



The Parish of the MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



DOMINICA XVIII PER ANNUM

5th August 2018

Welcome to Mass today!

If you are new to the area or this church, please make yourself known to one of the priests after Mass. There is tea and coffee available after the Solemn Mass in the Rectory, we hope you'll come through.

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is the bread of life. Man does not live on bread alone. It is only Christ who satisfies the hunger we all feel. God feeds us with the Eucharist just as in times past he fed the Jews with manna from heaven. It is through this unique act of God's love that we learn that the Lord is indeed our God.



Sunday School is on holiday now until next term. Children of Primary School age are invited to stay with their parents, and sit near the front (or there are the toys and books at the back).

On holiday? If you are visiting London, family or friends welcome to MPB; if you are going away, say 'hello' from MPB - mention the Ordinariate.

Anyone missing? If you are not able to be at Mass, for whatever reason, keep FrC informed.

The Pilgrim, the Diocesan Newspaper for August is at the back.

Word Alive! for September is there too. Get it now before the church is inaccessible.

The Stone and Font (hopefully) arrived into the UK yesterday (Saturday) and will be delivered by instalments during the week.

The Church will be closed after today until the work is complete. This not only means Mass will be suspended, but also that the Church will not be available for private prayer or devotions. The Blessed Sacrament will be removed from Church, maintained and kept safe for the Faithful by request.

Help today is needed after the 11am Mass to remove everything: all floor space needs to be cleared, swept and cleaned ready for the stone to be fitted.

Keep an eye on the website for updates of dates. The Facebook Page (preciousbloodSE1) will also have lots of pictures so you can see how things are progressing.

Intention for the floor were given per square metre, Thank you to all those who did so. A list will appear soon to check they are correct before the board is fabricated and erected.

Sundays in August (apart from today), Holy Mass will be across the road in *The Sidings*.

Weekday Mass will be available at OL of La Salette, Melior Street, 12.35pm each day.

Mass Intentions whilst the church is closed cannot be guaranteed, Any *Foundation Mass* will be rescheduled.

Summer Reading. How about something to read and develop your Catholic Faith. FrC has lots of ideas and is happy to advise.

Dress appropriately for Mass, especially during these summer hot days. Elbows to knees!



Tomorrow is the Feast of the Transfiguration. The account of the transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor, were days dedicated entirely to listening to the Lord, who always speaks to us, but who expects more attention from us. Astonished in the presence of the transfigured Lord, who was speaking with Moses and Elias, Peter, James and John were suddenly enveloped in a cloud from which a voice arose that proclaimed: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him" (Mark 9:7).

When one has the grace to sense a strong experience of God, it is as though seeing something similar to what the disciples experienced during the Transfiguration: For a moment they experienced ahead of time something that will constitute the happiness of paradise. In general, it is brief experiences that God grants on occasions, especially in anticipation of harsh trials. However, no one lives "on Tabor" while on earth.

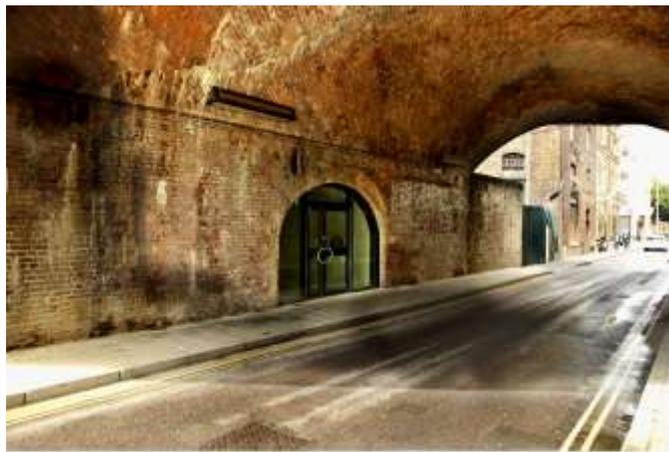
Human existence is a journey of faith and, as such, goes forward more in darkness than in full light, with moments of obscurity and even profound darkness. While we are here, our relationship with God develops more with listening than with seeing; and even contemplation takes place, so to speak, with closed eyes, thanks to the interior light lit in us by the word of God.

The Virgin Mary herself, notwithstanding the fact that she was the human creature closest to God, walked day after day as though on a pilgrimage of faith (cf. "Lumen Gentium," 58), keeping and meditating constantly in her heart the word that God addressed to her, whether through the sacred Scriptures or through events of the life of her son, in which she recognized and accepted the Lord's mysterious voice.

This is, therefore, the gift and commitment for each one of us: To listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in the word, preserved in sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the very events of our lives, trying to read in them the messages of providence. To listen to him, finally, in our brothers, especially in the little ones and the poor, for whom Jesus himself asked our concrete love. To listen to Christ and to obey his voice. This is the only way that leads to joy and love.

God the Father instructs us to listen to Jesus, his beloved Son. Let us pray that we will open our hearts to Christ and his saving message! He leads us through his suffering and death, to a share in his glorious resurrection.

*Pope Benedict XVI, 2006
St Peter's Square, Rome*



Sunday Mass

11am

The Sidings

Whilst the Church is closed Sunday Mass will be across the street in *The Sidings*. It is right opposed the main door to Most Precious Blood.

We are grateful to Jack for his hospitality.

On the list of Mass intentions, it sometimes says *foundation* after the person's name. Why is that?

Each Mass can have an intention, which is the recipient of the Grace from that Mass. Grace is a free gift of God, so can not be bought. The money given is an offering to the priest for his food that day. A *Foundation Mass* is Mass with a particular intention which has been requested over a period of time. They were often set up at the foundation of a Parish, hence *foundation*, and were set up in perpetuity (until the end of time). The maxim period now is 25 years. In practice that means that Holy Mass will be offered in this parish on the designated day for 25 years from the time it's set up. All the ones we have at MPB were set up when the Parish was founded in the 1890s, so there's room for more! There's a list in the Sacristy; Mass will be offered for them, until the Lord returns.



**Our Lady of La Salette
Melior Street, SE1 3QP**

Daily Mass 12.35pm

Whilst MPB is closed, Fr Mark the parish priest at OL of La Salette invites us to join them. The Church is south of the side entrance to London Bridge Station, hidden perfectly by the Home Office Building!

“Seven days without Mass,
makes one weak”

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Margaret Roberts ✕ Parishioners
Mon 6th <i>Transfiguration</i>		
Tues 7th <i>(Pope St Sixtus II et al)</i>		
Wed 8th <i>St Dominic</i>		
Thurs 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta</i>		
Fri 10th <i>St Laurence</i>		
Sat 11th <i>St Clare</i>		
Next Sunday <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings 1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2 John 6:41-51

Sacrament of Confession. Sun 10.30 - 10.50; Mon-Fri 12.30 - 12.55

Evensong each Thursday 18.00 (during term-time).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday till 15.00 Divine Mercy

Last week: £1,304.89 inc Standing Orders and Card payments

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for August. *Universal – The Treasure of Families*

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Ordinariate Weekly Intercession: Fr Bernard Sixtus, Fr David Hathaway & Fr David Prichard and the Cardiff Group.

For your prayers:

Those in formation for Ministry, especially Dn John Waters, Fr Francis & Fr Jonathan
The Sick & Housebound: Mary, David, Theresa, Dora, Jo, Mafalda, Mark, Geoffrey, Christine, Fr Bill, Paula, Shirly, Peter, Anita, Holly.

Recently Departed: Susan Bogle, Anthony's father

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