



# 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*



**XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 4th August 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 there is more to life than wealth and riches. We tend to look for material security in this world until it becomes an obsession with us.

Yet we cannot take our riches with us when we die. We need to live the life of grace as people who have died to the things of this world in order to live for the spiritual riches of a life given to Christ. In this we will get our priorities right and our lives will be full of true happiness and meaning.



**Sunday School** usually at the 11am Mass is for Children of Primary School age, but is 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**  
[www.preciousblood.org.uk/consecration](http://www.preciousblood.org.uk/consecration)

**Blessed John Henry Newman's** Canonisation will be 13th October. More info  
[www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com)

**Vacation or staycation** don't forget to go to Mass each Sunday. Give the priest our greetings from MPB; tell him it's the Ordinariate parish at London Bridge.

**Welcome to MPB** if you are visiting London or friends for the holidays. Please take our love and prayers to your parish at home.

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

**A Summer Read.** There were some suggestions on last week's newsletter (available on the website, under *News*). Or do a google for 'Catholic Summer Reading 2019'

**For your prayers**, on the back of this sheet are things, err....for your prayers! Take this sheet home and use it each day when you pray your intercessions.

**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.

**Jam jars:** our parish jam-maker is asking for any spare jam jars as she is busy making blackberry jam to sell for parish funds! Please deposit any jars in the kitchen: they'll be collected and used!

**The Angelus Bell** is a good one to set on your smartphone, especially as many handsets have a *Church Bell* ring-tone! Set it for midday and thank God for sending Jesus.

**Founded: 1891**      **Constructed: 1892**  
**Consecrated: 1st July 2019**

## **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,**

also known as St Edith Stein, converted from Judaism to Catholicism in the course of her work as a philosopher, and later entered the Carmelite Order. She died in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in 1942.

Edith Stein was born on 12th October 1891 – a date that coincided with her family's celebration of Yom Kippur, the Jewish "day of atonement." Edith's father died when she was just two years old, and she gave up the practice of her Jewish faith as an adolescent.

As a young woman with profound intellectual gifts, Edith gravitated toward the study of philosophy and became a pupil of the renowned professor Edmund Husserl in 1913. Through her studies, the non-religious Edith met several Christians whose intellectual and spiritual lives she admired.

After earning her degree with the highest honors from Gottingen University in 1915, she served as a nurse in an Austrian field hospital during World War I. She returned to academic work in 1916, earning her doctorate after writing a highly-regarded thesis on the phenomenon of empathy. She remained interested in the idea of religious commitment, but had not yet made such a commitment herself.

In 1921, while visiting friends, Edith spent an entire night reading the autobiography of the 16th century Carmelite nun St. Teresa of Avila. "When I had finished the book," she later recalled, "I said to myself: This is the truth." She was baptized into the Catholic Church on the first day of January, 1922.

Edith intended to join the Carmelites immediately after her conversion, but would ultimately have to wait another 11 years before taking this step. Instead, she taught at a Dominican school, and gave numerous public lectures on women's issues. She spent 1931 writing a study of St Thomas Aquinas, and took a university teaching position in 1932.

In 1933, the rise of Nazism, combined with Edith's Jewish ethnicity, put an end to her teaching career. After a painful parting with her



mother, who did not understand her Christian conversion, she entered a Carmelite convent in 1934, taking the name "Teresa Benedicta of the Cross" as a symbol of her acceptance of suffering.

"I felt," she wrote, "that those who understood the Cross of Christ should take upon themselves on everybody's behalf." She saw it as her vocation "to intercede with God for everyone," but she prayed especially for the Jews of Germany whose tragic fate was becoming clear.

"I ask the Lord to accept my life and my death," she wrote in 1939, "so that the Lord will be accepted by his people and that his kingdom may come in glory, for the salvation of Germany and the peace of the world."

After completing her final work, a study of St. John of the Cross entitled "The Science of the Cross," Teresa Benedicta was arrested along with her sister Rosa (who had also become a Catholic), and the members of her religious community, on 7th August 1942. The arrests came in retaliation against a protest letter by the Dutch Bishops, decrying the Nazi treatment of Jews.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross died in the concentration camp at Auschwitz on 9th August 1942. Pope St John Paul II canonised her in 1998, and proclaimed her a co-patroness of Europe the next year.

Her feast day is on Friday this week.

## What Catholics Believe

Which of these is true for Catholics?

- ✘ Catholics worship Mary
- ✘ Catholicism is not Christianity
- ✘ The Ordinariate is a half-way-house
- ✘ Do what you like and then go to Confession
- ✘ Catholics don't accept all the Bible
- ✘ The Pope is infallible so cannot say anything wrong
- ✘ What goes on at Mass is like magic, because the bread magics into flesh
- ✘ Once married, a Catholic cannot marry again
- ✘ Cradle catholic are born Catholics
- ✘ Every Catholic goes to Heaven
- ✘ Celibacy caused the abuse crisis
- ✘ Unless you hear the Gospel at Mass you can't receive Holy Communion
- ✘ Abortion is ok in some situations
- ✘ Catholics oppose science
- ✘ Once a Catholic always a Catholic

Which is true? None of the above!



## A Blessing for a Hotel Room

Almighty God, I ask you to send your angels to be with me in this place, and protect me from all assaults of the Evil One. 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 which may be in this room and protect me this night, and those who will sleep here in the forthcoming nights. Jesus I trust in You!



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## Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✘ Feed the hungry
- ✘ Give drink to the thirsty
- ✘ Shelter the homeless
- ✘ Clothe the naked
- ✘ Care for the sick
- ✘ Visit the imprisoned
- ✘ Bury the dead

## Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ✘ To admonish the sinner
- ✘ To instruct the ignorant
- ✘ To counsel the doubtful
- ✘ To comfort the sorrowful
- ✘ To bear wrongs patiently
- ✘ To forgive all injuries
- ✘ To pray for the living and the dead

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <i><b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Hermon Spencer <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 5th <i>(St Mary Major)</i>		
Tues 6th <i><b>Transfiguration</b></i>		
Wed 7th <i>(Pope St Sixtus II et al)</i>		
Thurs 8th <i>St Dominic</i>		
Fri 9th <i><b>St Teresa Benedicta</b></i>		
Sat 10th <i><b>St Laurence</b></i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i><b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	The Spencer family <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Luke 12:32-48

**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:** £1,378.90 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:** Dcn James Patrick and Fr John Morey-Bunker & the Bath and Bristol 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, Geoffrey

*Recently Departed:* Peter Jackson

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