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Sunday 14th June 2026 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year A

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday, at the *Solemnity of Corpus Christi* and the celebration of our First Communions at Holy Trinity, we experienced unprecedented attendance at the 11am Mass with people not able to even enter into the church due to the numbers spilling out. The children making their First Communions were beautifully dressed, the congregation sang heartily, inspired by the choir, and the reception following the service witnessed happy families milling around, chatting and taking their photographs. Months and months of teaching from our school and parish Catechists had gone into this joyful day. I should like to thank them, and encourage them to take a well-deserved break before we start again in the new school year! At St Teresa's we will rerun the celebration this Sunday for our two girls *Orla* and *Zélia* so that the Charlbury church community can enjoy the occasion.

We are back in 'Ordinary Time' and the six green months of the year punctuated by Saints and Our Lady. In August I am hoping we can have our first Assumption Day together in our new parish dedication and any ideas about how we can make this an annual event are welcome. A party? Catholics always like an excuse to meet and enjoy themselves!

In this week's Gospel the theme is anything but ordinary:

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few'

Don't we know that in Europe at present, with the dearth of vocations to the Priesthood? This next week the Archbishop is hosting the annual priests' residential Conference up in Leamington Spa and I am sure the main topic of conversation will be the diocesan plan to shrink the diocesan parish total from about 250 down to 50 over the next five years. Perhaps His Grace will ask me to speak about our experience which has been very positive due to the reasonable and rational acceptance by both churches of our merger. A priest friend in South Oxfordshire tells me the proposal for them is seven parishes into one mega parish! We are talking of thriving churches like St Anne's Caversham, St Birinus Dorchester, etc... all different, and with varied approaches to worship. Both churches in our parish are active and welcoming, each with its own style and strengths and weaknesses and I hope that as we move forward together we can complement each other. The Assumption ACN pilgrimage to Winchester and environs in September is a very sound initiative and I thank Suze for putting so much time and effort into its organisation.

'The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few'

Please let us all pray night and day for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. There are blue diocesan prayer cards at the back of the churches—take one and keep it somewhere where you can use it daily.



*“O Sacrament most Holy
O Sacrament Divine.
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment Thine”*

**God bless everyone,
Fr Clive**

Masses & Rosary: Monday and Tuesday Mass 9.15am. Friday Rosary for Peace 9.15am. **No Mass Thursday.**

The Deanery of Banbury & Warwick is looking for three lay faithful to represent the Deanery at the upcoming *Adoremus Eucharistic Congress for England & Wales* which is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, with Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 10th October 2026 (see attached poster or poster on noticeboard). Please speak with Fr Clive if you are interested in taking part.

In June, let us pray together with the Holy Father that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parish. In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones. The repose of the souls of those who have died. People whose anniversaries occur at this time. The people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Tina Short** (sg.holytrinity.chippingnorton@rcaob.org.uk) and **Sharnalee Foster** (sg.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

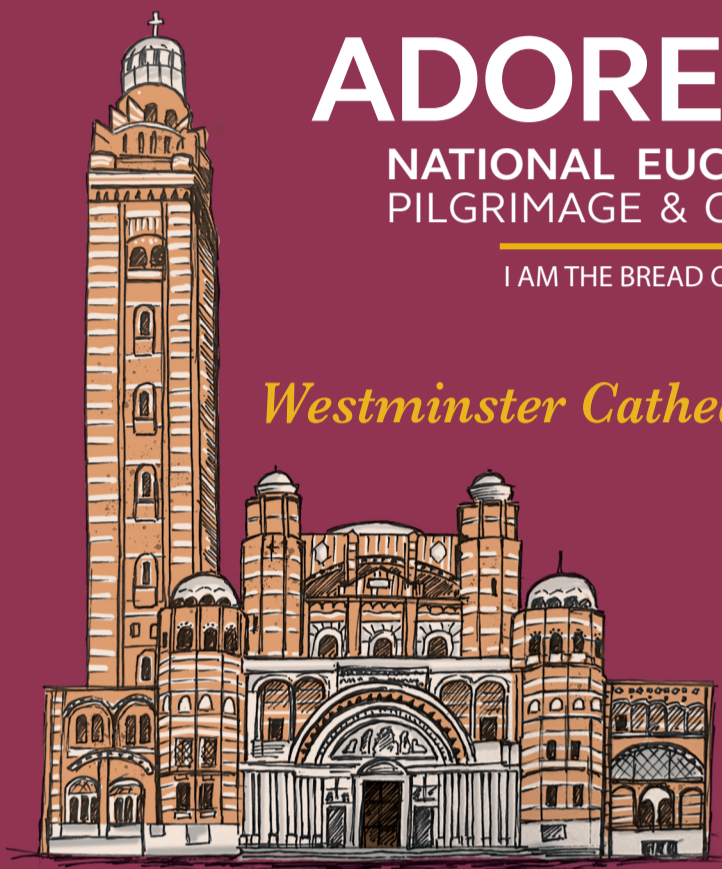


ADOREMUS

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Westminster Cathedral



St George's Cathedral



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/

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

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We are delighted to launch a national Catholic schools **Art Competition** in the lead-up to Adoremus this October, organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. A key feature of Adoremus will be the Blessed Sacrament prayerfully processed from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral, so we invite young people to reflect creatively on themes such as **the Blessed Sacrament, the presence of Jesus, and the beauty of our cathedrals.**

Entries will be judged by a professional panel of art experts, with categories for ages **6-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-18.** A winner will be selected in each category, along with one overall winner. The winning entry will feature on prayer cards given to all the event.

Entries to be submitted by simply sending a photo of the artwork to artcompetition@christian.art

Deadline for entries: 15 September 2026

We are especially honoured that **Archbishop Richard Moth** has kindly agreed to host a reception for all the runners-up and winners on **Thursday 1 October at 2pm at Archbishop's House.**

We warmly encourage schools and pupils to take part... **to pray, to imagine, and to create!**

The Adoremus Art competition is offered in conjunction with Christian Art who have generously made it possible.

For any queries, please email info@christian.art

What is Christian Art? We offer a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day, we select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short reflection on the two. Written by Patrick van der Vorst a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster, London and a former Director of Sotheby's London, Christian Art's mission is to draw people closer to God through the magnificent pairing of art and the Christian faith.



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