



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 RESURRECTIONE 28th 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 Jesus, our risen Lord, bestows his spirit on us. We believe, even though we have not seen him. We are apostles of the resurrection and we now live the life of the spirit. As the Father sent Christ, so now we are sent to preach the Good News to all people.



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

Rosary each Sunday morning at 10.40am during Mary's month of May

The List contains a number of significant things you might like to contribute to the restoration at MPB. Significant means they will last a long, long time!

Walsingham Mass on Saturday this week. Mass and spiritual pilgrimage. 10am

The Easter Octave concludes today. Easter has eight days during that time each day is as if it were Easter. There's no such thing as Easter Day and no such thing as after Easter, because Jesus is risen, alleluia!

A Plenary Indulgence is available today on this Divine Mercy Sunday. The usual conditions apply plus the addition of praying in Church a Divine Mercy Prayer (Jesus I trust in You). The Image of the Divine Mercy is at the back, appropriately near the confessional.

St George, is celebrated on Tuesday this week. He is normally 23rd April, but as that was Easter Week, he gets transferred.

Continue to pray for those baptised last Sunday, not just here at MPB but throughout the Catholic Church.

FrC says thank you for all the kind wishes, gifts and chocolate given him this Eastertide. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Please keep him in your prayers, daily.

Young Adults meet on Friday this week. Steve & Melissa should have been in touch, or see them today.

March for Life UK, Saturday 11th May, foregather at Westminster Church House, Great Smith Street SW1 for 2pm. Events in the Emmanuel Centre from 9.30 (booking required). More info at marchforlife.co.uk





The Divine Mercy

St John, who was in the Upper Room with the other disciples on the evening of the first day after the Sabbath, tells us that Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you!" and he showed them his hands and his side; he showed them his wounds. And in this way they realized that it was not an apparition: it was truly him, the Lord, and they were filled with joy.

On the eighth day Jesus came once again into the Upper Room and showed his wounds to Thomas, so that he could touch them as he had wished to, in order to believe and thus become himself a witness to the Resurrection.

To us also, on this Sunday which St John Paul II wished to dedicate to Divine Mercy, the Lord shows us, through the Gospel, his wounds. They are wounds of mercy. It is true: the wounds of Jesus are wounds of mercy.

Jesus invites us to behold these wounds, to touch them as Thomas did, to heal our lack of belief. Above all, he invites us to enter into the mystery of these wounds, which is the mystery of his merciful love.

Through these wounds, as in a light-filled opening, we can see the entire mystery of Christ and of God: his Passion, his earthly life – filled with compassion for the weak and the sick – his incarnation in the womb of Mary. And we can retrace the whole history of salvation: the prophecies – especially about the Servant of the Lord, the Psalms, the Law and the Covenant; to the liberation from Egypt, to the first Passover and to the blood of the slaughtered lambs; and again from the Patriarchs to Abraham, and then all the way back to Abel, whose blood cried out from the earth. All of this we can see in the wounds of Jesus, crucified and risen; with Mary, in her Magnifi-

cat, we can perceive that, "His mercy extends from generation to generation" Faced with the tragic events of human history we can feel crushed at times, asking ourselves, "Why?". Humanity's evil can appear in the world like an abyss, a great void: empty of love, empty of goodness, empty of life. And so we ask: how can we fill this abyss? For us it is impossible; only God can fill this emptiness that evil brings to our hearts and to human history. It is Jesus, God made man, who died on the Cross and who fills the abyss of sin with the depth of his mercy.

St Bernard, in one of his commentaries on the Canticle of Canticles, reflects precisely on the mystery of the Lord's wounds, using forceful and even bold expressions which we do well to repeat today. He says that "through these sacred wounds we can see the secret of [Christ's] heart, the great mystery of love, the sincerity of his mercy with which he visited us from on high".

Brothers and sisters, behold the way which God has opened for us to finally go out from our slavery to sin and death, and thus enter into the land of life and peace. Jesus, crucified and risen, is the way and his wounds are especially full of mercy.

The saints teach us that the world is changed beginning with the conversion of one's own heart, and that this happens through the mercy of God. And so, whether faced with my own sins or the great tragedies of the world, "my conscience would be distressed, but it would not be in turmoil, for I would recall the wounds of the Lord: 'he was wounded for our iniquities'. What sin is there so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ?"

Keeping our gaze on the wounds of the Risen Jesus, we can sing with the Church: "His love endures forever" eternal is his mercy. And with these words impressed on our hearts, let us go forth along the paths of history, led by the hand of our Lord and Saviour, our life and our hope.

*Pope Francis
Divine Mercy Sunday
2015*



The attack in Sri Lanka.

"The terrible news about the terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka reached me immediately prior to offering Easter Mass. While the victims were close to my heart in prayer, I was overcome with outrage at what was not only an assault on human dignity but a sacrilege against God.

In every age of the Church's life there is persecution and martyrs, and our time is no exception. But it seems to me that our own age has become exceptional in regards to the persecution of Christians. Fear of violence is the day to day reality for scores of Christians throughout the world. Justice and truth demand that the persecution of Christians be distinctly named and repudiated without equivocation, for it threatens not only the Church, but all people of good will. Violent attacks on religious believers, exercising their right in conscience to worship and to peacefully live a unique way of life, is an attack on civilization.

An assault against the human dignity of one group is an assault against the dignity of all humanity. A sacrilege against God is a sacrilege against all who in good conscience believe.

May the Lord Jesus receive all those whose lives were unjustly taken from them and may they take their place amongst the great martyrs of the Church."

Bishop Robert Barron

Ordinarate of Our Lady of Walsingham

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham,
Tuesday 30th April 2019
at 7.30pm

on

Fatherhood: pilgrimage for Dads

Dr. Giacomo Benedetto FRSA

a British Italian political scientist and holder of a Jean Monnet Chair at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Mass in the Ordinarate Use 7pm

A meal and refreshments will be served

*Travel - S Thomas Aquinas, Ham St, TW10 7HT
 Train to Richmond Station: District Line or South West trains from Waterloo. Then get bus - 3 to Ham St or 65 to Ham Gate Ave*

All are welcome.

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>Divine Mercy</i> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am	Bert Hudson Parishioners
Mon 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	1.05pm	Annabelle Gasatan ✕
Tues 30th <i>St George</i>	1.05pm	Nelson Soliman ✕ <i>9th anniv</i>
Wed 1st <i>(St Joseph the Worker)</i>	1.05pm	St Joseph's School
Thurs 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i>	1.05pm	Jude Gasatan ✕
Fri 3rd <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	1.05pm	Workers, unemployed & trafficked
Sat 4th <i>English Martyrs</i>	10.00am	Walsingham
Next Sunday <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Vi-Anne Gasatan ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 5:27-32.40-42 Apocalypse 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

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: £4,030.38 inc Standing Orders and Cashless Card payments
 £768.00 Easter Offering for the Clergy
 £175.00 Easter Flowers
 £222.39 Good Friday for the Holy Places

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 May. *The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity.* That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Ordinariate Weekly Intercession: Frs Thomas Mason, Graham Smith & Mgr Robert Mercer and the Chichester Group.

For your prayers:

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, Baby Reggie

Recently Departed:

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