



# 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*

**XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 18th 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 the path to heaven is like a race and we must keep our eyes on Jesus our leader. The saints too are praying for us that we will win. With so many cheering us on to the finish how can we loose?

We must never give up even when the going is hardest. We are bound to suffer for our faith just as Jeremiah the prophet did but the Lord will deliver us. Do not loose sight of Jesus.



**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](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.

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

**For your prayers**, on the back of this sheet are things for you to pray at your intercessions. Take the Newsletter home.

**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 weekday Mass** has been suspended in August. With so many people away and attendance erratic, getting committed personnel has been something of a challenge. So for security and peace of mind the Church is closed during the week. The best security is people visiting church regularly. When we return after the summer holidays would you consider coming to church regularly to pray, light a candle, pray the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament? It will help keep church open as much as possible

**This is a quiet time** of the year, sometimes called the silly season or the barmy season. Whichever, use the change in routine as an opportunity. Read a spiritual book, or learn the Rosary, or take *Magnificat*, or pray part of the *Office*.... Get the idea?

**The Lectors' Rota** has been renewed just recently. It normally runs for six months for those who read the readings or lead the Universal Prayer at Mass. Lector is a minor Order of the Church but may be delegated to lay people. Would you like to train to be a reader, admitted and read? See Lesley for more info.

**Founded: 1891**

**Constructed: 1892**

**Consecrated: 1st July 2019**



**St Bartholomew** is one of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned sixth in the three Gospel lists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14), and seventh in the list of Acts (1:13).

The name (Bartholomaios) means "son of Talmai" (or Tholmai) which was an ancient Hebrew name, borne, e.g. by the King of Gessur whose daughter was a wife of David (2 Samuel 3:3). It shows, at least, that Bartholomew was of Hebrew descent; it may have been his genuine proper name or simply added to distinguish him as the son of Talmai. Outside the instances referred to, no other mention of the name occurs in the New Testament.

Nothing further is known of him for certain. Many scholars, however, identify him with Nathaniel (John 1:45-51; 21:2). The reasons for this are that Bartholomew is not the proper name of the Apostle; that the name never occurs in St John's Gospel, while Nathaniel is not mentioned in the synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke); that Bartholomew's name is coupled with Philip's in the lists of Matthew and Luke, and found next to it in Mark, which agrees well with the fact shown by St. John that Philip was an old friend of Nathaniel's and brought him to

Jesus; that the call of Nathaniel, mentioned with the call of several Apostles, seems to mark him for the apostolate, especially since the rather full and beautiful narrative leads one to expect some important development; that Nathaniel was of Galilee where Jesus found most, if not all, of the Twelve; finally, that on the occasion of the appearance of the risen Saviour on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias, Nathaniel is found present, together with several Apostles who are named and two unnamed Disciples who were, almost certainly, likewise Apostles and so, presumably, was one of the Twelve. This chain of circumstantial evidence is ingenious and pretty strong; the weak link is that, after all, Nathaniel may have been another personage in whom, for some reason, the author of St John's Gospel may have been particularly interested, as he was in Nicodemus, who is likewise not named in the synoptics.

No mention of St Bartholomew occurs in ecclesiastical literature before Eusebius, who mentions that Pantaenus, the master of Origen, while evangelizing India, was told that the Apostle had preached there before him and had given to his converts the Gospel of St. Matthew written in Hebrew, which was still treasured by the Church. "India" was a name covering a very wide area, including even Arabia Felix. Other traditions represent St Bartholomew as preaching in Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt, Armenia, Lycia, Phrygia, and on the shores of the Black Sea; one legend, it is interesting to note, identifies him with Nathaniel.

The manner of his death, said to have occurred at Albanopolis in Armenia, is equally uncertain; according to some, he was beheaded, according to others, flayed alive and crucified, head downward, by order of Astyages, for having converted his brother, Polymius, King of Armenia. On account of this latter legend, he is often represented in art (e.g. in Michelangelo's Last Judgment) as flayed and holding in his hand his own skin. His relics are thought by some to be preserved in the church of St Bartholomew-in-the-Island, at Rome.

His feast is on Saturday this week.



### Catholic Films to watch

Okay, so some people aren't readers but prefer listing or watching, so here are some films you should watch. All have a Catholic flavour so will encourage us in the Faith.

- ✘ Shadowlands
- ✘ Nacho Libre
- ✘ Molokai: The Story of Father Damien
- ✘ For Greater Glory
- ✘ Unplanned
- ✘ Silence
- ✘ Romero
- ✘ Doubt
- ✘ The Song of Bernadette
- ✘ There Be Dragons
- ✘ The Scarlet and the Black
- ✘ A Man For All Seasons

You can get most on Netflix or for free on YouTube. It's also worth looking on Amazon where you can get some DVDs in the 'used' section for £1.00

**Archbishop John Wilson** has been Archbishop for almost a month now. Please keep him in your prayers, most especially during these early days of his care for the Church in Southwark. God has equipped him with many skills, but he will still need your prayers.

**MARY'S GREATNESS CONSISTS IN THE FACT THAT SHE WANTS TO MAGNIFY GOD, NOT HERSELF.**

Pope Benedict XVI  
from the book: *An Introduction to Fatima*

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**Fish on Fridays.** Don't forget that Catholics should not eat meat on Fridays. We are invited to unite ourselves with the Lord on the day he died, and with each other in a common act.



**DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER**  
*Invoking the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham*

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL**  
SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019  
9.30 AM – 4.30 PM

Led by Bishop John Keenan (Diocese of Paisley), Fr Dominic Allan ("From Grief to Grace"), Fr Derek Hyett and others.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT: [WESTMIN@WALSINGHAM.COM](mailto:WESTMIN@WALSINGHAM.COM)

*"Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt." -Ezekiel 36:11*

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Spencer family ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 19th <i>(St John Eudes)</i>		
Tues 20th <i>St Bernard</i>		
Wed 21st <i>Pope St Pius X</i>		
Thurs 22nd <i>OL, Queen &amp; Mother</i>		
Fri 23rd <i>(St Rose of Lima)</i>		
Sat 24th <i>St Bartholomew</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Ann Harrington ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13 Luke 13:22-30

**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:** £ 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 Brian Gill and the Presteigne 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, Gregory Moore *priest*

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