



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



XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th 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 we must stand ready. We have to be ready when the Lord comes to call us

to our heavenly home. A good life is the best preparation we can make. We will enter into a kingdom promised to us by our heavenly Father who through his kindness and generosity has chosen us as his own.



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
www.preciousblood.org.uk/consecration

Blessed John Henry Newman's Canonisation will be 13th October. More info
www.newmancanonisation.com

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. get a pic, or maybe a selfie of the Church where you go to Mass, and link it to the parish Facebook or Twitter.

The Solemnity of Assumption of Our Lady is on Thursday this week, it is a Holy day of Obligation ie when all Catholics would want to come to Mass. 1.05pm & 6.30pm

Can you hear at the back? Everyone should be able to hear everywhere, but the Sound System has been messing about of late. It covers the whole Church including the Gallery, Sacristy and Long Room. Any problems let FrC know.

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

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.

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!

Set your alarm. The Bishops suggested some time ago to set your smartphone to remind you at 3pm on a Friday to unite yourself with the Lord's Passion. Remember that the Lord died then, and pray the *Our Father*.

The weekday Mass has been suspended in August. Getting priests to cover is one thing, getting someone to open up and clear up, is quite another. And the best security we can have is lots of traffic. When we return after the summer holidays would you consider coming to church regularly, even erratically, to help keep church open as much as possible?

Founded: 1891

Constructed: 1892

Consecrated: 1st July 2019



The Glorious Assumption of Our Lady

Mary has left death behind her; she is totally clothed in life, she is taken up body and soul into God's glory and thus, placed in glory after overcoming death, she says to us: Take heart, it is love that wins in the end!

The message of my life was: I am the handmaid of God, my life has been a gift of myself to God and my neighbour. And this life of service now arrives in real life. May you too have trust and have the courage to live like this, countering all the threats of the dragon.

This is the first meaning of the woman whom Mary succeeded in being. The "woman clothed with the sun" is the great sign of the victory of love, of the victory of goodness, of the victory of God; a great sign of consolation.

Yet, this woman who suffered, who had to flee, who gave birth with cries of anguish, is also the Church, the pilgrim Church of all times. In all generations she has to give birth to Christ anew, to bring him very painfully into the world, with great suffering. Persecuted in all ages, it is almost as if, pursued by the dragon, she had gone to live in the wilderness.

However, in all ages, the Church, the People of God, also lives by the light of God and as the Gospel says is nourished by God, nourishing herself with the Bread of the Holy Eucharist. Thus, in all the trials in the various situations of the Church through the ages in different parts of the world, she wins through suffering. And

she is the presence, the guarantee of God's love against all the ideologies of hatred and selfishness.

We see of course that today too the dragon wants to devour God who made himself a Child. Do not fear for this seemingly frail God; the fight has already been won. Today too, this weak God is strong: he is true strength.

Thus, the Feast of the Assumption is an invitation to trust in God and also to imitate Mary in what she herself said: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; I put myself at the Lord's disposal.

This is the lesson: one should travel on one's own road; one should give life and not take it. And precisely in this way each one is on the journey of love which is the loss of self, but this losing of oneself is in fact the only way to truly find oneself, to find true life.

Let us look to Mary, taken up into Heaven. Let us be encouraged to celebrate the joyful feast with faith: God wins. Faith, which seems weak, is the true force of the world. Love is stronger than hate.

And let us say with Elizabeth: Blessed are you among women. Let us pray to you with all the Church: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Pope Benedict XVI
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish,
Castel Gandolfo 15 August 2007*



**KEEP
THE
FAITH**



On the list of Mass intentions, it sometimes says *foundation* after the person's name. Why is that? Each Mass can have an intention, which is the recipient of the Grace from that Mass. Grace is a free gift of God, so can not be bought! The money given is an offering to the priest for his food that day. A Foundation Mass is Mass with a particular intention which was requested over a period of time. They were often set up at the foundation of a Parish, hence *foundation*, and were set up in perpetuity (until the end of time). The maxim period now is 25 years. In practice that means that Holy Mass will be offered in this parish on the designated day for 25 years from the time it's set up. Most at MPB were set up when the Parish was founded in the 1890s, so there's room for more! There's a list in the Sacristy; Mass will be offered for them, until the Lord returns. See FrC to set one up.



"Have you sometimes heard the voice of the Lord which through a desire, a certain restlessness, invites you to follow Him more closely? Have you had any desire to be apostles of Jesus? "

POPE FRANCIS



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 11.00am	The Spencer family <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 12th (<i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>)		
Tues 13th (<i>Ss Pontian & Hippolytus</i>)		
Wed 14th <i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>		
Thurs 15th ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	1.05pm 6.30pm	
Fri 16th (<i>St Stephen of Hungry</i>)		
Sat 17th <i>feria</i>		
Next Sunday <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Spencer family ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

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: £1,438.90 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: Frs Bernard Sixtus, David Hathaway & David Prichard and the Cardiff 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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