



# 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

**XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 25th 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 not think of ourselves as better than others just because we are Christians. In fact many people of other faiths from the East and from the West will find their way into God's kingdom before us. We must set ourselves high standards and try our best to enter the kingdom by the narrow door. **The last shall be first.**



**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.

**Fr Gregory Moore**, you may have heard, died on 13th Aug. His Funeral will be at St George's Cathedral 12.30pm on 12th Sept with a vigil at St Wilfrid's, Kennington at 7pm on 11th.Sept. *Requiescat in pace*

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

**The Pope** has declared October this year a month of Mission. Watch this space for further info...

**The August Bank Holiday** tomorrow always seems to signal the end of the summer. But there's a few more days yet and still the chance to get into new habits, like praying the Angelus each day; making a morning offering; Grace before meals; not eating meat on Fridays; examination of conscience at the end of each day. Little routine things which can make a huge difference and help us grow in Grace and Holiness.

**Exam results** were out last week and A-levels the previous week. Many congratulations to those who got what they wanted/needed. Remember, even though you might not pass, you can never fail!

**Summer hols?** Whether it's a vacation or staycation, did you get a pic, or maybe a selfie of the Church where you went to Mass?

**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.

**Those at Secondary School**, either returning or joining, FrC has an idea. See Blanche or him today.

**Life**, the prolife charity is seeks to employ someone to help grow the life-saving work with vulnerable mothers, help volunteer fundraisers, manage local events, and develop relationships with community groups within the Diocese. Competitive salary for a full or part-time position. Contact [jobs@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:jobs@lifecharity.org.uk) for more details.

**Founded: 1891**

**Constructed: 1892**

**Consecrated: 1st July 2019**

## Catholic Beer

Who doesn't enjoy a nice cool refreshing beer on a hot summer's day? But beer's origin wasn't solely for recreational purposes but a means of survival. Water was often contaminated and extremely difficult to keep safe to drink for the average citizen. Beer on the other hand rendered it safe to drink and with it having low alcoholic content was intended for the whole family. Being such a core component of the family life, and contrary to modern perceptions, brewing was largely a task completed by women. In fact, a woman could be considered unfit for marriage if she could not brew her family beer.

Beer was crucial to humanity's survival and flourish very early on, which is why it shouldn't surprise anyone to learn how many of the greatest Catholics in Church history were huge fans of the stuff. In addition to a beer blessing, there's even been a few miracles attributed to a few beer loving saints (in addition to the small miracle that is beer itself). A notable lover of beer was St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (aka Santa Claus). As a wealthy and generous man, He had quite the friendly and loving reputation. Today, a special beer is brewed only one day every year on 6th December, his feast day, in his honour.

*Samichlaus Bier* is aged for 10 months and sold after the following year's feast day. *Samichlaus Bier* was at one time known as the world's strongest beer. *Samichlaus* actually means Santa Claus. So Santa Claus inspired the world's strongest beer! There are several more notable saints associated with beer such as, St Aquinas, St Wenceslas, St Brigid, and St Arnulf of Metz (who performed beer related miracles after death).

If one simply looks at history, it becomes clear that Catholics have a long history with brewing. And that history continues to this day! The association between Catholic monks and brewing is legendary! The beers these holy men brew tend to be richer and stronger than everyday beers you can find in the corner store. Tradition tells that these rich, heavier beers were brewed to sustain the monks in times of shortages and through their Lenten fasts. Of all the brewing monks, none are more famous than the brewing Trappist Monks. "Trappist" refers to monks of the Order of Reformed Cistercians. There are about



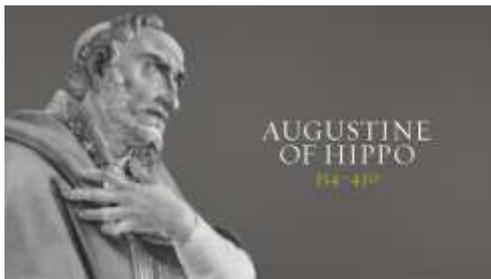
170 Trappist monasteries in the world. Following the rules of the order concerning manual labour, a few of the monasteries produce beer as a way of fulfilling this rule and supporting the needs of their community. It is definitely a labour of love, love of the Creator and love of the labour FOR the Creator. The monks brew a wide variety of beer which are heavily sought after all over the world by those who know what good beer is! Several hold the variety of Trappist beers as some of the best in the entire world! This, along with the proceeds going to support their religious order, make it easy to endure the usually hefty price tag for a bottle whenever one comes across them.

So if beer is endorsed by Holy Mother Church, you can get drunk and everything will be fine right? Absolutely not! To look into this rich history for approval to over indulge, is to warp and distort reality. After all, over indulgence is not the Catholic way.

We give thanks to God for his abundant gifts, including beer, by rejoicing in them with good friends and family, not with abusing them. So go and give thanks to God for our rich history. Thanks to God for being able to rejoice in his gifts responsibly as those of the great laity, such as G. K. Chesterton, to the great saints of the Church.

*"We should thank God for beer and burgundy by not drinking too much of them."*

**Do you keep the Eucharistic Fast?** It's not so much about *having* to, but being in disposition of *wanting* to. "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion." *Canon 919* This reflects an ancient tradition rooted in Judaism. Before the Second Vatican Council, the fast (not eating or drinking anything) started from midnight; now it's just an hour. In other words, you should eat and drink nothing one hour before receiving Holy Communion.



**Have you written a Will?**

The Sunday Mass Readings have recently been full of things about wills

and inheritance. Your Will is important, and so's your Testament. Make a statement in your will about your faith in Jesus Christ. Once granted probate, it becomes law! And don't forget to leave something to MPB. You don't have to wait until you're dead!

*An invitation to Building a better Marriage*



A day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married.



**Saturday, 28th SEPT 2019**

St Columba's Church Hall,  
57 Queenshill Road,  
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Parking available  
9.45am-10.4.30pm

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Marriage & Family Life Team RC Archdiocese of Southwark

An Introduction to  
**Canon Law**



**Saturdays 21 September and 5 October 2019  
(10.30am to 4pm)**

at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road,  
SW17 8BS - [www.cctootingbec.org.uk](http://www.cctootingbec.org.uk)

Course fee: £25

The CCT is pleased to offer An Introduction to Canon Law! This course. Participants will explore the Church's law and its relationship with Scripture, Tradition and the Church's teaching over two Saturdays. If you want to find out more or wish to register please contact [ccformation.org.uk](mailto:ccformation.org.uk) or telephone 020 8672 7683.

The introductory course also fulfils the requirements for a suitable module in the Catholic Curriculum for Religious Studies at an appropriate to successfully complete and the full OCR is available for £10 in total.

Image courtesy of St Michael



## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Ann Harrington ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 26th ( <i>Bl Dominic Barberi</i> )		
Tues 27th <i>St Monica</i>		
Wed 28th <i>St Augustine</i>		
Thurs 29th <i>Passion of St John</i>		
Fri 30th ( <i>St Margaret Clitherow et al</i> )		
Sat 31st ( <i>St Aidan</i> )		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Gregory Moore ✕ <i>priest</i> recently Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Eccls 3:17-20,28-29 Heb 12:18-19,22-24 Luke 14:1,7-14

**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 Darryl Jordan and the Bournemouth 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, Fr John

*Recently Departed:* Peter Jackson, Gregory Moore *priest*, Winnie Ryan

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