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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*
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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

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4 October 2026

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

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity No: 233699

The Vineyard Entrusted to Us

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to reflect on a question that is both simple and challenging: What are we doing with what God has entrusted to us? Through the image of a vineyard, Scripture reminds us that our lives, our relationships, our communities and even our faith are gifts placed in our care.

In the first reading, Isaiah presents the image of a beloved vineyard that has been carefully cultivated, yet produces only wild grapes. The owner has done everything possible for the vineyard to flourish, but the expected fruit is absent. In the Gospel, Jesus develops the same image. The landowner prepares his vineyard, entrusts it to tenants and expects a harvest. Instead, the tenants reject and mistreat those sent to collect the fruits. Eventually, they even kill the owner's son.

The message is not simply about the failure of ancient religious leaders. It speaks directly to us today. God continues to entrust his vineyard to human hands. Families, parishes, workplaces, schools, communities and society are all places where we are called to cultivate goodness and produce fruits of justice, mercy and love.

The danger is that we can begin to think that the vineyard belongs entirely to us. We may receive God's gifts but forget the giver. We may enjoy privileges and opportunities without asking how they can benefit others. Faith can become something we possess rather than a gift to live out for the sake of the others and the glory of God.

The second reading from Philippians offers a practical response. St Paul encourages the Christian community to focus on what is true, honourable, just, pure, lovely and worthy of praise. In other words, the fruits God desires are visible in the way we think, speak and act.

This Sunday therefore invites us to examine the harvest of our lives. What fruits are growing in our homes and communities? Are there fruits of patience, forgiveness, generosity and compassion? Or are there signs of selfishness, division and indifference?

God does not entrust the vineyard to us because we are perfect. He entrusts it to us so that, with his grace, we may make it fruitful. The Christian vocation is not merely to receive God's gifts but to transform them into blessings for others.

The vineyard is still in our hands. The question is: when the owner comes looking for fruit, what will he find?

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 27 September 2026 amounted to £1,420.58
Standing orders for August: £3,776.00
Contactless Income for September: £710.31
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 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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING 4th October 2026

Saturday	6:30pm	Violet Peiris	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Vivencia and Juan Gutierrez	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Christina Lynch	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Séan, Paul, James & Aidan O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Private Intention	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Paul Power	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Anaida Goes	**Birthday Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Jim Finan	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Tony MacKenzie	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Mary Whelton	**Anniv**

We will joined be joined by Newman Catholic College at Mass this Tuesday.

We pray for:
Those who have died recently: Maria Luiz
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Violet Peiris, Vivencia and Juan Gutierrez, Christina Lynch, Séan, Paul, James and Aidan O'Sullivan, Paul Power, Mary Whelton, Bridie Farrell, Jospen Mendonca, Teresa Modeste

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.

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).

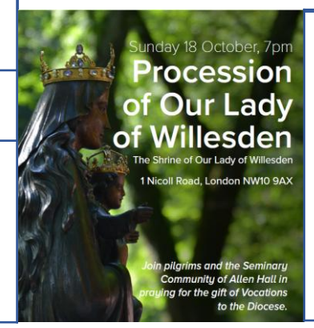
The course starts **Wednesday October 21st 7.00pm** in the upstairs hall of the Church of The Transfiguration.
Booklets and refreshments will be provided.
For more information email Barry at: **wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk**

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE CARDINAL HUME CENTRE

October 2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Cardinal Hume Centre, which has provided support, hope and opportunity to thousands of people facing homelessness and hardship. To celebrate this milestone, a special Mass will be held at Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 13 October at 5.30pm.**

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside at the Mass joined by Bishop James Curry and Dom Robert Igo OSB.
Given the great affection and esteem in which Cardinal Basil Hume is held across the UK, parishioners from St Mary Magdalen Church are warmly invited to attend this public celebration and give thanks for the Centre's 40 years of service.

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE
Each person matters



CANDLELIT PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

Sunday, 18th October 2026
7pm

The Procession will be led by Archbishop Richard on his first visit to the Shrine.

1 Nicoll Rd, London, NW10 9AX

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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

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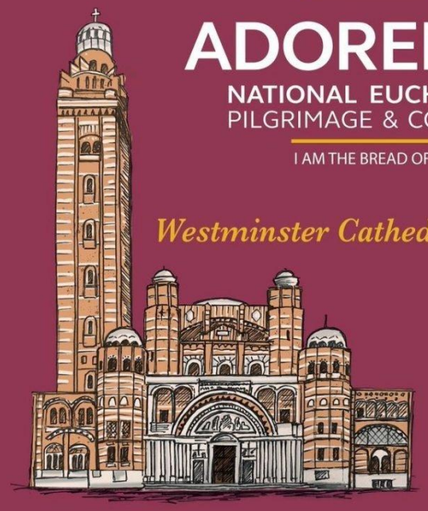
ADOREMUS

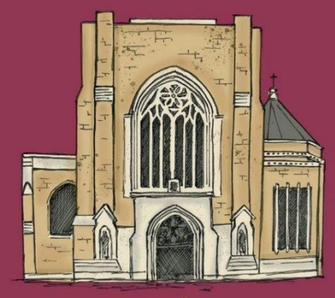
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

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

CYMFED
CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY FEDERATION

WESTMINSTER
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/

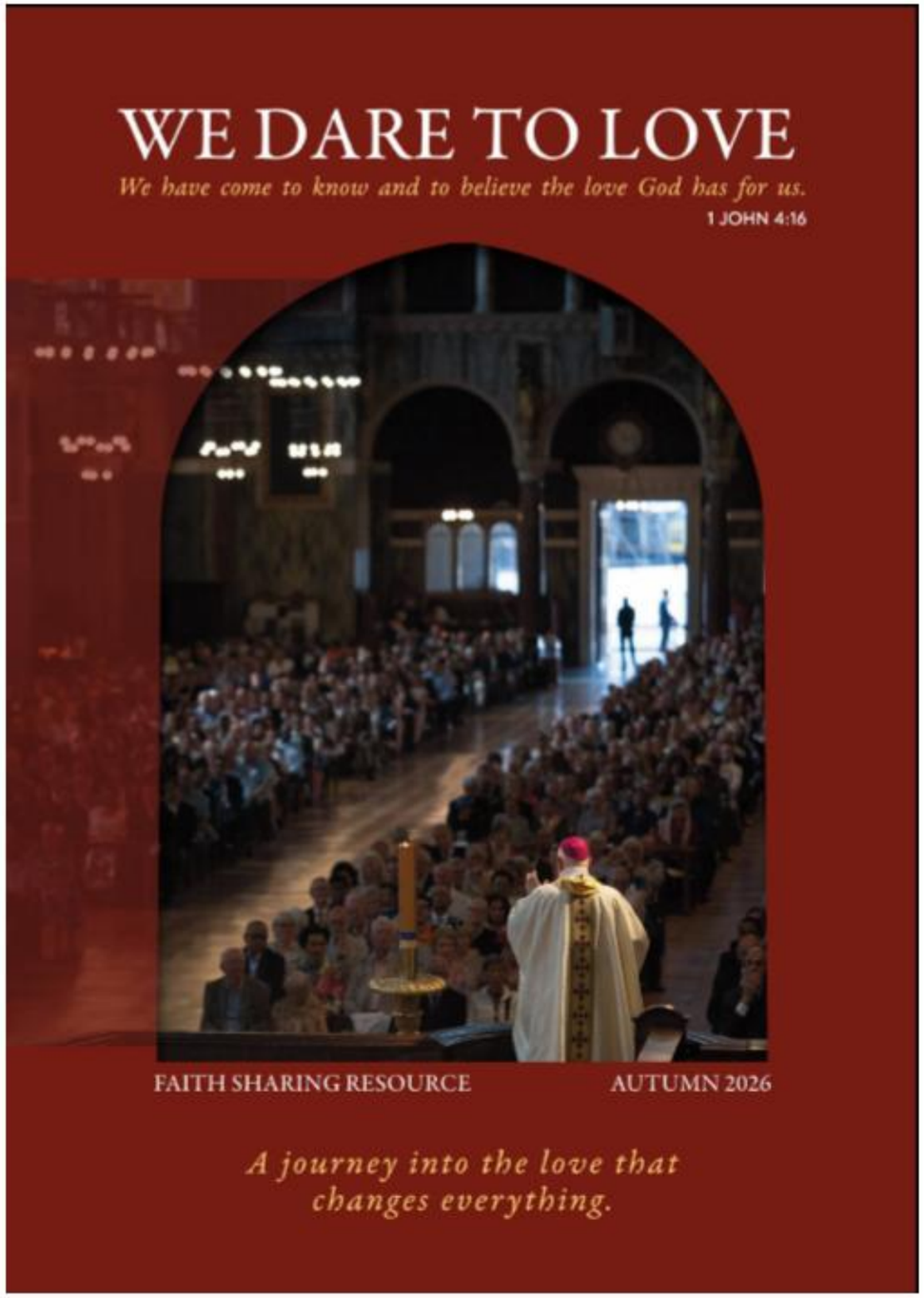
CYMFED CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY FEDERATION

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