



# 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 XIX PER ANNUM**

12th 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 living bread come down from heaven and anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Just as the prophet Elijah was strengthened by the food given to him by God, so we too are helped by the Mass to continue in our pilgrimage back to the Father. Through the eucharist we are reminded that if we are to follow Christ we must love as he loved us.



**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** has taken a brief tour of European Cities! So far, it's been to Rotterdam, Gdansk, and Stockholm. This is so very frustrating. The full consequence of this huge delay is yet unknown, and we are reluctant to set any new dates as all previous dates have not been kept. So Mass times will remain as usual until further notice. Watch the website.

**The Big Six**, the candles on the High Altar, have not been pinched, but gone away for restoration, like the pews, as we thought the Church would be closed now. It will all look splendid when it's all done...it will...it will!

**The Assumption of Our Lady**, a Day of Obligation, on Wednesday this week. Mass at 1.05pm and 6.30pm.

**The Good Counsel Network** invite you to take part in a national day on Tuesday this week to pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. See poster or visit: [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul** is seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager, and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of their youth programme. Both full time roles based at their office in SE1. See poster or [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

**Keeping the Eucharistic Fast!** The Church asks us not to eat or drink anything for one hour before recovering Holy Communion. Do you fast? Will you fast? It's the simplest way of preparing to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament— an hour!

**Summer Reading.** Have you something to read and develop your Catholic Faith? Do you want something? FrC has lots of ideas.



### **The Glorious Assumption of Our Lady**

In the heart of August Christians of both East and West jointly celebrate the Feast of the Assumption into Heaven of Mary Most Holy. In the Catholic Church the Dogma of the Assumption — as is well known — was proclaimed in the Holy Year of 1950 by my venerable Predecessor, the Servant of God Pope Pius XII. The roots of this commemoration, however, are deeply embedded in the faith of the early centuries of the Church.

In the East, it is still known today as the “Dormition of the Virgin”. An ancient mosaic in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome, that was inspired precisely by the Eastern image of the “*Dormitio*”, portrays the Apostles, who, alerted by Angels of the end of the earthly life of the Mother of Jesus, gathered at the Virgin’s bedside. In the centre is Jesus, who has a little girl in his arms: she is Mary, who has become “little” for the Kingdom, being taken to Heaven by the Lord.

In the passage of today’s liturgy from St Luke’s Gospel, we read that “in those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah” (Lk 1:39). In those days Mary hastened from Galilee to a little town in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem to go and see her kinswoman Elizabeth. Today we contemplate her going up towards God’s mountain and entering the heavenly Jerusalem, “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (Rev 12:1).

The biblical passage of the Book of Revelation, which we read in the liturgy of this Solemnity, speaks of a struggle between the woman and the dragon, between good and evil. St John seems to be presenting to us anew the very first pages of the Book of Genesis that recount the dark and tragic event of the sin of Adam and Eve. Our first parents were defeated by the Evil One; in the fullness of time, Jesus, the new Adam, and Mary, the new Eve, were to triumph over the enemy once and for all, and this is the joy of this day! With Jesus’ victory over evil, inner and physical death are also defeated.

Mary was the first to take in her arms Jesus, the Son of God, become a child; she is now the first to be beside him in the glory of Heaven.

Today we are celebrating a great mystery. It is above all a mystery of hope and joy for all of us: in Mary we see the destination for which are bound all who can interpret their life according to the life of Jesus, who are able to follow him as Mary did. This Feast, then, speaks of our future. It tells us that we too shall be beside Jesus in God’s joy and invites us to take heart, to believe that the power of Christ’s Resurrection can also work in us, making us men and women who seek every day to live as risen ones, bringing the light of goodness into the darkness of the evil in the world.

*Pope Benedict XVI  
15th August 2011*

An Introduction to  
**Liturgy**



Saturdays 13th October and 3rd November 2018  
(10.30am to 4pm)

at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road,  
SW17 8BS - [www.ccfloatingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccfloatingbec.org.uk)

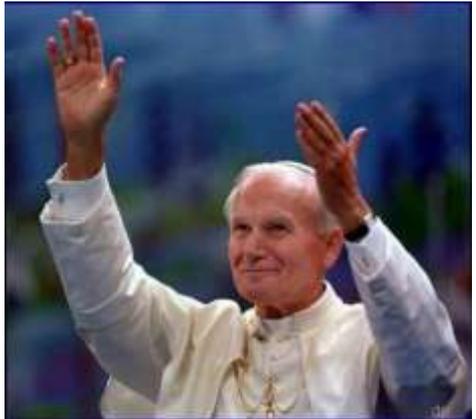


The Centre for Catholic Formation is pleased to offer 'An Introduction to Liturgy' this autumn in partnership with the Southwark Liturgy Commission. Participants will explore the principles and practice of the Church's liturgy over two Saturdays. If you want to find out more about the course or wish to register please contact us by email [office@floatingbec.org.uk](mailto:office@floatingbec.org.uk) or call us on 020 8470 7466.

Course fee: £25

The introductory course also fulfils the requirements for a specialist module in the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (if an assessment is successfully completed and the full CCRS module fee of £42 is paid).

Image of the Last Supper courtesy of the Vatican website (public domain)



"Those who sincerely say  
'JESUS I TRUST IN YOU'  
will find comfort in  
all their anxieties and fears."

Pope St. John Paul II

The word 'Holiday' means holy day. It was the time given so you could keep a day holy. As well as obvious ones like Christmas and Easter, we have one this week on Wednesday. Most civilised European countries have the Assumption of Our Lady as a national holiday (in the strictest sense). Even though you might be going away, or maybe having a staycation at home, make this Summer a special holy-day and go to Mass each and every Sunday and holyday, wherever you are. But as always, make sure it is a Catholic Church, ie *Roman Catholic Church*.



An Introduction to  
**Canon Law**



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## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
Mon 13th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	
Tues 14th <i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	1.05pm	
Wed 15th <b>ASSUMPTION of OL</b>	1.05pm <b>6.30pm</b>	
Thurs 16th ( <i>St Stephen of Hungry</i> )	1.05pm	Priests - <i>MF</i>
Fri 17th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Family & Holy Souls - <i>MF</i>
Sat 18th <i>feria</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Family - <i>MF</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:115-20 John 6:51-58

**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:** £1,126.34 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 Brian Gill and the Presteigne 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:* Anthony's father

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