



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 IN RESURRECTIONE 21st April 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 Christ our hope is arisen! Christ died to rise again, so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we died with him we will rise with him and in our lives be witnesses to the power of the resurrection. of his resurrection.



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 Lights are all fitted, and working. There are zones and scene and settings. It's took three days to configure! We have better lighting than an average West End show!

The List is ready. Many of MPB members have been phenomenally generous. There are still some who might want to contribute a 'something special'. Now's your chance.

Today is Easter Sunday, the queen of Christian Days, the day we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Easter has an Octave (eight days) during that time each day is as if it were Easter Day. Eastertide continues until Pentecost. But, of course, there is no such thing as *after* Easter - it's just.... Easter! So this Friday being Easter Friday is not a day of abstinence. *Surrexit Christus! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Welcome to everyone who is here today for the first time, or are back visiting family and friends. We hope you'll come after Mass a say hello over a glass of something fizzy. Take our Christian love back to your home parish.

Baptism is the most important thing that can ever happen to us. As we renew our Baptismal Promises today, we welcome Patricia and Jessica who are joining the Catholic Church.

Thank you to those who have worked so hard over the last few days, and especially all those who came and helped yesterday. And doesn't the Church look splendid!

No Mass tomorrow, as it's a Bank Holiday. Then Mass times are back to normal.

Easter Lilies are a sign of the Resurrection. Those in Church today are all in memory of someone. Their names are in the altar.

Easter Offering for the clergy can be made using the envelopes at the back. Many thanks.





Easter is the feast of the new creation. Jesus is risen and dies no more. At Easter, on the morning of the first day of the week, God said once again: “Let there be light”. The night on the Mount of Olives, the solar eclipse of Jesus’ passion and death, the night of the grave had all passed. Now it is

the first day once again – creation is beginning anew. “Let there be light”, says God, “and there was light”: Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies. The darkness of the previous days is driven away the moment Jesus rises from the grave and himself becomes God’s pure light. But this applies not only to him, not only to the darkness of those days. With the resurrection of Jesus, light itself is created anew. He draws all of us after him into the new light of the resurrection and he conquers all darkness. He is God’s new day, new for all of us.

But how is this to come about? How does all this affect us so that instead of remaining word it becomes a reality that draws us in? Through the sacrament of baptism and the profession of faith, the Lord has built a bridge across to us, through which the new day reaches us. The Lord says to the newly-baptized: *Fiat lux*– let there be light. God’s new day – the day of indestructible life, comes also to us. Christ takes you by the hand. From now on you are held by him and walk with him into the light, into real life. For this reason the early Church called baptism *photismos* – illumination.

Why was this? The darkness that poses a real threat to mankind, after all, is the fact that he can see and investigate tangible material things, but cannot see where the world is going or whence it comes, where our own life is going, what is good and what is evil. The darkness enshrouding God and obscuring

values is the real threat to our existence and to the world in general. If God and moral values, the difference between good and evil, remain in darkness, then all other “lights”, that put such incredible technical feats within our reach, are not only progress but also dangers that put us and the world at risk. Today we can illuminate our cities so brightly that the stars of the sky are no longer visible. Is this not an image of the problems caused by our version of enlightenment? With regard to material things, our knowledge and our technical accomplishments are legion, but what reaches beyond, the things of God and the question of good, we can no longer identify. Faith, then, which reveals God’s light to us, is the true enlightenment, enabling God’s light to break into our world, opening our eyes to the true light.

On Easter night, the night of the new creation, the Church presents the mystery of light using a unique and very humble symbol: the Paschal candle. This is a light that lives from sacrifice. The candle shines inasmuch as it is burnt up. It gives light, inasmuch as it gives itself. Thus the Church presents most beautifully the paschal mystery of Christ, who gives himself and so bestows the great light. We should remember that the light of the candle is a fire. Fire is the power that shapes the world, the force of transformation. And fire gives warmth. Here too the mystery of Christ is made newly visible. Christ, the light, is fire, flame, burning up evil and so reshaping both the world and ourselves. “Whoever is close to me is close to the fire,” as Jesus is reported by Origen to have said. And this fire is both heat and light: not a cold light, but one through which God’s warmth and goodness reach down to us.

Let us pray to the Lord at this time that he may grant us to experience the joy of his light; let us pray that we ourselves may become bearers of his light, and that through the Church, Christ’s radiant face may enter our world.

*Pope Benedict XVI
Easter 2012*

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All those baptised this Easter Parishioners
Mon 22nd <i>EASTER MONDAY</i>		
Tues 23rd <i>EASTER TUESDAY</i>	1.05pm	A special intention (MN)
Wed 24th <i>EASTER WEDNESDAY</i>	1.05pm	Luke & family
Thurs 25th <i>EASTER THURSDAY</i>	1.05pm	Rufino Gasatan ✕
Fri 26th <i>EASTER FRIDAY</i>	1.05pm	Maria Gasatan ✕
Sat 27th <i>EASTER SATURDAY</i>		
Divine Mercy Sunday <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 5:12-16 Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19 John 20: 19-31

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: £1,456.22 inc Standing Orders and Cashless 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 April. *Universal:* For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Ordinariate Weekly Intercession: Frs Neil Chatfield & Thomas Mason the Eastbourne Group.

For your prayers:

Those preparing to join the Church: Patricia and Jessica

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, Baby Reggie

Recently Departed: Theresa McGuinness

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