



# 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



**XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 28th July 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 when we pray Christ tells that we are to call God our "Father". Through baptism we share with Christ in the sonship of God. We are to persist in our prayers to God and he will answer us just because he is our Father. We must ask until we receive and seek until we find.



**Sunday School** at the 11am Mass is for Children of Primary School age, who are on holiday now until the next term. Children are invited to sit near the front so they can see what's going on.

**The Mass of Consecration pictures** have now been uploaded to the parish website. [www.preciousblood.org.uk/consecration](http://www.preciousblood.org.uk/consecration)

**Blessed John Henry Newman's** Canonisation will be 13th October. More info for events and tickets in Rome and in the UK at [www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com)

**Archbishop John Wilson's** installation on Thursday was a wonderful and joyful occasion. It was mighty hot too! It's in YouTube. Please keep him in your prayers. Archbishop Peter Smith has moved to the seaside for a well earned retirement.

**July, month of devotion** to the Most Precious Blood. There are some devotional books at the back of Church:

**Summer is here.** How about some summer reading. FrC is always happy to suggest something to inform and enhance your Catholic Faith, There are some (women's) suggestions overleaf.

**Vacation or staycation** don't forget to go to Mass each Sunday. Give the priest our greetings from MPB, and tell him it's the Ordinariate parish - he will have heard of us - they usually have.

**Bless your holiday** accommodation when you arrive. There is a formula overleaf. Indeed, pray before you begin your journey asking God to bring you safety to your destination and home again.

**My, it's been hot this week!** Still dress appropriately in Church. No short shorts or plunging neck-lines (and that's just the men!)

**The Portiuncula Plenary Indulgence** can be gained on Friday this week, the Feast in Assisi of St Mary of the Angels, for those who visit a catholic church and pray the *Our Father* and the *Creed* (plus the usual conditions).

**Hospital.** If you have to go into Hospital, expected or not, you are required by law to expressly give permission for the Catholic Chaplin or Fr Christopher to visit. There are some forms at the back of Church.

**This newsletter** is available on-line and can be sent to your email. Register on the parish website.

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Constructed: 1892

Consecrated: 1st July 2019



### It's on your doorstep

Within walking distance of the Church of the Most Precious Blood are places that are central in the story of our country and our Catholic Faith.

Being based in this parish, you don't need to find out about history by just reading books or looking on the internet: it is right here on the doorstep and we can visit the places where great events happened, where people who made history were born, or studied, or wrote great books, or died heroically as martyrs.

The Thames is one of the most famous rivers in the world, and we are right alongside it. Living or working here means being a part of history every day. Summer is a great time for exploring.

When the weather is hot you don't want a long walk. But with some money in your pocket for a drink or ice-cream, with a map or some notes made from the internet, and with some comfortable shoes...you can start some exploring!

Try these walks:

#### Walk One

- ✘ Walk across London Bridge and keep going, down King William Street and past the church of St Mary Woolnoth.
- ✘ Turn right and head for the back of the Bank of England. You are looking for 60, Threadneedle Street. It is a big office block which doesn't seem very interesting.
- ✘ Look for the blue marble stone which notes that some one important was born in a house that stood near that spot, in 1801.
- ✘ Who was he?
- ✘ A clue: we have a picture of him in our church.

#### Walk Two

- ✘ Stay on our side of London Bridge. Walk down the slanting steps on the right-hand side of the bridge and keep going along the Queen Elizabeth Walk by the river. You are heading towards Tower Bridge.
- ✘ You will pass HMS Belfast – well worth a visit, a great warship from WWII. Keep going. Cross Tower Bridge and head for the Tower of London.
- ✘ Find out about St Edmund Campion, and St John Gerard, and other hero priests who suffered in the grim dungeons there. How did John Gerard escape?
- ✘ Find out his story.

#### Walk Three

- ✘ Stay on on our side of the bridge, and find St Olaf House.
- ✘ It is near the river, and not far from London Bridge station.
- ✘ Who was St Olaf and why is his picture on the wall of that building?
- ✘ Find out about the Battle of London Bridge, that was fought over 1,000 years ago.

#### Walk Four

- ✘ Crossing the river again via Tower Bridge, find the Memorial Gardens that are just across the road from the Tower of London.
- ✘ They are dedicated to the men of the Merchant Navy who died at sea bringing food to this country during two world wars.
- ✘ There are hundreds of names there: the men have no grave but the sea. We honour their memory each November.
- ✘ Now hunt for the small garden nearby, which has a little hedge around it and marks something different. It is the place where, long ago, men were executed.
- ✘ Look for the names of John Fisher and Thomas More. They died for the Catholic Faith under King Henry VIII.
- ✘ What were St Thomas More's last words?



**Bless your hotel room**, hostel, B&B, AirBnB, or wherever you stay this summer.

There are many people who will have stayed in your room before you and there may be many after. There will be lots of things gone on there, some good and some...well... not-so-good! Scripture says that 'whatever house you go into, let your first words be "Peace to this house"'.

When you arrive at your room, sprinkle the room with holy water (FrC has some or it's in the bucket by the sacristy) and after sprinkling the room, say a prayer, asking God to send his protection upon your room and bless the time you will be there. Pray for the conversion of those who have been previous guests, and pray for those who will come after you.

Additionally, you may wish to invoke the intercession of Saint Michael the Archangel or your guardian angel. With prayer and holy water, you will be protected and kept safe. Here are some prayers you might use:

*Almighty God, I ask you to send your angels to be with me in this place, and protect me. Forgive any wrong that has been done in this room, and grant those who offend you the grace of conversion. Dispel the powers of darkness and protect me this night, and those who will sleep here in the forthcoming nights. Jesus I trust in You!*

*Lord, we / I beg you to visit this house [room] and drive from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessings be upon us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Something to read at the beach or at the pool? Some ideas for Catholic Women**

**Historical fiction ... Helena** by Evelyn Waugh. A powerful and enjoyable story about a strong woman living in very interesting times.

**Thriller ...Odd Thomas** by Dean Koontz. Memorable characters and romantic relationships, action-packed, rich with Catholic symbolism, and fun and endearing

**Self-help/soul-help...The Reed of God** by Caryl Houselander's focuses on Mary, and reveals truths about womanhood, humanity, and ultimately, Jesus Christ.

**A good story ...The Island of the World** by Michael O'Brien is an amazing novel if very long beautiful, heartbreaking, and ultimately triumphant book about suffering, war, love, faith, and life.

**WWII...All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr, a follow up or precursor to *The Island of the World*. *All the Light We Cannot See* is very good, but shorter.

**A good story, but more gently ...Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson. Her writing is lovely, and her books are gentle invitations to come deeper. This isn't necessarily a light read, but it's a wonderful meandering story about family and faith to savour during several long summer evenings.

**Classic... In This House of Brede** by Rumer Godden is a novel that explores religious life in a Benedictine community of women. It reveals the beauty and reality of this way of life, but in a page-turning, fascinating story of the women who are part of the community. It's hard to put down, and a one-of-a-kind work in its topic and approach.



## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Mary O’Gorman ✕ Parishioners
Mon 29th <i>St Martha</i>	1.05pm	Members of FOSS ✕
Tues 30th ( <i>St Peter Chrysologus</i> )	1.05pm	Mandy Howard ✕ <i>recently</i>
Wed 31st <i>St Ignatius</i>	1.05pm	Holy Souls ✕
Thurs 1st <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>		
Fri 2nd ( <i>St Eusebius</i> )		
Sat 3rd <i>feria</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Hermon Spencer <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

**Next Week’s Readings** Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23 Col 3:1-5.9-11 Luke 12:13-21

**Sacrament of Confession.** Sunday 10.30-10.50; Mon-Fri 12.30-12.55 (except August)

**Evensong each Thursday** 18.00 during term time.

**Last week:** £1,457.43 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 August. Families, Schools of Human Growth**

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

**Ordinariate Weekly Intercession:** Frs John Pitchford and Richard Smith & the Worcester and Hereford Group.

**For your prayers:**

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

*The Sick & Housebound:* David, Dora, Paula, Holly, Mary, Ada, Fr John, Wilma, Ryan, Baby Reggie

*Recently Departed:*

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