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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

September – Month of the Sorrowful Mother

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27 September 2026

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

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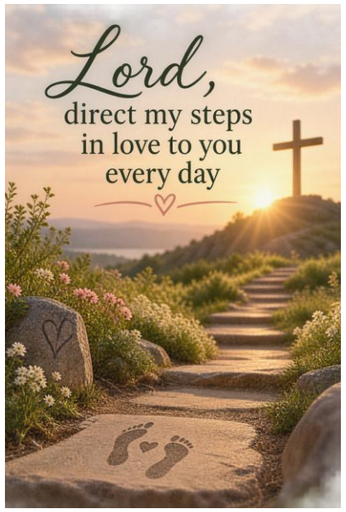
The Grumpy Brother and the Honest One

Two brothers: the second was grumpy, honest and generous; the first was kindly, confused and selfish. We know often people who do what they say, who do something in the end, or who don't do what they say. The first man knew his mind and then did what was right. Is it the message of this humorous and honest story that sincerity and integrity are important? A certain spirituality ignores ourselves - it's all about doing. Grit your teeth and get down to it. Roll up your sleeves and work... 'but nobody asked us how we were'. But we find God both in the discernment and in the doing. In the end we must know how we feel about something and then put that in the hands of God and in prayer and do what seems right. The Lord wants the follow through! We need to take time to decide well - the first son did not do that. Then we need to follow and do what is right.

We need sound heads, compassionate hearts and willing hands.



The vineyard is where we live all the time. The call is to live in truth, love and justice. We need to believe in the possibilities of a better world, and to become people who can decide on what is right in the sight of God and do it. We will often resist. We want to do what is right and do the opposite. He understands our mixed motivation. In all of that we need the Christian vision and a desire to do the world a world of good.

God hungers for our yes even when we've said no. He's a God of second chance. Please come back to Him now with your yes despite your initial no. Unquantifiable joy awaits you. Lord, direct my steps in love to you every day. ***Fr Albert Ofere***

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING 27th September

Saturday	6:30pm	Rosa Salgado	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Jimmy Sheehan	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Margaret Butler	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	John and Madeleine Walsh	**Ints**
	6:30pm	Patricia McGovern and Agnes and Antony McDermott	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Demetrio Goes	**Anniv**
Tuesday	9:30am	Larranaga family	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Private Intention	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Martin Kelly	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Monsignor Roger Reader	**Ints**
	6:00pm	Funeral T/L Anne Donagher	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Monica Lynch & deceased family	**RIP**

We pray for:

Those who are sick: Charles

Those who have died recently: Anne Donagher, Margaret Russell, Nuala Todd

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Rosa Salgado, Jimmy Sheehan, Margaret Butler, Patricia McGovern, Agnes and Antony McDermott, Demetrio Goes, Christine O'Sullivan, Jackie Grefte, Martin Cusack

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 20 September 2026 amounted to £1,957.08
Standing orders for August: £3,776.00
Contactless Income for August: £584.10
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

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

Catholic Secondary Schools & 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/

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

A better world needs all of us

on Friday 2nd 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, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

YOUNG ADULTS ADOREMUS VIGIL

Come and encounter Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.
Join us for our evening of Adoration, worship and prayer.

Friday October 9th, 2026 at 7pm
Most Holy Trinity Church, 39 Dockhead, London, SE1 2BS

See the poster in our online newsletter.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Anne Donagher
will take place on Friday, 2nd October at 6:00pm
followed by repatriation to Ireland.

May she 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 an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude 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.

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As part of the celebration we would like to host a short edition of 'Pointless', Monsignor Roger's favourite quiz show.
To help prepare for this, please answer the few questions on the small sheet in your pew and post in the wooden box at the back of the church. *Thank you☺*

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE & RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

WE DARE TO LOVE, a five week course, explores the essential truth of God's love and its part in our lives. Using scripture, story, prayer and reflection, we delve into how, through His cross and resurrection, Jesus enables us to live in harmony with God, self, others and nature.

This course could be a useful starting point for anyone wishing to learn more about their faith and it is mandatory for those who are thinking of being Baptised as adults into the Catholic Church (RCIA).

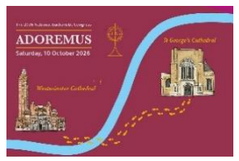
The course starts **Wednesday October 21st 7.00pm** in the upstairs hall of the Church of The Transfiguration.
Booklets and refreshments will be provided.
For more information email Barry at: **wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk**

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/

In preparation for Adoremus, a daily devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament:

O Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament,
I adore You, I love You, and I trust in You.
Remain with me, strengthen my faith,
And make my heart a dwelling place for You. Amen.

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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

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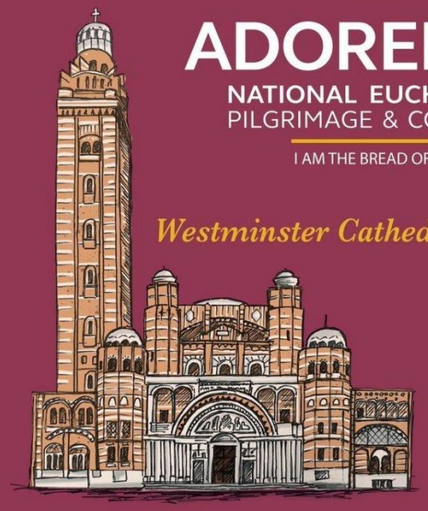
ADOREMUS

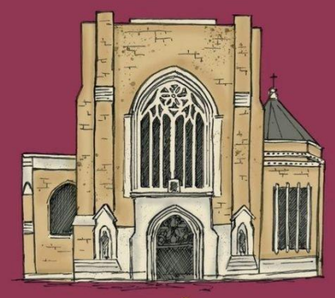
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

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, Southward 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.



YOUNG ADULTS

ADOREMUS

Vigil

09.10.2026

Come and encounter Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. Join us for our evening of Adoration, worship and prayer, featuring an inspiring keynote talk from Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Friday October 9th 2026
7PM
Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church
39 Dockhead, London, SE1 2BS

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CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY FEDERATION

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YOUTH MINISTRY

SOUTHWARK
CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

scan here to book

ALL NIGHT ADOREMUS

Adoration

10.10.2026

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2026

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL VICTORIA STREET LONDON SW1P 1LT

JOIN US FOR GUIDED ADORATION, EUCHARISTIC SAINT REFLECTIONS AND THE HOLY ROSARY FROM 8-11PM AND THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT THEREAFTER

20:00 *-Westminster Youth Ministry, Eucharistic Saint: St Clare of Assisi*
21:00*- Southwark, Eucharistic Saint: St Francis of Assisi*
22:00*- CYMFED, Eucharistic Saint: St Carlo Acutis*

Confessions available throughout the evening.
BOOKING: Scan QR code or book adoration slot at www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/

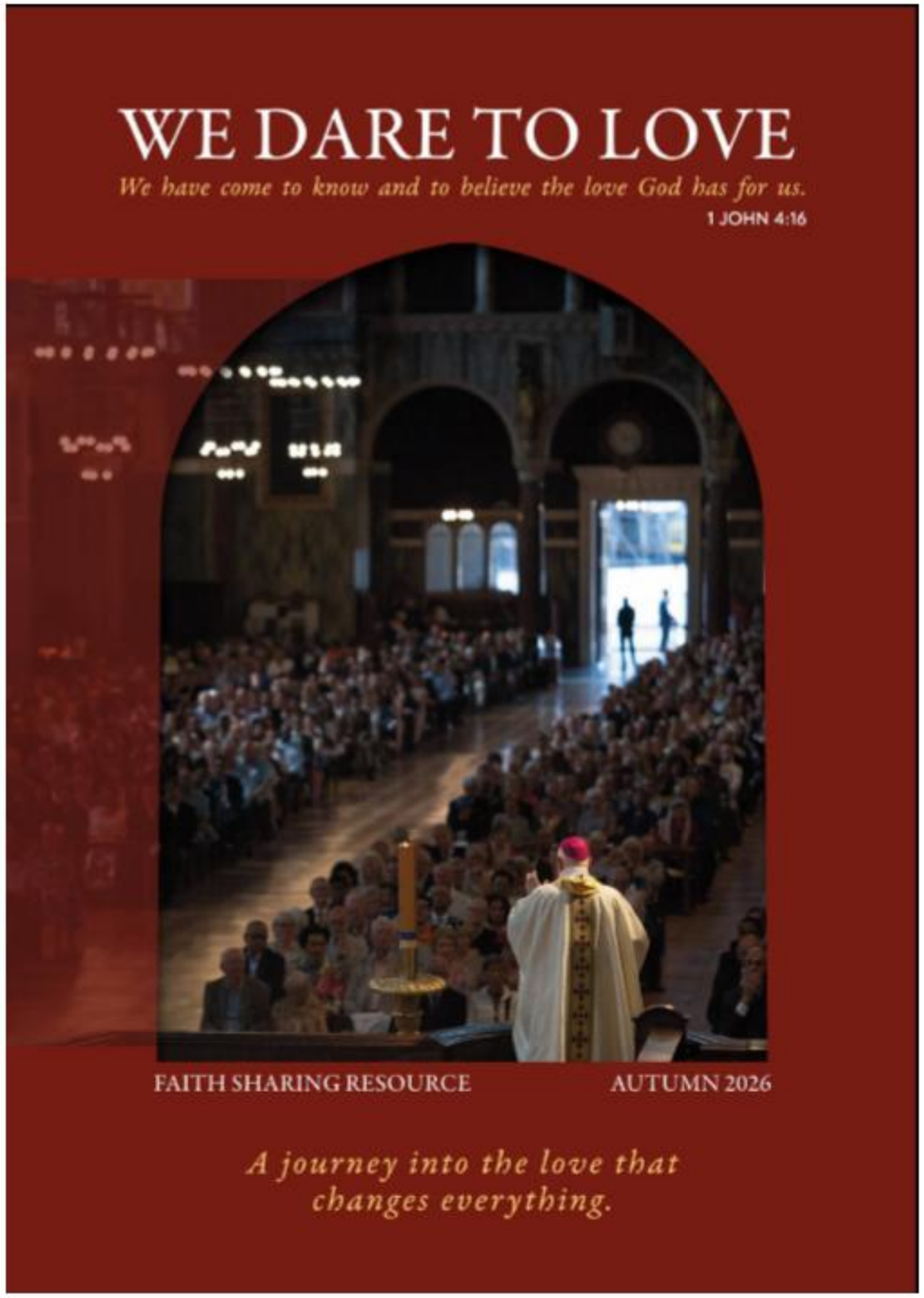
CYMFED CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY FEDERATION

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

A five week course beginning

Wednesday October 21st 7.00pm



The Church of The Transfiguration, Kensal Rise

More info: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk