

6. **ADOREMUS**
National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
and Congress:

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2026

ADOREMUS is the Bishops' invitation
to renew our devotion to
the Eucharistic Lord:

To take part, and/or line the streets
of London *PLEASE SEE POSTER IN*

NARTHEX/ RECEPTION AREA

Further information will be posted at

**[www.cbcew.org.uk/
adoremus-2026/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/)**

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Fatima & First Saturdays

Devotion Symposium Date: Sunday,
22nd November 2026,

12:30-19:00

please see previous Newsletters

or contact website:

<https://bit.ly/4dgPDE3>

or visit:

[WAF Symposium London](#)

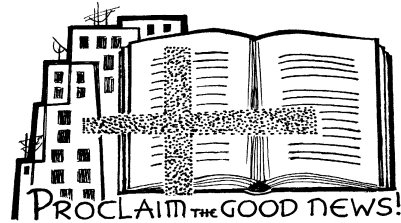
Some NEW ROSARIES
are available in the Repository
Church Shop, price: £2.00.



**LECTORS' AND EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS' FORMATION DAYS**
**"NOURISHED BY THE WORD,
SENT WITH THE EUCHARIST"**

The South East Area is holding
Formation Days for

**Lectors and Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion:**



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Saturday, 31st October 2026
Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Erith
10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

These days offer an opportunity for
prayer, formation and reflection on
these important ministries in the life of
the Church. **All Lectors and
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion are warmly
encouraged to attend.**

If you would like to attend, please give
your **name to your parish by
Sunday, 18th October
at the latest,**

so that the parish can
confirm attendance with
the Episcopal Vicar's Office.
**Please remember to bring
a packed lunch with you
on the day.**

For further information,
please contact the Episcopal Vicar
for South East London's Office at
evse@rcaos.org.uk.

Music in Parish Mass Book
begins page 205,
**Blessing and Sprinkling with
Holy Water: Page 62 - 63,**

Gloria: page 208,
Preface Dialogue page 15,
Holy, holy /Sanctus page 16,
Mystery of Faith:
**"Save us, Saviour of the
world, ..." page 17.**

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**ST MARY OF THE CRAYS
INTERNATIONAL MASS
& PARISH DAY**

Last Sunday

27th September 2026:

**Many, many thanks to all
who prepared, provided and
participated in the Parish
Day and the reading and
singing in 'Mother Tongues'
within the Holy Mass.**

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THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS:

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, ERITH:
**To mark the eighth centenary of
the death of St Francis of Assisi,**

Please see previous Newsletters for details:

On Saturday 3rd October at 17:30

will include the special liturgy of
the Transitus,

**& Sunday 4th October,
Archbishop John Wilson**

will celebrate 10:30am Holy Mass
of the Feast of St Francis.

Further information is available from

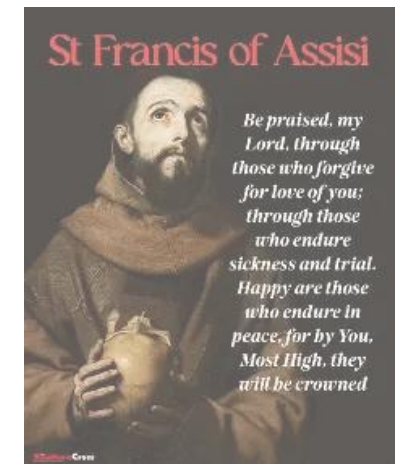
**www.olaerith.org.uk/
year-of-St -francis**

+ J. M. J. +
+ Jesus, + Mary, & + Joseph +



Newsletter Supplement:
Sunday 4th October
Anno Domini 2026

In the Season of Creation:
1st September to 4th October
(Feast of St Francis of Assisi)



**The Twenty – Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)**
Parish Mass Book
pages: 137 - 140

4. RCIA
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.*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY,
330a Burnt Oak Lane, BLACKFEN,
Sidecup, DA15 8LW

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MIGRATION, INTEGRATION
AND HUMAN DIGNITY

This will take place on
Saturday, 21st November 2026.

For more information, please visit
<https://local.magnicharity.org>

Our Parish
Primary School of St Joseph
is in need of new Bibles
ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION -
CATHOLIC EDITION
(ESV-CE) BIBLES.

May we ask Parishioners
to buy a Bible for the School
at a cost of £15? *Thank you to all
who have contributed so far!*
Would you consider helping us
to buy the Bibles, and for you to
sponsor, or to have it then dedicated,
or given in memory of a loved one?

Using the envelopes provided
please write the

- 1) NAME OF THE DONOR, and
 - 2) FOR WHOM THE BIBLE
IS BEING DEDICATED, and
 - 3) including the money donation.
- Thank you. *Fr David.*

VOCATIONS CONFERENCE:

The conference will be a wonderful
opportunity for young adults to come
together for **prayer, fellowship and
discussion**, while exploring
important questions about vocation,
relationships and marriage.

Vocation Conference

 **Sat., 24th October 2026**

 **2:00pm – 8:00pm**

 **St Thomas More
Catholic Church,
420a Long Lane,
Bexleyheath, DA7 5JW**

The programme will include:

- Talks on discerning vocations,
relationships, and marriage
- Holy Mass
- Snacks and social time

St Dominic & the Rosary

Dominic Guzman was born in 1170 in
Calaroga, Castile (Spain) in an age of change. The
sons of Mohammed had swept across the
Mediterranean, turning Christian temples into
Moorish mosques, leaving many regions of Spain
under the Moorish yoke. ... At the age of 24, he
was ordained a priest by the bishop of Osma,
Spain.

At the age 33, Dominic exercised his
priestly ministry in the southern region of France
called Languedoc. It was in this region that St.
Dominic came in contact with the Albigensian
heresy. This heresy was an offshoot of
Manicheanism. Manes was a preacher who lived
in the plains between the Tigris and Euphrates
during the third century. Manes taught that all
matter is evil and that man is a combination of
two opposing principles; a spiritual being created
by God, thrust into a material body created by an
evil being. The Albigensians believed that
adultery, fornication, and suicide were
praiseworthy; there is no heaven, no hell, no
moral code. St. Dominic travelled from village to
village teaching the truths of the Faith. The
Albigensians jeered, insulted, and pelted him
with stones as he travelled along their roads. He
prayed to God in churches at night and hardly
ever slept. His contemporaries described him as
a “strong athlete,” capable of great physical
endurance. He was always good to talk to when
you were in trouble, always affectionate, and
quickly made you feel at home.

It was during this time that the
tradition of the Rosary comes to us. The form in
which it has come down to us will best be stated
in the words of P. Corneluis de Snecka, a disciple
of the French Dominican Alan de la Roche:

We read that at the time when he was
preaching to the Albigenses, St. Dominic at first
obtained but scanty success: and that one day,
complaining of this in pious prayer to our Blessed
Lady, she deigned to reply to him, saying:

*'Wonder not that you have
obtained so little fruit by your labours,
you have spent them on barren soil, not
yet watered with the dew of Divine grace.
When God willed to renew the face of the
earth, He began by sending down on it the
fertilizing rain of the Angelic Salutation.
Therefore, preach my Psalter composed
of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our
Fathers, and you will obtain an abundant
harvest.'*

[...] St. Dominic went into the villages of
the heretics, gathered the people, and preached to
them the mysteries of salvation – the
Incarnation, the Redemption, Eternal Life. As the
Holy Virgin had taught him to do, he

distinguished the different kinds of mysteries and
after each short instruction he had ten Hail Marys
recited. St. Dominic found great success in this
new devotion, bringing about the conversion of
the Albigensians. The late Dominican Reginald
Garrigou-Lagrange, who was a teacher of Pope
John Paul II when he was a student at the
Angelicum in Rome, stated: “Our Blessed Lady
made known to St. Dominic a kind of preaching
till then unknown; which she said would be one
of the most powerful weapons against future
errors and in future difficulties.”

The battle of Muret was fought in 1213
between the Catholic forces, led by Simon de
Montfort and the Albigenses forces, led by
Raymond of Toulouse. The **Catholic forces
were in the habit of praying** the Rosary, at the
suggestion of St. Dominic. The Catholic force won
the battle of Muret, looked upon the victory as
miraculous, and counted it as the fruit of prayer.
The English Dominican historian, Nicholas
Trivet wrote, **“St. Dominic warred by
prayer, De Montfort by arms. The first
chapel in honour of the Rosary was built,
out of gratitude, by Simon de Montfort in
the town of Muret.”**

The Confraternity of the Rosary was
first started by St. Dominic in Palencia in 1218.
It's members pray the 15 decades of the Rosary
during the course of each week. Mary has
confirmed the value of the Confraternity in her
well-known Rosary promises: **“I have
obtained from my Son that all the
members of the Confraternity have in life
and in death all the Blessed as their
associates.”** Pope Clement VIII declared that
St. Dominic established the **Confraternity of
the Rosary** in the Church of St. Sixtus in Rome.
Pope Alexander VI in 1495, addressed St.
Dominic as “the renowned preacher long ago of
the Confraternity of the Rosary, and through his
merits, the whole world was preserved from
universal ruin.” The Confraternity retained its
first fervour for 100 years after it was instituted
by St. Dominic. After this, it was forgotten. Divine
Providence assigned the restoration of it to the
eminent French Dominican theologian and
preacher, **Alan de la Roche**. During the 15th
century, this son of St. Dominic restored the
Rosary to its former vitality.

On October 7, 1571, members of
the Confraternity of the Rosary in Rome,
processed praying the Rosary for a
blessing on the Christian fleet fighting the
Turks at Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V, a
Dominican, joined them, and **God revealed to
him that Mary** had at that hour obtained a
glorious victory for the Christian fleet. This great
victory saved Europe from the Mohammedan
peril. [...] From Our Catholic Faith website