



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

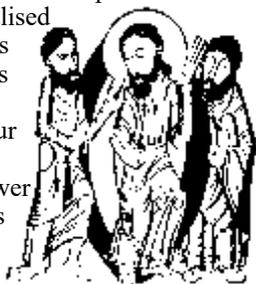


DOMINICA II IN QUADRAGESIMA 17th March 2019

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 Jesus was transfigured in the presence of his apostles and they realised how wonderful it was to be with him. Jesus is always with us ready to transform our lives if through faith we believe in his power. He is as faithful to us as God was to Abraham who put his faith in the Lord.



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 now almost painted fully and all services are restored. Thank you for your patience during the disruption. The floor will be uncovered soon. Still go steady. The fitting of the lights will take three weeks beginning next Monday. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

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

Wedding Anniversaries. Are you celebrating a significant one this year? Silver, golden, ruby? The Archbishop would like to invite you to a celebration. See FrC for more into.

The Scaffolding is up around the baldacchino and the apse. It's mighty tall! Work will start asap after the walls of the apse are painted.

St Patrick's Day would ordinarily be today, 17th March, but in E&W, Sunday takes precedence. Nevertheless, to those with a devotion to him: Happy St Patrick's Day.

Theresa McGuinness, you may have heard, died last Thursday. She had been housebound for a while, and was beautifully cared for by her niece, Pat. More news of her funeral soon, meanwhile keep her in your prayers.
Requiescat in pace

St Joseph is celebrated on Tuesday this week. His day is a Solemnity. He is patron of our School. Mass in school at 2.30pm.

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

Lent denials: how are you getting on? Don't worry if you've waned, or haven't yet begun. Tomorrow is a new beginning.

The Creed during Lent will be in Latin. If you want to practice at home search '*credo iii*' on YouTube

Evensong and Mass will resume next week. Too much disruption atm.

Mary Ryan's Funeral Mass will be here tomorrow 10.30am. *Lord, have mercy on her.*

Home visits during Lent. In the old days the parish priest could make home visits often. If you would like him to call, invite him during Lent.

Lost contact? Do you know someone, a neighbour or friend, who used to come to MPB, but has lost contact? Let FrC know.



What does it mean to fast?

When most people hear the word “fast” they assume that means going without food. Which is, of course, the traditional meaning. They might even think it’s something to do with losing weight. For Catholics it has a more significant meaning. It was requested by God in the Old Testament and, as we heard in last Sunday’s Gospel, practiced by Jesus.

We fast not just because we are asked to by the Church, but also because it unites us to other Catholics who are fasting and gives us the opportunity to put our lives back into right perspective and self control.

All Catholics aged over seven years and under sixty years of age are required to keep the fasting rules the Church asks of us. Those over sixty may still fast, but it’s not required of them. The exception are for those who are sick or on medication, and those caring for the sick. And we can drink water at any time.

Few realise there are many forms of fasting. Let’s look at the three types we know best.

Days of Fasting. These are days when Catholics eat nothing except one main meal, or two small collations (equalling a main meal). There are only two such days each year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Lent Fast. This is the giving up or going without something for the forty days of Lent. Traditional things are chocolate or sugar or coffee or salt etc. But why not be a little more imaginative. Give up Facebook, or riding the escalator or taking the bus or watching television. It’s denying yourself something as an offering to God, which only he should know about it. Don’t boast to others or you will have had your re-

ward. The point is to take back control of our lives and not allow our desires to hijack our lives.

Whatever you give up, give up something. Tomorrow is not too late. But remember, you cannot give up things you should not be doing in the first place. So, for example, you could not offer to God giving up swearing – Catholics should not swear anyway!

There is confusion about whether Sundays are included as days of Lent. Some say they are not because all Sundays are Solemnities, and Solemnities, like St Joseph’s day, cannot be days when you fast. Also, adding up all the days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday makes 46 including Sundays, 40 not including Sundays. Others say that Lent is a season so we should keep the whole season. The fact is the Church is not clear on this, so you can choose for yourself. G&T on Saturday night, or not.

The Eucharistic Fast is not eating anything for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. It used to be that Catholics fasted from midnight until they received Holy Communion. But in those days Mass was only in the early morning and more often before breakfast. The Church still asks us to fast before Holy Communion, but for just one hour. Push comes, if it’s a long Mass with music and a procession and a long homily, to break the fast you would need to bring sandwiches to Church and eat them during the homily! It’s the spirit, not the letter. Further, this practice is meant to help us receive Holy Communion with a right disposition and well prepared: it’s not meant to prevent receiving Holy Communion. If, for example, you ate a sandwich, then stumbled upon a Mass you didn’t know was happening, you may break the fast and receive Holy Communion. If you ate the sandwich knowing you were about to go to Mass, you shouldn’t receive Holy Communion.

Fast this Lent. Show God you mean business. You will grow in Grace, holiness and self-control and be better equipped to resist temptation



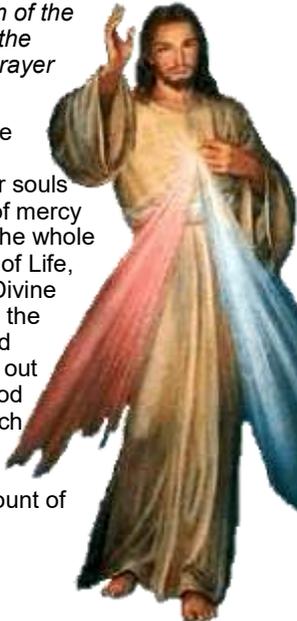
Ecumenical Evensong
of Our Lady of Walsingham
part of the Dowry Tour of the
Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Evensong & Benediction
Saturday 30th March
3pm
Our Lady of the Assumption
Warwick Street WC1

Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Robert Ladds,
Anglican Bishop and Superior-General
of the Anglican Society of Mary.
All welcome.

*During Lent, set your alarm at 3pm each
Friday, join yourself to Jesus who died
for the salvation of the
World and say the
Divine Mercy Prayer*

You expired,
O Jesus, but the
source of life
gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy
opened up for the whole
world. O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine
Mercy, envelop the
whole world and
empty Yourself out
upon us. O Blood
and Water, which
gushed forth
from the Heart
of Jesus as a fount of
mercy for us,
I trust in You.
Amen.



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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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today 2nd Sunday in Lent	8.30am 11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 18th (<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>)	10.30am 1.05pm	Mary Ryan ✕ <i>Funeral Mass</i>
Tues 19th ST JOSEPH	1.05pm 2.30pm	Past teachers and pupils of St J's ✕ <i>Mass in school</i>
Wed 20th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	
Thurs 21st <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	
Fri 22nd <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Sylvia Soliman ✕ <i>year's mind</i>
Sat 23rd (<i>St Turbius of Mongrovejo</i>)		
Next Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent	8.30am 11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Exodus 3:1-8.13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12 Luke 13: 1-9

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: £1,948.47 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: Frs Mark Elliot Smith, Alan Griffin & Anthony Watkins and the London (Central) Group.

For your prayers:

Those preparing to join the Church: Norman, Patricia

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

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

Recently Departed: Mary Ryan, Theresa McGuinness

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