



# 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 V PER ANNUM**

**10th February 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 Christ call his apostles. He transforms them from fishermen into fishers of men. We are all apostles and prophets, called to proclaim the saving power of God. Like Isaiah, we are touched with the burning coal of the spirit. When the Lord wonders who will be his messenger we reply "Here I am, Lord, send me".



**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 Church will be closed** from tomorrow, so there will be no Mass apart from 11am on Sundays. Daily Mass will be available at OL of La Salette, 12.35pm each day; and Sunday Mass here will be at 11am either in Church or across the road in *The Sidings*. Watch for updates.

**Mass intentions** requested during the closed period will be offered, but elsewhere.

**Help needed on Saturday** to clear the Church. Anyone able-bodied is asked to come from 10.30am to clear the Church and Sacristy of *everything*. Many hands....

**The Red Box** reps, Stephen and Eileen, were grateful for the great response last week. They are now looking for a parish rep. If you would be willing to co-ordinate see FrC today and he'll put you in touch.

**Candles were blessed last week**, thank you to those who have generously contributed. Check the list at the back of Church, that your intention is there and correct. If you haven't yet returned your envelope please do so today.

**Confirmation preparation.** There was a good response last week. Any more interest? See FrC asap. We will begin soon and are looking at Saturday afternoons.

**A Dowry Tour** of Our Lady of Walsingham. St George's Cath Sat 23rd Feb, Mass 12.30pm Warwick St, Sat 30th Mch Evensong 3.30pm

**40 Days for Life London** Launch Event. A buffet and beverages evening 7.30pm-9pm Wednesday 20th February St Patrick's, Soho, More info: [www.40daysforlife.com/London](http://www.40daysforlife.com/London)

## Job Vacancies

**Manager at St George's Cathedral**, to manage the diary bookings for the Cathedral and Amigo Hall, as well as assist the Dean with the administration of the Cathedral. 28hrs pw. info from FrC or [sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Office Administrator** for the diocesan Safeguarding team. FT, Mon-Fri 9-5, The key areas of work are administration of the DBS processing. info from FrC or [sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk)

**Headteacher** required at Our Lady Immaculate Primary School, Chelmsford, More info from the school on 01245353755



## Saint Valentine

Many will be celebrating him, unbeknown, on Thursday this week. Even though it's the feast of Ss Cyril & Methodius, some will have their focus elsewhere! Some call it Valentine's day, but it is in fact Saint Valentine's day. So who was he?

The simple answer is we don't know. There are many thoughts and myths, but we cannot be sure. This is why he is not in the Kalendar, (the liturgical list of dates of saints which are celebrated).

Some say he was a priest who lived in Rome in the third century, was put in prison because he helped some Christians who were going to be executed by a cruel emperor named Claudius. While Valentine was in prison, he healed the chief warder's daughter, who was blind, and the warder and all his family became Christians.

When Emperor Claudius heard this, he said that Valentine should be executed. And so, on 14th February in the year 269, Valentine was clubbed to death. Then his head was chopped off, just to make sure he was dead.

In the same year, another man named Valentine, who was the bishop of Terni (about sixty

miles from Rome), was also put to death by Emperor Claudius for being a Christian.

Neither saint seems to have anything to do with young lovers. So where do the traditions come from? Some say it is because on this day of the year (in the northern hemisphere) birds pair up and start mating.

Others say the day is special for lovers because at that time of year there had been a pagan Roman festival named Lupercalia, when young men took part in a kind of lottery to find a partner. But Lupercalia has nothing to do with either Saint Valentine!

Although the mid-February holiday celebrating love and lovers remains wildly popular, the confusion over its origins led the Catholic Church, in 1969, to drop Saint Valentine's Day from the Roman calendar of official, worldwide Catholic feasts. (Those highly sought-after days are reserved for saints with more clear historical record. After all, the saints are real individuals for us to imitate.) Some parishes, however, observe the feast of Saint Valentine.

Pope Gelasius I was, understandably, less than thrilled with this custom. So he changed the lottery to have both young men and women draw the names of saints whom they would then emulate for the year (a change that no doubt disappointed a few young men). Instead of Lupercus, the patron of the feast became Valentine. For Roman men, the day continued to be an occasion to seek the affections of women, and it became a tradition to give out handwritten messages of admiration that included Valentine's name.

The conventional belief in Europe during the Middle Ages that birds chose their partners in the middle of February was also challenged. But the day was dedicated to love, and people observed it by writing love letters and sending small gifts to their beloved. Legend has it that Charles, duke of Orleans, sent the first real Valentine card to his wife in 1415, when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. (He, however, was not beheaded, and died a half-century later of old age.)

Pray for the one you love on Thursday, wherever they are; and thank God for their love.



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 6 - April 14

## LONDON LAUNCH EVENT!

7.30pm-9pm  
Wednesday 20 February 2019

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love"*

By offering love and support to women and babies, 750,000 volunteers for 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 15,000 babies from abortion in 56 countries.

Come and see how you can help save lives in London, hear Alina's remarkable story and join us for a buffet and beverages at:

St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London W1D 4NR, UK  
(nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road)

Sarah 07776 256038  
London40dayforlife@hotmail.com  
[40daysforlife.com/London](http://40daysforlife.com/London)

## OL of La Salette Melior Street, SE1 3QP

Daily Mass  
12.35pm

Whilst MPB is closed, daily Mass will be available there by kind invitation of Fr Mark



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*Dom Helder Câmara*

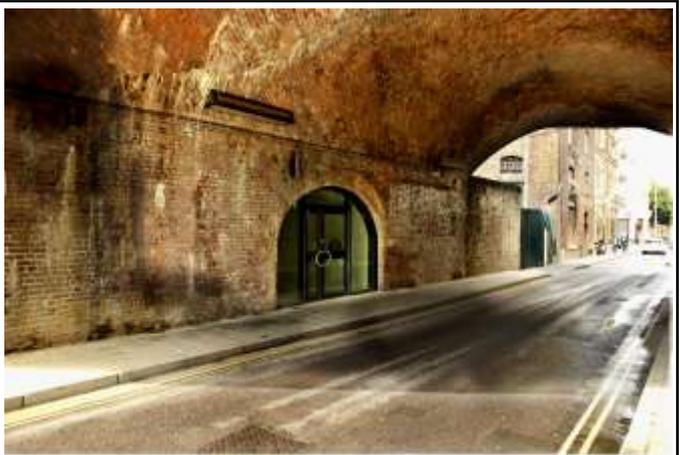
## Sunday Mass

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.



## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Raymond Smith ✠ Parishioners
Mon 11th <i>(OL of Lourdes)</i>		
Tues 12th <i>feria</i>		
Wed 13th <i>feria</i>		
Thurs 14th <i>Ss Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>		
Fri 15th <i>feria</i>		
Sat 16th <i>feria</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 Luke 6:17,20-26

**Sacrament of Confession.** by appointment, until church re-opens

**Evensong each Thursday** suspended until further notice.

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament resumes soon each Friday till 15.00 Divine Mercy

**Last week:** £2,636.75 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 February.** *Human Trafficking.* For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

**Ordinariate Weekly Intercession:** Frs Ed Tomlinson & Nicholas Levisaur and the Tunbridge 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, Fr Gerald

*Recently Departed:* Monica TARRIER, Edwin Barnes *priest*

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