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Mass Times
Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00am*,
10:30am, 12noon & 6:30pm
Monday— Saturday: 9:30am*
.* *Livestreamed*

Eucharistic Adoration
Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession
Saturdays: 10:00am- 10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOME MISSION SUNDAY
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20 September 2026

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/

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God's Generous Justice: The Grace of the Vineyard

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to look beyond our human understanding of fairness and to enter more deeply into the generosity of God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of workers hired at different hours of the day, yet all receiving the same wage. Those who worked from dawn naturally feel cheated. Their complaint sounds familiar: "It isn't fair!" Yet Jesus uses their frustration to reveal something far greater than economic fairness—the boundless generosity of God.

We often measure life by comparison. We look at what others have received and ask whether we have received enough. We compare our achievements, opportunities, relationships, recognition and even our religious commitment with those of others. Like the workers who arrived early, we can sometimes believe that because we have sacrificed more, we deserve more. But the vineyard owner reminds us that God's gifts are not rewards we can claim as entitlements. They are expressions of grace.

The first reading from Isaiah gives us the key: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." God's justice is not simply a larger version of our own calculations. God sees the human person with compassion and knows that some people enter the "vineyard" of life earlier than others. Some receive opportunities, faith, support and love from childhood; others encounter them only later. The good news is that God does not abandon those who arrive late.

This message is particularly challenging in a world where inequality and competition often shape our thinking. We can easily become resentful when another person succeeds, receives forgiveness, finds a second chance or is welcomed back after years of absence. Yet the Gospel asks us to rejoice in another person's blessing rather than treat it as a loss for ourselves.

The parable also speaks powerfully to the Church. The Christian community must be a vineyard where there is room for everyone: the lifelong believer and the recent convert, the strong and the struggling, the successful and the broken. We are not called to guard God's generosity but to become instruments of it.

St Paul's words in the second reading provide the practical response: "For to me life is Christ." When Christ becomes the centre of our lives, our concern shifts from "What do I deserve?" to "How can I serve?" We become less preoccupied with comparison and more willing to celebrate grace wherever we find it.

The Gospel ultimately confronts our narrow definition of fairness with the astonishing generosity of God. The vineyard is not a marketplace where grace is earned; it is the household of a Father who wants everyone to experience his goodness. Our task is not to calculate God's gifts, but to receive them gratefully—and to make sure that others have a place at the table.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 13 September 2026 amounted to £1,657.98
Standing orders for August: £3,776.00
Contactless Income for August: £584.10
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

WELCOME FATHER ALBERT!

We are delighted to welcome Fr Albert as our new Parish Priest. Having travelled just over two miles south-east to join our parish family, we assure him of our prayers, friendship and support as he begins his ministry among us.
May the Lord bless Fr Albert abundantly in his new role, and may our parish continue to grow together in faith, mission and community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2027

All children who are due to receive their First Holy Communion (currently in Year 3 or above) or make their Confirmation (currently in Year 9 or above) need to obtain an application form.
The forms will be available from the celebrating priest after all weekend Masses in October.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

Fr Albert will be available to sign the
Certificate of Catholic Practice on
Monday, 5th October
10:00am to 12:00pm and 5:00 – 7:00pm

Fr Albert will see you on a first come, first served basis in the Sacristy. Please come to the church and before your appointment complete only **one** CCP Application form and the top half of the Certificate of Catholic Practice form, one for each school.
The forms will be available in the church or you can download the Application form from our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/

PARISH DIARY 2027

The diary is now **open** for booking Masses. Please contact the office.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING -SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Saturday	6:30pm	Maureen Healy Manning	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Noel Gill	**RIP**
	10:30am	Samuel Ngwoke	**Birthday Ints**
	12:00pm	Maureen and Gerry Smyth	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Janelle Nelson	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Thanksgiving to Jesus and Mother Mary	
	11:30am	Funeral T/L Christopher Fahey	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Paddy and Margaret	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Seamus and Bridget Mongan	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Martin Brien and family	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Martin, Belzy, Kathleen & Rebecca	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Charles	**Get Well Ints**

We pray for:
Those who are sick: Charles
Those who have died recently: Christopher Fahey,
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen and Gerry Smyth, Karen and John Redican, Dean Marshall, Janelle Nelson

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Christopher Fahey
will take place on Monday, 21st September at 11:30am
followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:00pm

May he rest in peace ✞

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MONSIGNOR ROGER

All parishioners are warmly invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Monsignor Roger on **Friday 16th October at 6.30pm**, followed by a reception in St Mary Magdalen's School.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in gratitude and show our appreciation for his years of dedicated service and ministry as our Parish Priest.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please take one of the envelopes available at the back of the church and return your donation to the parish office by Sunday 11th October.
You can also donate through our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/donate/
Donate → Donate to our Parish → One-Off
Enter the amount and in the message box write:
Gift for Monsignor Roger.
NOTE: We **cannot** claim Gift-Aid for this donation.

Further details about the evening will be announced in due course. We look forward to celebrating and thanking Monsignor Roger together.

MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends, the parish will be conducting the annual Mass attendance count required for pastoral statistics. If you see someone with a clicker during Mass, they are simply helping us gather these figures. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

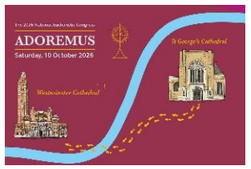
On Home Mission Sunday, we are asked to look for ways in which we can do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Being part of the family of God challenges us to be missionary disciples so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him.
Follow the link for resources to help you celebrate the day or to make a donation towards this appeal:
https://cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday

ADOREMUS 2026

This year the *Adoremus* Eucharistic Festival comes to London. It will take place over the weekend of 10th & 11th October. It is an invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord.
The Festival begins at St George's Cathedral, Southwark with a Presentation on Eucharistic Art and Life at 10:30am.

Other events follow:

12 noon	The Adoremus Mass (Southwark)
3:00pm	Eucharistic procession to Westminster Cathedral
5:00pm	Solemn Benediction
6:00pm	Holy Mass
8pm, 9pm, 10pm	Holy Hours
11pm to 5am	All night Vigil
6:00am	Closing Mass



More Info and other activities at:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/

YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdalenrcchurchwill1878

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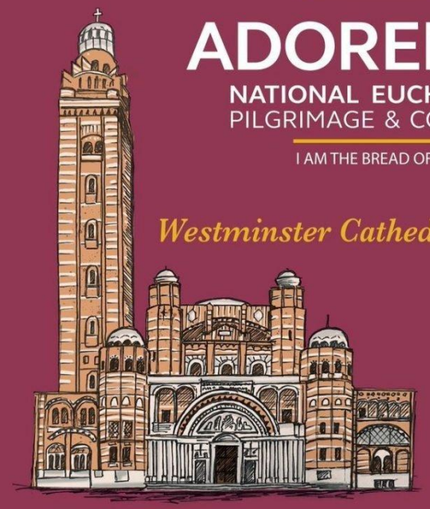
ADOREMUS

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.

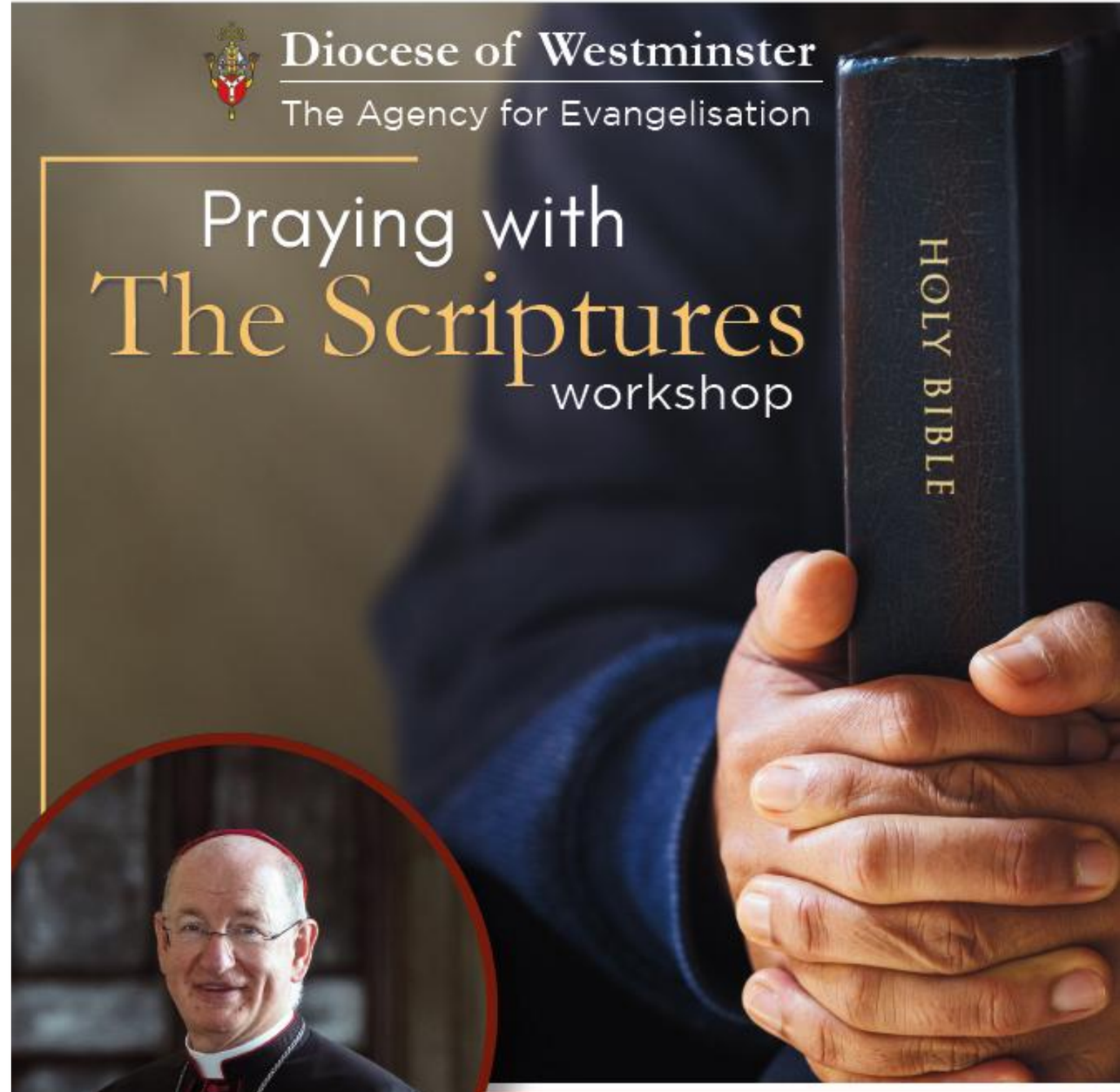
Further information will be posted at **www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/**

Program subject to change.

Diocese of Westminster

The Agency for Evangelisation

Praying with The Scriptures workshop



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Archbishop Richard Moth

Join us for an inspiring and spiritual workshop on the holy reading of the Scriptures as Archbishop Richard Moth takes us deeper into the practice of *Lectio Divina*. All are welcome but please book to secure your place.

2:00pm Saturday

24th October

Westminster Cathedral Hall

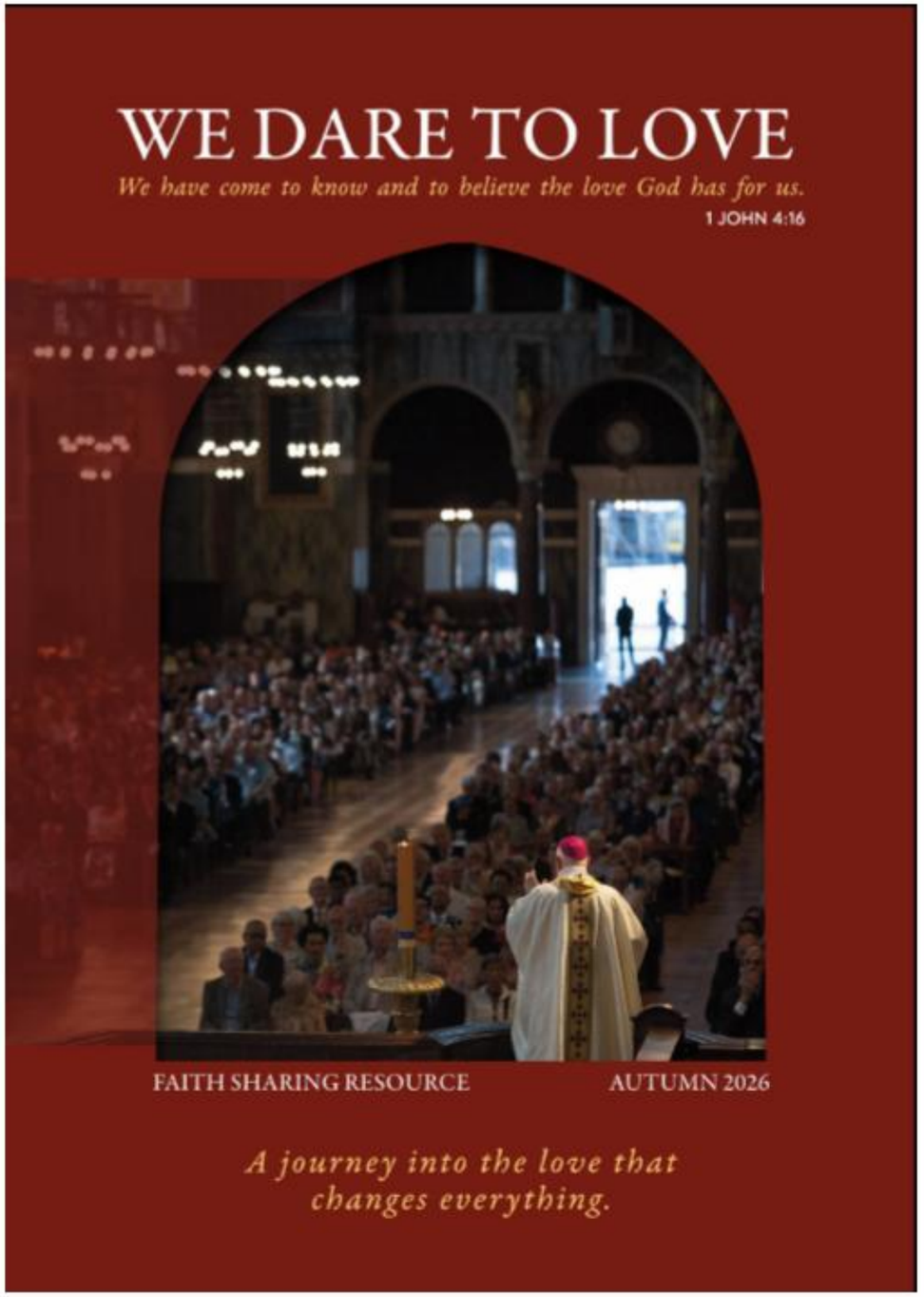
rcdow.org.uk/events

evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk

SCAN HERE

A five week course beginning

Wednesday October 21st 7.00pm



The Church of The Transfiguration, Kensal Rise

More info: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES BRITAIN

The Ember Programme

Fanning the Flames of Faith and Justice

Faith isn't just something you believe — it's something you do.
Pope Leo has been direct with your generation: don't just admire the Church's social teaching — put it to work. **Ember** is your way in.

The **Ember Programme** is a six-month call to action for young adults (18-25) ready to go beyond talking about justice and start living it.
And yes — it fits around your uni course or your job. No need to pause your life to live your faith.

HERE'S WHAT SIX MONTHS LOOKS LIKE:

- **Real formation, not just theory** — regular Zoom sessions with people doing the work on the ground
- **A mentor who's got your back** — one-to-one, walking with you through the questions that matter
- **Justice you can touch** — hands-on experiences that put principles into practice
- **Voices you won't hear anywhere else** — different stories, different passions
- **A community that gets it** — journeying together for faith and justice

Six months. Real people. Real formation. A faith that shows up.

Spaces are limited. Get in touch today.

Register your interest by 30th Sept:
https://tinyurl.com/Ember26

Ask us any questions: *theemberprogramme@gmail.com*



"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire"
- St. Catherine of Sienna