



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 VII PER ANNUM

24th 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 that our hope of Salvation lies in God's mercy. We learn to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. If we learn to love our enemies then we will be modelling ourselves on Christ the new Adam, who will teach us how to lead the life of the spirit. Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.



Sunday School at the 11.00am Mass is for Children of Primary School age, but will be suspended this week due to the disruption.

The Church is closed now, 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.

Keeping tabs on everyone is very difficult during this transitional period of building works. If you move away or don't attend MPB for whatever reason, please let FrC know. He worries about you!

Mass Next Sunday might be across the way in the *Sidings*, or it might not. There will be Mass, but the location is tbc. We will be back in Church for Ash Wednesday... hopefully.

Take a look into the Church today and see how the painters are getting on. It's looking much much brighter.

As part of the restoration, many of the fixtures and fittings are being replaced and/or restored. Would you like to offer something? It could be in memory of someone, or an anonymous offering in thanksgiving. A comprehensive list will be available soon.

The Holy Season of Lent begins in two weeks. What will you give up? What will you read? FrC's willing to suggest something.

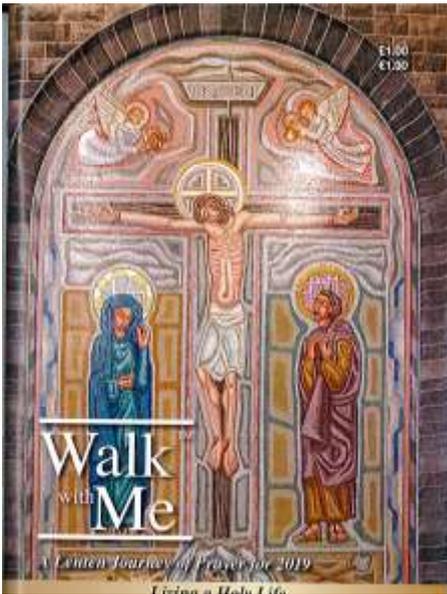
Palm Crosses needed. Bring them this week and next. They need to be burnt for the ash on Ash Wednesday.

Walk with Me, a bible commentary during Lent on the daily readings at Mass. Even if you can't make daily Mass, you can still read the Scriptures and reflection each day. *foc*

Try in Lent to be more faithful to what the Church asks of us. Keep the Eucharistic Fast: do not eat or drink anything for an hour before receiving Holy Communion. Abstinence: do not eat meat on Fridays.

Confirmation preparation. Any more interest? See FrC asap. We will begin soon, when we are a bit straighter.

Blessed John Henry Newman had a miracle approved by the Holy Father recently, which means will be canonised. He is Patron of the Ordinariate, so we will need to restore his shrine soon. He will be the first un-martyred Englishman canonised since the reformation.



the truth of the Catholic Faith. These are, of course, many more such examples.

St John Paul II, in his apostolic blueprint for our century, *Novo millennio ineunte* (“At the beginning of the New Millennium”), urged us to “Contemplate the face of Christ.” One of the primary means he pointed to is Sacred Scripture. This all-time best-seller, by far the most quoted book in history, must be our favourite book, and must be read and meditated upon for at least a few minutes each day.

We could call the Bible the never-ending book since once we finish it, we simply begin it again, over and over, until God calls us to himself. The most important thing we can do is to learn how to live from it and make daily resolutions to that effect. Over time we will find the stories of the Bible, especially from the New Testament, as familiar as the story of our own life. And we will begin to live in Christ, being soaked in His words and example.

In addition to fuelling our meditation, the Bible is a primary text for our work of evangelisation. To make sure that Scripture is never far away, get a large Bible for home and a pocket-sized New Testament to carry with you or a Bible app on the smartphone or tablet.

To complement the daily reading of Sacred Scripture, you should also incorporate the reading of a spiritual book, normally recommended by your spiritual director, which can include works from the Magisterium of the Church, lives of and books by the saints, works of theology, and a plethora of Catholic spiritual classics.

Work on just one book at a time, for brief periods a day, reading it from beginning to end, and perhaps taking notes or otherwise highlighting particularly striking points that can later be brought to silent prayer or to conversation in spiritual direction. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* says Good spiritual reading, seriously entered into, will lead to more and better prayer, greater self-denial, and an increased desire to evangelise family, friends, and the culture.

Happy reading!

As Catholics, we know that the purpose of our lives is to become saints. We can find numberless opportunities over years to progress along the path to heaven in cooperation with the grace of God. You know many of the means already: prayer, the sacraments, and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. A near-indispensable addition is spiritual reading, which is something anyone who can read can do.

We start with the Bible. The majority of Catholics are only exposed to the Bible for approximately ten minutes at Sunday Mass. In addition, only a few are familiar with the great Catholic spiritual classics. Reading can be life changing!

St Augustine, who heard a child’s voice chanting *Tolle lege* (Pick up and read!) and opened the Gospel to a passage that changed his life and the course of Christian civilisation as a result. St Anthony of Egypt, the founder of monasticism, was so moved by the story of the rich young man in the Gospel that he followed Christ’s injunction to, “Sell everything you have, give it to the poor, and come follow Me.” St Ignatius of Loyola, recuperating in his bed from grave battle wounds, threw away the equivalent of today’s pulp fiction and started spiritual reading that inspired him to radical change, leading to the founding of the Jesuit order, the great champions of the Catholic Reformation. Nearer our own time, Bl John Henry Newman, whose immersion in the early Church Fathers persuaded him of

Sunday Mass

11am

The Sidings

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



Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

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

**St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham,
Tuesday 26th February 2019
at 7.30pm**

Spirituality

led by

Bishop Paul Hendricks
*an auxiliary bishop in Southwark
and president of the Spirituality Commission*

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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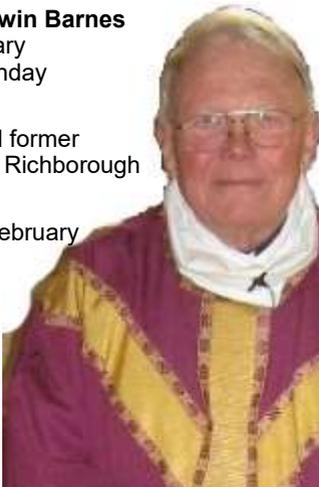
died 6th February
on his 84th birthday

A priest of the
Ordinariate and former
CofE Bishop of Richborough

Funeral

Monday 25th February
at 2.00pm
St Osmund's,
Exeter Street,
Salisbury.
SP1 2SF

*Lord
have mercy
on him.*



**Most Precious Blood,
This Saturday - 2nd March 2019
10.45am – 1.30pm**

"The Catholic Church in England and Wales is striving towards a culture of safeguarding where all are safe from harm and abuse and where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through the prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Catholic community, both individually and collectively." (CSAS)

On Saturday this week, Helen Sheppard (Southwark Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator) will visit us and lead a discussion on how we can all work together towards those aims. All members warmly welcomed! Please see Kate today if you are coming or email : kate.pope@preciousblood.org.uk

This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day | Time | Intention |
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| Today <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 11.00am | Parishioners |
| Mon 25th <i>(St Edmund)</i> | | |
| Tues 26th <i>feria</i> | | |
| Wed 27th <i>(St Anne Line et al)</i> | | |
| Thurs 28th <i>feria</i> | | |
| Fri 1st <i>St David</i> | | |
| Sat 2nd <i>(St Chadd)</i> | | |
| Next Sunday <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 11.00am | Parishioners |

Next Week's Readings Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 1Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45

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: £1,115.18 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 March. *Evangelisation – Christian Communities*

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Ordinariate Weekly Intercession: Fr Christopher Lindlar and the Deal 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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