



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 I IN QUADRAGESIMA 10th March 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 in the midst of all our troubles God hears us and will lead us into the promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation which cannot be overcome if we are open to the spirit who tells us Jesus is Lord whom God raised from the dead. God, through the risen Jesus is always with us as in the Old Testament, he rescued the Jews out of their bondage in Egypt.



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 reopen now, but only for Mass. Our usual schedule resumes from the 11am Mass on Sunday, and then the daily 1.05pm. But please be prepared for a little further disruption. Almost there....

We are most grateful to Jack and his team at Omeara who made available so readily *the Sidings* in our hour of need. It's great to have such good neighbours!

As part of the restoration, many of the fixtures and fittings are being replaced and/or restored. A comprehensive list is being compiled.

Lent has begun! How's the fast going? The first days are always the hardest: stick with it. If you haven't started yet, tomorrow is not too late! It's pointless giving up something you know you will not manage – whatever you decide, give up something. Don't think that Lent is for other people: it's for you!

Sundays are not included in the Fast! How could they be? They are Resurrection Days. In other words, you can have as much chocolate, sugar and cigarettes as you like! And Sunday begins at vespers on Saturday night!

Stations of the Cross, each Friday at 6pm during Lent. Blanché and Heryck will lead this seasonal devotion. *All welcome!*

Set your alarm on your iPhone, Android or whichever, to remind you at 3pm on a Fridays to unite yourself with the Lord's Passion. Start this Lent. Remember that the Lord died then, and pray the *Our Father*.

The Angelus is another good one to set. Choose a *Church Bell* ring-tone! Set it for midday and thank God for sending Jesus.

The Creed during Lent will be in Latin. We'll start next week. If you want some homework, search '*credo iii*' on YouTube

Evensong and Mass will resume soon, but not this week. Too much disruption atm.

Mary Ryan's Funeral Mass will be here on Monday week, 18th March at 10.30am. *Lord, have mercy on her.*

In Lent be faithful to what the Church asks. Keep the Eucharistic Fast: do not eat or drink anything for an hour before receiving Holy Communion. Abstinence: no meat on Fridays.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Wednesday, with the penitential Rite of Ashes we began Lent, a Season of spiritual renewal in preparation for the annual celebration of Easter. But what does it mean to begin the Lenten journey? The Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent illustrates it for us with the account of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. The Evangelist St Luke recounts that after receiving Baptism from John, “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil” (Lk 4: 1). There is a clear insistence on the fact that the temptations were not just an incident on the way but rather the consequence of Jesus’ decision to carry out the mission entrusted to him by the Father to live to the very end his reality as the beloved Son who trusts totally in him. Christ came into the world to set us free from sin and from the ambiguous fascination of planning our life leaving God out. He did not do so with loud proclamations but rather by fighting the Tempter himself, until the Cross. This example applies to everyone: the world is improved by starting with oneself, changing, with God’s grace, everything in one’s life that is not going well.

The first of the three temptations to which Satan subjects Jesus originates in hunger, that is, in material need: “If you are the Son of God command this stone to become bread”. But Jesus responds with Sacred Scripture: “Man shall not live by bread alone” (Lk 4: 3-4; see Dt 8: 3). Then the Devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth and says: all this will be yours if, prostrating yourself, you worship me. This is the deception of power, and an attempt which Jesus was to unmask and reject: “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve” (see Lk 4: 5-8; Dt 6: 13). Not adoration of power, but only of God, of truth and love. Lastly, the Tempter suggests to Jesus that he work a spectacular miracle: that he throw himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple and let the angels save him so that everyone might believe in him. However, Jesus answers that God must never be put to the test (see Dt 6: 16). We cannot “do an experiment” in which God has to respond and show that he is God: we must believe in him! We should not make God “the substance” of “our experiment”. Still referring to



Sacred Scripture, Jesus puts the only authentic criterion obedience, conformity to God’s will, which is the foundation of our existence before human criteria. This is also a fundamental teaching for us: if we carry God’s word in our minds and hearts, if it enters our lives, if we trust in God, we can reject every kind of deception by the Tempter. Furthermore, Christ’s image as the new Adam emerges clearly from this account. He is the Son of God, humble and obedient to the Father, unlike Adam and Eve who in the Garden of Eden succumbed to the seduction of the evil spirit, of being immortal without God.

Lent is like a long “retreat” in which to re-enter oneself and listen to God’s voice in order to overcome the temptations of the Evil One and to find the truth of our existence. It is a time, we may say, of spiritual “training” in order to live alongside Jesus not with pride and presumption but rather by using the weapons of faith: namely prayer, listening to the Word of God and penance. In this way we shall succeed in celebrating Easter in truth, ready to renew our baptismal promises.

May the Virgin Mary help us so that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we may live joyfully and fruitfully this Season of grace.

Benedict XVI

*St Peter’s Square,
First Sunday of Lent,
21 February 2010*



A LENT QUIZ

- 1 How many years did Moses and the Israelites spend in the desert while seeking to reach the Promised Land?
2. How many days did Our Lord spend in the desert in prayer and fasting before beginning his public ministry?
3. How long is Lent, excluding Sundays?
4. Mid-Lent Sunday is also known as Laetare Sunday. What other day is it?
5. Ash Wednesday was the first day of Lent, and the day before that was Shrove Tuesday. What does the word "Shrove" mean?
6. During Lent, we have some Solemnities on 19th and 25th March. What are they?
7. On Ash Wednesday we received ashes on our foreheads. What is the link between the ashes and palms of Palm Sunday?
8. Thursday of Holy Week is Maundy Thursday. What does "Maundy" mean?
9. After Maundy Thursday is Good Friday. What's the next day called?
10. When a priest hears confessions, what does he wear?
11. What was the name of the Apostle who betrayed Our Lord?
12. And the name of the Apostle who denied Our Lord three times but was sorry and wept bitterly, and went on to do great things?

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 26th March 2019
at 7.30pm

On
Music and Meditation

led by

Sylvia Clayton

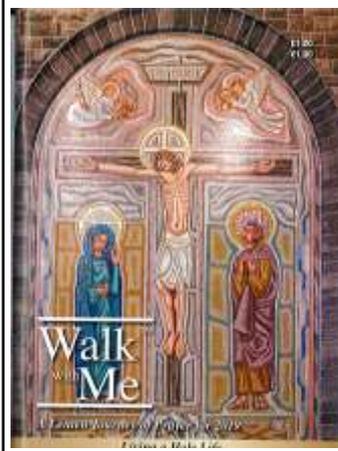
Mass in the Ordinariate Use, 7pm

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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No peeking! (1) 40 years (2) 40 days (3) 40 days (4) Mothering Sunday (5) "Shrove" refers to being "shriven" forgiven of our sins. (6) St Joseph & the Annunciation; (8) It comes from the Latin "Mandatium" meaning a command ie mandatory; a new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you" (9) Holy Saturday (10) A stole, symbolising his authority as a priest worn at Mass, over the alb beneath the chasuble (11) Judas (12) St Peter

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 11th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Oeuvre Expiatoire ✕
Tues 12th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Evangeline Calari ✕ <i>7th anniv</i>
Wed 13th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Pope Francis <i>elected 2013</i>
Thurs 14th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Canon William Muran ✕ <i>foundation</i>
Fri 15th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	
Sat 16th <i>feria of Lent</i>		
Next Sunday <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Genesis 15:5-12.17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

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

Evensong each Thursday 18.00 during term time.

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

Last week: £1,102.12 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: Fs Simon Chinery and the Hemel Group.

For your prayers:

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

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

Recently Departed: Mary Ryan

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