



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

DOMINCA III PER ANNUM

27th January 2019

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 we are together as Christ's body. We all belong to the Church of which Christ is the head. Just as the human body is made up of many parts all of which are interdependent, so too are we dependant on each other and ultimately on Christ.

The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we may bring the Good News to the poor.

In our lives we witness to the fulfilling of God's promise in the Holy Scriptures



Sunday School at the 11.00am Mass is for Children of Primary School age. Follow the cross during the Gloria and join the others for a Liturgy of the Word.

The new floor has been covered to protect it. *Steady as you go!*

The Church will be closed again. Thank you for your advice last week. It's likely to be 11th Feb - 1st March. 8.30am Sunday and weekday Mass will be suspended and the 11am Mass will continue across the street in *The Sidings*. Watch for updates.

The Cleaning Rota has gone a bit awol. If anyone is able to do a little in the interim, it would be appreciate. *See Martha.*

Confirmation preparation begins soon, There will be a planning meeting next Sunday after the 11am Mass for any interested. You must be 8 years old (there is no upper limit!)

Walsingham Mass on Saturday this week 10am. Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham and Spiritual Pilgrimage.

The Red Box is the main support of *Missio*, the Catholic Church's official charity. We will learn about it next week.

Fundraising for the new floor was a huge success. Thank you to all those who gave (and others still can!). It raised £60,945

Are you between 20 & 35 years old? FrC should have given you something; if he hasn't, ask him today.

A Dowry Tour of the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham in preparation for the re-Dedication of England as Mary's Dowry. The Image will be taken all over England, including St George's Cathedral: 21-23 February.

A Safeguarding Day here at MPB for all who are involved with young children or vulnerable adults, everyone is welcome. Sat 2nd March from 10am. *See Kate for info.*

Participating fully in the Liturgy is an important part of being at Mass. It's not a spectator sport! Following the readings attentively, respond to the prayers enthusiastically and sing the hymns and common parts lustily! Even if you can't or won't sing, follow the words.

Readers needed. Thank you to those who do so at the 11am Mass. Are there any volunteers for Sunday 8.30am and weekdays? See Peggy or Fatima, respectively.



Candlemas is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah, when a woman had a male child, she was considered “unclean” for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised and the mother stayed at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified, and after the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor!

Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to “redeem” their first born son: “The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me’” (Ex 13:1). The price for such a redemption was five shekels, which the parents paid to the priest. This “redemption” was a kind of payment for the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery.

However, St. Luke in the Gospel does not mention this redemption, but rather the presentation of Our Lord. So the focus is on Jesus’ consecration to God. The verb “to present” also means to “offer,” which evokes Jesus being presented as the priest who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin, seal the new and eternal covenant with His blood, and open the gates to the true promised land of heaven.

Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God. Old Simeon then announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner.

He then blessed the Holy Family, and said in warning Mary: “... and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare” (Lk 2:34-35).

So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.”

As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, “Christian.” We, too, received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, “You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom” (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ. Also, we must realize that we, too, will be “a sign that will be opposed” especially on issues of the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family.

The feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. Next Sunday we will bless the candles which will be used at Most Precious Blood during the coming year. Jesus is the light of the world.





The Southwark Tryptich as it has become known, is by Julian Pinnick. It shows biblical scenes which are set in Borough Market and is full of Christian symbolism. It is a very beautiful work of art. The artist gave it to the Diocese of Southwark and it has been entrusted to us at MPB because Borough Market is in our parish. It is currently on display in the Long Room. We have yet to decide upon a permanent location for it in Church. Take a look at, and have a think where it might go.

Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

A series of open meetings to discuss aspects of the Catholic Church at

St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham,
Tuesday 29th January 2019
 at 7.30pm

Julian Filochowski
 on

Oscar Romero

(Julian was head of CAFOD for many years and is now chairman of The Romero Trust)

Mass in the Ordinariate Use,
 7pm in Church before the meeting.

A meal and refreshments will be served

Travel - St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, Ham Street, Richmond TW10 7HT
 Train to Richmond Station: District Line or South West trains from Waterloo. Then get bus - 371 to Ham Street or 65 to Ham Gate Avenue

All are welcome.

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 St George's Cathedral, Southwark
 21ST - 23RD FEBRUARY 2019

Full Tour schedule at www.dowrytour.org.uk

Day	Time	Event
Thursday	5:00pm	Services and exhibition opens
	6:00pm	Rosary & Litany of the English Saints and Martyrs
	7:00pm	Opening Holy Mass
	8:00pm	Talk on the Doors of Mary by Mgr John Armstrong
	9:00pm	Sung Litany of Our Lady and Salve Regina
Friday	7:00am	Holy Mass
	8:45am	Holy Hour (Sacrament of Reconciliation) at 9.00am
	10:00am	Talk on the Doors of Mary by Mgr John Armstrong
	Noon	Angels (Sacrament of Reconciliation available)
	11:30pm	Holy Mass
	3:00pm	Devine Mercy devotion for the salvation of souls
	7:45pm	Angels Promise & Rosary for Religious Vocations
	8:00pm	Rosary for the Commission of England
8:30pm	Evening Prayer	
Saturday	8:00pm	Angels & Talk on the Dowry of Mary
	7:00pm	Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic Healing Service
	9:45am	Rosary of Intercession
	9:00am	Holy Mass
	10:15am	Talk on the Doors of Mary by Mgr John Armstrong
	11:00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration
	Noon	Angels followed by sung litany of Our Lady
11:30pm	Closing Solemn Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham	

For further information please visit www.dowrytour.org.uk

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 11.00am	Calista - <i>birthday</i> Parishioners
Mon 28th <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	1.05pm	State of New York
Tues 29th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	John Luland ✕ <i>d.1982</i>
Wed 30th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Ian Lovell <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.1979</i>
Thurs 31st <i>St John Bosco</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Canonisation of Bl JHN
Fri 1st <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Patrick Green foundation
Sat 2nd <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	10.00am	Walsingham
Next Sunday 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 11.00am	The Candle intentions Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

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: £1,518.34 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 January Evangelisation – Young People. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Ordinariate Weekly Intercession: Fr Jon Ravensdale and the Colchester Group.

For your prayers:

Those in formation for Ministry, Dn John Waters, Br Philip novOP (Jeff Gerlomes)

The Sick & Housebound: Mary, David, Theresa, Dora, Jo, Geoffrey, Paula, Holly, Mary, Ada, Fr John, Wilma, Ryan

Recently Departed: Jack Bird, Eddie Henry

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