



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 III IN RESURRECTIONE

5th May 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 we are witnesses to the resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives us courage to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. He is the lamb to whom all praise, honour, glory and power must be given for ever and ever. We will suffer opposition and misunderstanding because of our belief but Christ is always with us once we dare to follow him.



Sunday School at the 11.00am Mass is for Children of Primary School age, who are invited into the Long Room for a Liturgy of the Word. Follow the Cross at the *Gloria*.

Rosary each Sunday morning at 10.40am during Mary's month of May. If you don't know how to pray the Rosary, now's your chance.

Moving to and moving from the parish? To-ings and fro-ings are all part of city live. If you should move away or get the hump about something please let the clergy know - they worry!

Is the 11am too early? We have noticed that lots of people arrive after it has begun so wonder if we should make it a little later. Any ideas of solutions, gratefully received.

A Mass of Consecration will take place on Monday 1st July at 6.30pm. We are delighted that the Archbishop has agreed to come on the Feast of the Most Precious Blood.

The List is at long last available. It took a while to compile but is now on the website. Click on *Restoration* or type in the address: preciousblood.org.uk/restoration. It is hugely encouraging that many have already offered various things, so don't hang about if you want to take part!

FrC says thank you for all the kind *Easter Offering for the Clergy*. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Please keep him in your prayers, daily.

March for Life UK, this 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

A Bank holiday tomorrow, so there will be no public Mass at MPB

Theodore Willcox together with his family and friends is given a warm welcome today as he becomes a Catholic by Baptism. 12.30pm

Cleaners needed. Martha and Genet are looking for any to join their growing band. The dust continues to settle and the church will need a weekly wash and clean. No brooms or polish: only vacuum and wet-wash for the next fifteen years or so. For now, an hour a week. Many hands....

The Long Room is back in use, so preparation will start soon for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. A brief meeting after the 11am Mass next week for those interested. Candidates must be eight years of age. There's no upper limit.



In this month of May, Mary's month, here are just a few reasons why she should be the "queen" of your heart:

Many of the greatest saints devoted their hearts to Mary.

There countless saints who devoted themselves to the Blessed Mother, but here are just a few examples: St. Louis de Montfort wrote many books in honour of the Blessed Mother, including *True Devotion to Mary*, *The Secret of the Rosary*, and *The Secret of Mary*. He said, "The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them." St Therese of Lisieux, another doctor of the Church, said, "In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." St Padre Pio, a Franciscan priest and mystic, who also had the gift of the stigmata, said, "Let us bind ourselves tightly to the Sorrowful Heart of our Heavenly Mother and reflect on its boundless grief and how precious is our soul."

Jesus gave her to us as our mother

At the foot of the cross, Jesus put his mother into the hands of St John. "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." Jn 19:26-27 St John represents the entire human race; therefore, Mary is our spiritual mother as well.

She is the "Mediatrice of All Graces"

The Second Vatican Council said, "In suffering with Him as He died on the cross, she cooperated in the work of the Saviour, in an altogether singular way, by obedience, faith, hope, and burning love, to restore supernatural life to souls. As a result, she is our Mother in the order of grace." *LG, 61-62*). In his encyclical *Adiutricem*, Pope Leo XIII explained that the power "put into her hands is all but unlimited." In Pope Pius X's encyclical, *Ad*

Diem Illum Laetissimum, he said that Mary is the "Dispensatrix of all the gifts that Our Saviour purchased for us by His Death and by His Blood." He also quotes St. Bernardine of Sienna, saying that Mary "is the neck of Our Head, by which He communicates to His mystical body all spiritual gifts." How incredible are the graces we can receive from our most Holy and Blessed Mother!

She leads us to Jesus

When we are devoted to Mary, our love for Jesus increases because her greatest desire is to lead us to Him. St Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *True Devotion to Mary*: "All our perfection consists in being conformed, united, and consecrated to Jesus Christ; and therefore, the most perfect of all devotions is, without any doubt, that which the most perfectly conforms, unites, and consecrates us to Jesus Christ. Now, Mary being the most conformed of all creatures to Jesus Christ, it follows that, of all devotions, that which most consecrates and conforms the soul to our Lord is devotion to His holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more is it consecrated to Jesus."

She is our perfect pathway to holiness

As St. Louis de Montfort said above, "all our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ." Mary's ability to bring us closer to her Son draws us to greater holiness, because she was completely sinless. Pope Paul VI said in *Lumen Gentium*, "But while in the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she is without spot or wrinkle, the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues."

With all this said, there are many ways we can devote ourselves to the Blessed Mother. We can pray the Rosary, the Angelus, consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, or practice the Seven Sorrows Devotion or the Five First Saturdays devotion. The list goes on!

Why not make a resolution to begin one of these devotions in May? It will certainly change your life.



Consecration Mass

**Monday
1st July 2019
6.30pm**

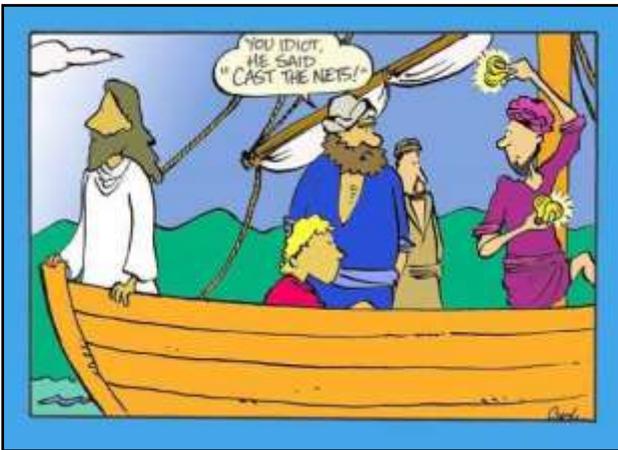
The Archbishop of Southwark

11.05.19
March for Life UK
CONCEPTION NO EXCEPTIONS!
Lifestyl 19 (REGISTRATION REQUIRED VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFO MARCHFORLIFE.CO.UK)
PRE-MARCH EVENT: 9.30-13.30
The March: 14.00
Starting point outside back of Westminster Church House
25 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BQ
(NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!)

Stand shoulder to shoulder with thousands to proclaim
LIFE IS FROM CONCEPTION and there are NO EXCEPTIONS!

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“ Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her “yes” she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us

Spe Salvi, BXVI ”

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
led by Bishop Paul Hendricks.
23-30 August 2019.
range of hotels are available,
travel by air or train
tangney-tours.com/CA

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Vi-Anne Gasatan ✕ Parishioners
Mon 6th <i>feria of Easter</i>		
Tues 7th <i>feria of Easter</i>	1.05pm	Charlie Joe Coggins ✕ <i>year's mind</i>
Wed 8th <i>feria of Easter</i>	1.05pm	Allen Gasatan ✕
Thurs 9th <i>feria of Easter</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Alison Gasatan ✕ Canonisation of Bl JHN
Fri 10th <i>feria of Easter</i>	1.05pm	Holy Souls ✕
Sat 11th <i>feria of Easter</i>		
Next Sunday <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Dorothy BG ✕ <i>d1981</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 13:14.43-52 Apocalypse 7:9.14-17 John 10:27-30

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: £1,296.34 inc Standing Orders and Cashless Card payments
£839.00 Easter Offering for the Clergy

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 Len Black, Stanley Bennie, Simon Beveridge & Cameron Macdonald and the Highland Gp, Edinburgh Gp & Stirling Gp.

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, David

Recently Departed: Barry Pape

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