

4. Here is an invitation for those adults who are **NOT YET: BAPTISED**, or perhaps **CONFIRMED**, or have not yet **Received Our Lord for the First time in HOLY COMMUNION**, or begun to meet our Lord in the Sacrament of **CONFESSION**, who are adults, that is 18 years old and above:

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
also known as: RCIA.

RCIA is for any Adult who wishes to become a Catholic, or complete their Initiation as Catholics, through the Sacraments of:

- 1) BAPTISM/ Christening,
- 2) CONFIRMATION and Reception of the Most Holy Eucharist/ 3) HOLY COMMUNION,

And, of course, Penance, Pardon and Peace,

- 4) CONFESSION.

*PLEASE SEE
and give your name to
Fr David as soon as possible.*



A VERY IMPORTANT DATE:
SATURDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER 2026
MARCH FOR LIFE U. K.

14 BISHOPS WILL ATTEND
this year including our own
Archbishop John Wilson
and Bishop Paul Hendricks.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THEM!!

PLEASE SEE THE
Find the Route for
THE MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2026
on the **MARCH FOR LIFE UK**
EVENT PAGE:

Holy Mass at 10:30am in
Westminster Cathedral.

March starting point and time:
1:30pm at The Emmanuel Centre,
Marshall St, Westminster,
SW1 P 3DW For the pre-march
exhibitions and rallies

The Route:
the March processes through
Central London, passing notable
locations such as Millbank,
Whitehall, Trafalgar Square
before returning to
PARLIAMENT SQUARE
for the speeches.

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Pope Leo XIV prayer
intention for August 2026:
FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY:

Let us pray
that in large cities,
often marked by anonymity and
loneliness, we find new ways to
proclaim the Gospel, discovering
creative paths to build community.

5. **STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE**
BEING LEGALISED

Assisted suicide campaigners have
sadly brought back the Leadbeater
Bill. This can be stopped
if MPs vote down the Bill
on **11 September (9/11!)**

RIGHT TO LIFE UK has launched
an **EasyAction tool** to help you
email your MP

to ask them to vote **NO** to assisted
suicide in the vote in the House of
Commons on 11 September.

Please take 30 seconds to
email your MP today to ask
them to vote **NO** to assisted
suicide: **[https://](https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote)**
righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote



ACT NOW: CONTACT YOUR MP

A Private Members' Bill on assisted
suicide – so-called assisted dying –
has been reintroduced to the
House of Commons.

The Terminally Ill Adults
(End of Life) Bill will have its
Second Reading and vote on
Friday, **11 September 2026.**

Our clear principled objection to
this Bill remains and we renew
our call for Catholics and people
of goodwill to unite in prayer and
compassionate action. **Archbishop**
Richard Moth, President
of the Bishops' Conference,
explains our strong opposition to
this legislation:

“The Terminally Ill Adults
(End of Life) Bill which aims to
legalise assisted suicide has re-
turned to the House of Commons,
and Members of Parliament will
vote on its Second Reading on 11
September. This bill is wrong in
principle. It is also deeply flawed
and, if passed, could lead to vul-
nerable people feeling pressured
into ending their lives.

“The Bill has a serious lack of
protection for health and so-
cial care staff and risks put-
ting many wonderful hospices
and care homes in the po-
sition of no longer being able
to operate.

“I urge you to write to your
Members of Parliament
to petition them to vote
against the Bill at Second
Reading.”

6. HEARTS IN SEARCH OF GOD

www.pilgrimways.org.uk
Note on the Let Us Walk pilgrimage

A walking pilgrimage for England & Wales from Maidstone to Southwark, London

October 5th to 9th 2026
Ambulemus ut Adoremus:
Let us walk that we may adore

At the Hearts in Search of God Spring Gathering a proposal was made for a national walking pilgrimage in the week before the Adoremus Eucharistic Celebration on 10th October 2026. The pilgrimage will start at the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Maidstone and finish at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St George in Southwark on Friday 9th October. The walk will mark the Year of St Francis of Assisi and will embody his values of joy, simplicity, humility, peace and love of creation. A small group of perpetual pilgrims will walk the full distance, joined by day pilgrims who will register for each day.

The route is currently being finalised, but the plan is as follows:

- Monday 5th October: From the Church of St Francis in Maidstone to Aylesford Priory
- Tuesday 6th October: From Aylesford Priory to the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Otford
- Wednesday 7th October: From the Church of the Most Holy Trinity Otford to the Church of St Vincent, Dartford
- Thursday 8th October: From the Church of St Vincent, Dartford to the Church of Our Ladye Star of the Sea, Greenwich
- Friday 9th October: From the Church of Our Ladye Star of the Sea, Greenwich to the Metropolitan Cathedral of St George, Southwark.

HEARTS IN SEARCH OF GOD

Continued:

More details and registration can be found at: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/let-us-walk-that-we-may-adore-2026>



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FROM THE DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:

WAF - WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA SYMPOSIUM:

Fatima & First Saturdays Devotion.
 Join **Sr Angela de Fátima Coelho** and Fr Lawrence Lew OP at Belmont Abbey (21 Nov) or London (22 Nov) for Mass, Rosary, and talks on the Fatima message. Free; register via: worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk.

3. + J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +

Newsletter Supplement: 2nd August Anno Domini 2026
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)
Pages 111 - 114 in the Parish Mass Book

(Music in Parish Mass Book begins page 205,
Gloria: page 208, Preface Dialogue page 15, Holy, holy /Sanctus page 16, Mystery of Faith: "WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, ..." page 17, Lamb of God/Agnus Dei page 216)

WISHING ONE AND ALL

very enlivening, enriching, re-creational, and refreshing summer break from school, work and routines, as you grow closer to one another in your families, among your friends and with the Lord

Who loves you more than anyone else, including yourself!!

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FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE.

From Bishop Paul. One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw

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PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI

A WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI

from September 18th- 26th, 2026: one night in Florence then six days along the beautiful 'Way of Francis'. Contact Eddie Gilmore for more information:

gileag@gmail.com
www.eddiegilmore.org



THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS: OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, ERITH

To mark the eighth centenary of the death of St Francis of Assisi,

Our Lady of the Angels, Northumberland Heath, Erith, has organised a programme of celebrations and devotional events during the remainder of the Year.

From **Saturday 1st August to Saturday 26th September**, the Parish will hold nine novena themes based Franciscan spirituality.

These will be accompanied by exhibitions of relics of Franciscan Saints and of the Eucharistic Miracles exhibition devised by **St Carlo Acutis**.

Guest speakers will be present at each Holy Mass.

On **Saturday 3rd October at 17:30** will include the special liturgy of the Transitus, commemorating the passing of St Francis from this life to eternal life.

On **Sunday 4th October**, Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate 10:30am Holy Mass of the Feast of St Francis.

Further information is available from: www.olaerith.org.uk/year-of-st-francis