our Christian journey our spirituality and God given gifts will only develop if we continue to use and develop our gifts through prayer and spirituality and attendance at events and courses so that we can share our experience with others. However if we make no effort to develop our gifts and spirituality we won't mature in our faith and our gifts may become out of date and rusty. The passage implies that if we don't continually use the gifts God has given us they may be given to those who will make better use of them to further the kingdom. This parable is warning us not to take anything for granted. Our world, our life, our salvation is all grace and all a gift from God.

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

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL - SECOND COLLECTION

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.

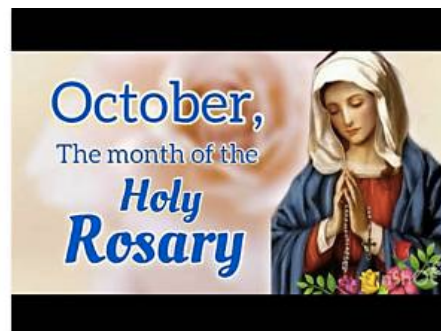


Please use the CAFOD envelope in church, QR code or donate online cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

CAFOD
A better world needs all of us

**THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:
THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, honouring Our Lady and the many graces won through her intercession in prayer. We will recite the Holy Rosary every Friday after Mass throughout October.



CONGRATULATIONS - This weekend we warmly welcome Celeste Ruth and Stella Mary Wilman-Noonan and Luna Tracy Mary Margaret Healy into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Roisin and George, and to April and Luke, and assure them of our prayers as they begin this special journey of faith with their children.

May God bless Celeste, Stella and Luna, and may they always know the love and support of our parish family at St William of York.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER - SEPTEMBER 2027 - Parents requiring a Certificate of Catholic Practice for secondary school admissions in September 2027 are invited to meet with Fr Habte at the presbytery at 4 Brockley Park on **Monday 12 October between 11.00am and 4.00pm**. No appointment necessary. Parents will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

WELCOMING & STEWARDING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Our Welcoming and Stewarding Team plays a vital role in helping everyone who comes to St William of York feel welcomed, valued and part of our parish family. We are very grateful to our existing stewards for their generosity, commitment and faithful service throughout the year.

To help support this important ministry, we are looking for a few additional volunteers to fill some gaps in the rota. If you can offer a little time, even just once a month at the Mass you normally attend, we would be delighted to hear from you. Full guidance and support will be provided.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that our parish remains a warm and caring community.

For more information, please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

2027 MASS INTENTIONS - We have now received diaries for 2027 and will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by email to foresthill@rcaos.org.uk via telephone 020 8690 4549 or envelope to the presbytery.

Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account. Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church> or the QR code (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website)



Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer. If you would like Mass to be offered for your intention on a particular date (e.g. anniversary) please try to request it well in advance as we are seeing a significant increase in the number of Mass intention requests. If you wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.

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.

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**](#)

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."

Saturday 24th October, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Bishop Thomas Grant School, SW16 2HY.

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.

Please register your attendance via Mary in the parish office by 16 October 2026.

foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

DISCOVER DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY

Looking for an inspiring day out? Our parish is pleased to hold a Community Welcome Pass for Dulwich Picture Gallery, giving parishioners the opportunity to enjoy free entry to one of the UK's most celebrated art galleries.

The pass allows a group leader and up to 10 guests to visit the Gallery's permanent collection and special exhibitions free of charge. Whether you enjoy art, history, architecture, or simply spending time with family and friends, a visit to Dulwich Picture Gallery makes for a wonderful day out.

Groups of fewer than five people can usually visit without booking. Larger groups should arrange their visit in advance.

For information about current exhibitions, opening hours and visitor facilities, visit www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk



To borrow the parish pass, please contact Mary in the Parish Office:

foresthill@rcaos.org.uk  020 8690 4549

Many thanks to Gail Cotton for kindly arranging this Parish Pass for the benefit of our parish community. Her efforts have provided a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to enjoy this outstanding local treasure.

BAPTISM: Baptism of babies and young children of parent/s who live in and/or worship regularly in the parish of William of York is celebrated by arrangement on Saturdays. Preparation for baptism by the parent/s is a requirement, following completion of the course a date and time for the Baptism can be arranged. Please speak to Fr Habte in the first instance. Thank you.

GETTING MARRIED? At least six months' notice needs to be given for marriages whether they are taking place at St William of York or elsewhere to give time for the necessary pastoral and administrative preparation. Please speak to Fr Habte in the first instance.

MASS ATTENDEES

12/13 September 308 19/20 September - 249 26/27 September - 259

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 4 October 2.45pm	1st Rec & Eucharist Session 1	Church
Monday 5 October 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 1	Cafe York
Thursday 8 October 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Monday 12 October 11-4pm	Fr Habte to see Parents requiring a Certificate of Catholic Practice	Presbytery 4 Brockley Park
Monday 19 October 7.30pm	Baptism Course Session 2	Cafe York

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

Monday 5 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 Angela Lopez RIP

Tuesday 6 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 James Gallagher RIP

Wednesday 7 October 2026 - Our Lady of the Rosary

09:30 Tim Ryan RIP

Thursday 8 October 2026 - Feria

09:30 Church closed (No Mass)

Friday 9 October 2026 - St. John Henry Newman

09:30 Ashley Blaize RIP Anniversary

Saturday 10 October 2026 - Feria

10:30 Frank Mordi RIP Birthday

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Saturday 10 October 2026

18:00 John Ryan RIP

Sunday 11 October 2026

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP Anniversary

LIVE-STREAMING

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

(FM)=Foundation Mass



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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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!*

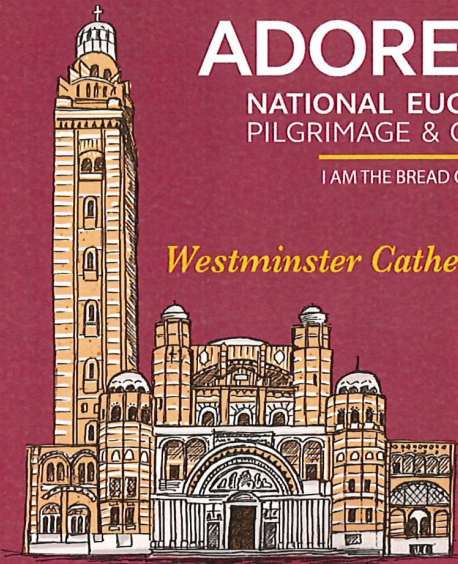


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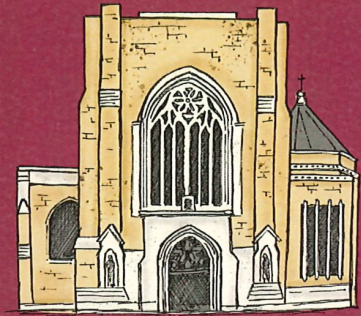
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

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.



WESTMINSTER
YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH ADOREMUS *Adoration*

**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2026**
10.10.2026

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

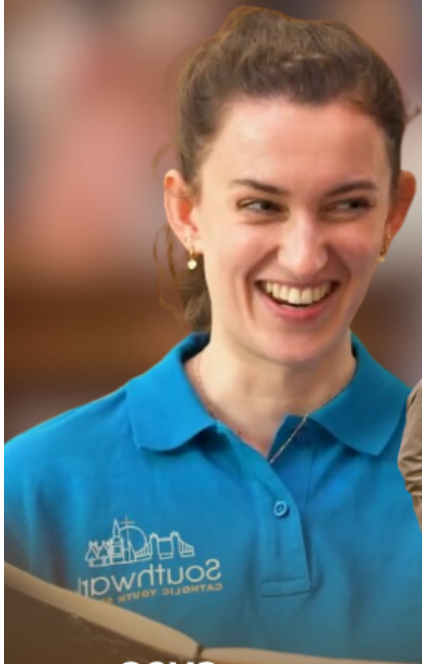
JOIN US FOR AN ALL-NIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Guided Adoration, Eucharistic saint reflections and the Holy Rosary from 8–11pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night.

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

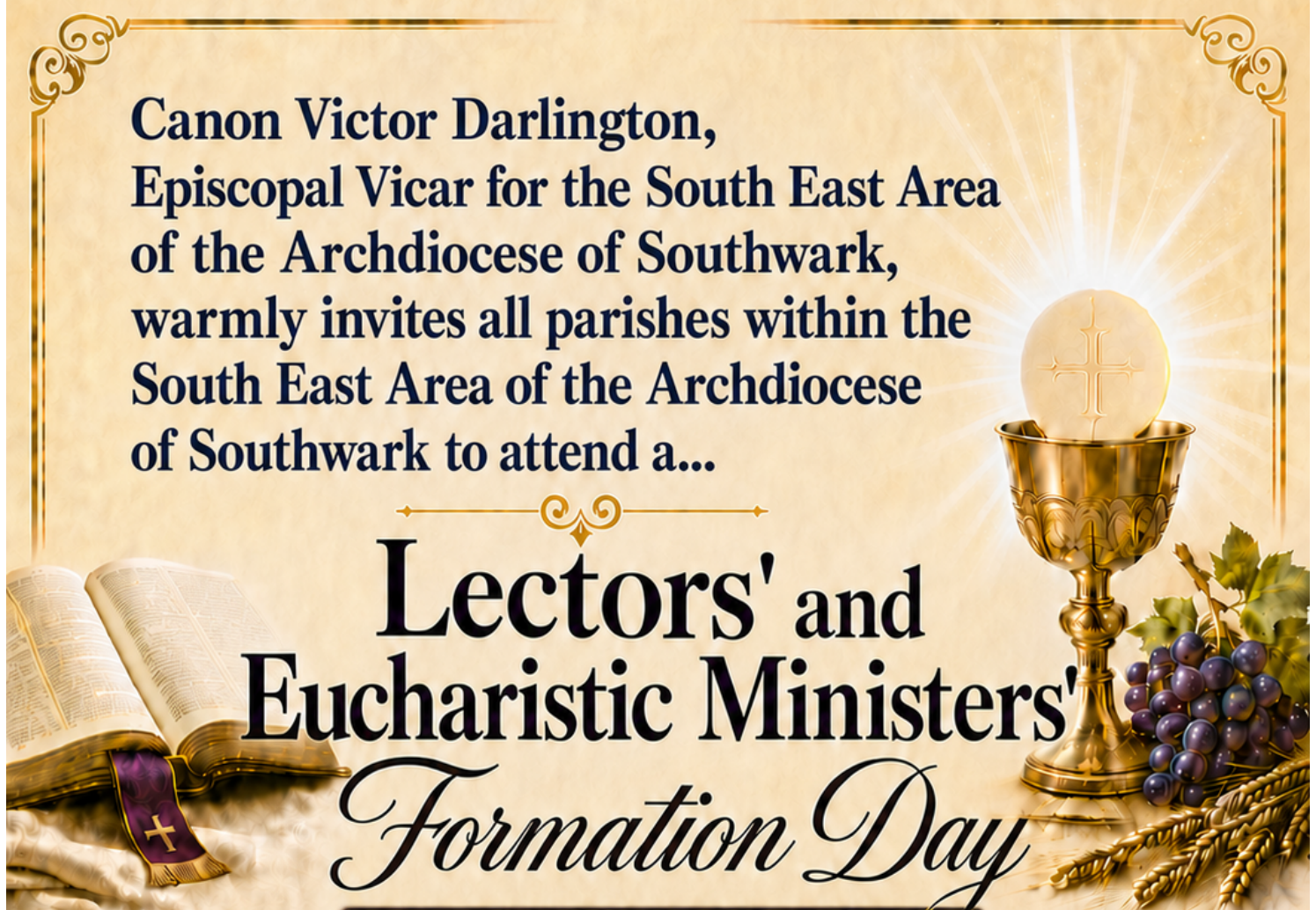


ONE HOPE PROJECT



**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