



# 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



**XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 8th September 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 God created us free. Nothing must come between him and us. Yet we sometimes have an inordinate affection for worldly possessions. Through the correct use of freedom we are given the privilege of being children of God and escape remaining slaves of the world.



**Sunday School** at the 11am Mass is for Children of Primary School age, who are invited in to a *Liturgy of the Word*. Follow the Cross.

**Sunday School helpers** - interested? See FrC or Maureen. Training available.

**Fr Gregory Moore's** Funeral Mass is on Thursday this week 12.30pm at St George's Cathedral; a vigil Mass at St Wilfrid's, 7pm on 11th. *RIP*

**Blessed John Henry Newman's** Canonisation will be 13th October.

**Today is Education Sunday.** There is a collection for *Catholic Education Service*.

**Home Mission Sunday** is next week, with a collection.

**Aminata**, together with her family and friends is extended a warm welcome today as she becomes a Catholic, by Baptism; she also becomes a member of the Ordinariate!

**Daily Mass** is back to normal, and already well attended! Will you?

**A Sacristan** is needed for weekday Mass, especially Mondays. Any volunteers?

**An Open Church** is our best security, so the Insurance Company says. But it needs lots of visitors. Make a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament, it help you more than you think.

**The Choir is back today.** We've missed them! Practice on Thursday. See Mr Smith if you are interest in joining the junior choir.

**Evensong and Mass** on Thursdays resumes this week, 6pm and 6.30pm

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Friday this week, after Mass till 3pm. We could try a longer period, but it will require more people present, both for Adoration and security. Interested? *O come let us adore him*.

**The Pilgrim**, the diocesan newspaper is at the back. Help yourself.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** is not far away (20th Sept). Start collecting any non-perishable foodstuff (see overleaf) for the Mana Centre, and sort out some clothes you no longer wear.

**Home-made jam!** Blackberry, rosehip, plum, apple - delicious home-made jam will be on sale this Sunday after Mass in aid of parish funds. All fresh ingredients, no chemicals, no colouring - and full of energy and goodness!

**Founded: 1891**

**Constructed: 1892**

**Consecrated: 1st July 2019**

## Smells and Bells.

It's quite unusual for a Catholic Church in England to have tower bells. Here at MPB, we have two. They were cast and installed in the 1980s in memory of Fr Michael Carey a priest who formerly at MPB.



After the Reformation when it was no longer illegal to be Catholic, and with the setting up of the Catholic Hierarchy in England, the Church set about its restoration. Whilst Catholic Churches were permitted to be built, they could not evangelise. This meant Catholic Churches were not allowed to have tower-bells. The architect of MPB, FA Walters, was astute enough in the 1890s to design a building with bell-cotes, but without bells. Once the law changed, they were added!

Bells draw our attention and are a reminder and call to something important. The tower-bells at MPB ring the Angelus three times-a-day (a reminder to thank God for Jesus) ; five minutes before Mass (to come and worship, (and not be late: the last minute is silent)); and at 3pm each Friday (for the Divine Mercy). They ring at other times too, such as a tolling bell at funerals, for New Year's Eve, and the election of a Pope!

They also ring as the *Sacrum Bell* – at the Elevation of the Host and Chalice as a reminder to all outside to Adore the Lord Jesus made present under the forms of Bread and Wine.

There are bells inside Church too. The Sacristy Bell and the Sanctus Bell.

The Sacristy Bell rings to tell the faithful who are gathered that the priest is on his way to the Altar to celebrate Holy Mass. It's an invitation to stand. We don't stand to sing the Hymn (that's protestant!). So for example, the organist might be keen and start the Entrance Hymn early or before the priest leaves the

Sacristy. You can remain comfortable until the bell rings, and then stand.

The *Sanctus Bell* (pictured left) is the one we hear most. Again, it's drawing your attention, should your mind wonder, and as an indication what to do. If the Mass is in a foreign language, or Latin, or you can't see or there's no Public Address System, it's still possible to know what going on.

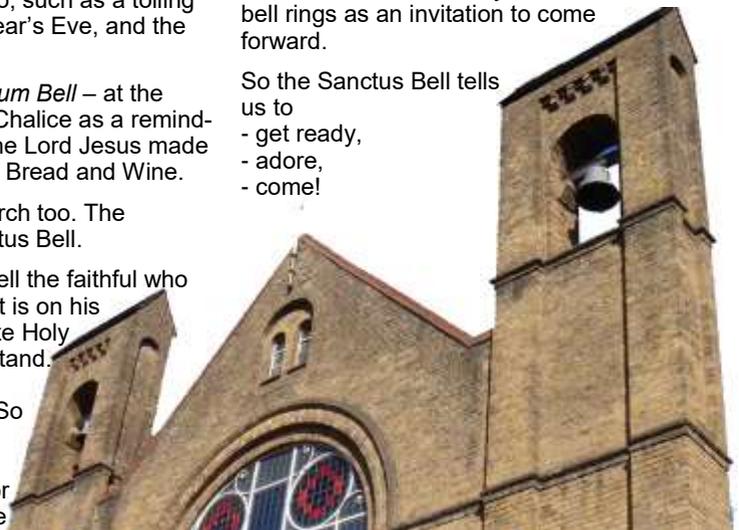
During the Eucharistic Prayer the priest invokes the Holy Spirit on the bread and wine, saying "Send down your Spirit O Lord..." extending his hands – the *epiclesis* – the bell rings as an indication that the most important part of the Mass is next, and we should kneel. Once the priest has said the words of Jesus "This is my body...." The bread is no longer just bread but Jesus Christ. He raises It to show Him to the faithful, so we can then adore Him. The bell rings three times and invites you to look, to praise, to worship, to adore Him. And the same with the Chalice.

For those outside, the tower-bell rings as an invitation to adore Jesus made Present. In the city people keep their office window open; in the country, they can hear in the fields.

And finally, when the priest receives Holy Communion, the bell rings as an invitation that those who are able should also receive Jesus in the form of Holy Communion. The bell rings as an invitation to come forward.

So the Sanctus Bell tells us to

- get ready,
- adore,
- come!



## MANNA DAY CENTRE

### Harvest Festival list 2019

Needs in order of priority

(Most important items in bold type)

#### FOOD

Sugar  
Powdered Milk  
Tomatoes (Tinned)  
Vegetables (Tinned)  
Pasta Sauces  
Breakfast cereals  
Rice  
Meat (Tinned)

#### Tinned Food

Fish  
Baked Beans  
Soup  
Hot Dogs  
Fruit  
Corned beef  
Chopped ham  
Luncheon meats  
Stewed steak

#### Non-Tinned Food

Curry Sauces  
Porridge oats  
Pasta  
Spaghetti  
Tomato sauce  
Jelly  
Cooking oil  
Biscuits

#### DRINKS

Coffee  
Dilutable drinks  
Tea

#### TOILETRIES

Soap  
Deodorants  
Shaving Foam  
Shampoo  
Disposable razors  
Toilet rolls  
Kitchen rolls

#### CLOTHING

(Men & Women's)

Trainers  
Jeans  
Underwear  
Shoes  
Socks

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Towels  
Sleeping bags

## CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

*Cities of London  
and Westminster*

**The City Tue 3rd Sept.** We'll explore the City, the river, and John Henry Newman's birthplace. Meet at The Monument

**Thomas More's Chelsea Fri, 6th Sept.** We will walk in the footsteps of St Thomas More, visiting the place where he lived, his statue, the church where he went to daily Mass. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, SW3

**Islington, Sat 7th Sept.** Discover this corner of London, its pre-Reformation Marian story, its 19th century links with Charles Dickens and a forgotten Australian heroine. Meet at St John's Church N1

**Westminster, Mon 23rd Sept.** We'll explore St James Park, Westminster and Whitehall: monks and mysteries and a leper hospital. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral.

**Chelsea, Tue, 24th & 27th Sept.** The story of heroic St Thomas More, as we walk around his Chelsea Estate. Meet at Holy Redeemer Church, SW3 5HS

*Wear sensible shoes; suggested donation of £5, all walks begin at 6.30pm*

[www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com)



## Anniversary

of the Return of the Carmelites to

## Aylesford Priory

Thursday 31st October 2019

Vigil of All Saints

12 noon Mass

Presided by Archbishop John Wilson



An invitation to  
*Building a  
better Marriage*

Saturday, 28th SEPT 2019

St Columba's Church Hall,  
57 Queenshill Road,  
South Croydon CR2 8DW

Parking available

9.45am-11.4.30pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Geoffrey Kirk Parishioners
Mon 9th ( <i>St Peter Claver</i> )	1.05pm	Baltazar Almeida ✕
Tues 10th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Baltazar Almeida ✕
Wed 11th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Baltazar Almeida ✕
Thurs 12th ( <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i> )	1.05pm 6.30pm	Baltazar Almeida ✕ Success of Bl JHN's celebrations
Fri 13th <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	1.05pm	Baltazar Almeida ✕
Sat 14th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	William O'Gorman ✕ Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Exodus 32.7-11.13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-31

**Sacrament of Confession.** Sunday 10.30-10.50; Mon-Fri 12.30-12.55

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

**Last week:** £1,492.89 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 Sept.** *The Protection of the Oceans*, That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**Ordinariate Weekly Intercession:** Fr Jonathan Creer and the Salisbury Group.

### For your prayers:

*Those in formation* for Ministry, 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, Holly

*Anniversaries:* 13th Christine Brooksby (2018)

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