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 of the prayer of the humble. The self-righteous person has a closed mind and heart. Like the Pharisee, he considers himself superior to others, whereas the humble man recognises that he is a sinner before God. It is his prayer which will be answered. When we recognise that we need help we will receive it because we know that the answer to prayer is due to God’s mercy and not to our own goodness.

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

Holy Water - do you take some home? There is a Holy Water bucket by the Sacristy. Put it in a stoup by your front door so you can make the sign of the Cross when you leave or return home: a reminder of your baptism.

Evensong and Benediction, in Advent this year, each Sunday at 4pm

Advanced notice. The church will be closed apart from Mass times 11th-30th November.

All Saints’ Day. 1st November is this week, and just to remind you, a day of obligation. Mass here at MPB 1.05pm with a Vigil Mass on Thursday at 6.30pm

All Souls Day is on Saturday this week. Mass at 10am. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed (plus the usual conditions).

November is the month of Holy Souls. If you wish to remember any loved ones who have died, write their names on the envelopes at the back, and put your offerings inside. They will go in the casket near the altar and be remembered at each Mass.

The band of cleaners at MPB do a quiet, faithful and important job. Could you commit to an hour or so once a month and join them? Many hands make light work. See Martha.

Rosary before the 11am during October, 10.40am each week, last time today.

Archbishop Michael Bowen’s Funeral Mass will be Monday 4th November at 12.30pm, at the Cathedral. Sweet Jesus, have mercy.

Registration. Thank you to those who registered last week and responded to the email which was sent on Thursday. If you haven’t, last chance today. (Check your junk!)

The Passage, annual fundraising concert is at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5 Nov. See poster or www.passage.org.uk

Cardinal Nichols will be coming to MPB on 9th Nov for a celebration of the 10th anniversary of Anglicanorum Coetibus. Mass 12noon.
Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The solemnity of All Saints, allows us to experience the joy of being part of the great family of God’s friends, or as St. Paul writes, “to share in the inheritance of the saints in light” (Colossians 1:12). The liturgy again presents the expression full of surprise of the Apostle John: “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).

Yes, to be saints means to realise fully what we already are insofar as raised in Christ Jesus to the dignity of adopted sons of God (cf. Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:14-17). With the incarnation of the Son, his death and resurrection, God willed to reconcile with himself the whole of humanity and allow it to share in his own life. He who believes in Christ the Son of God is reborn “from above,” is again as though begotten by the work of the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:1-8). This mystery is acted in the sacrament of baptism, through which Mother Church gives birth to “saints.”

The new life, received in baptism, is not subjected to corruption nor to the power of death. For one who lives in Christ, death is the passage of the earthly pilgrimage to the heavenly homeland, where the Father welcomes all his children, “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues,” as we read in the Book of Revelation (7:9).

For this reason, it is very significant and appropriate that, after the feast of All Saints, the liturgy makes us celebrate tomorrow the commemoration of all the deceased faithful. The “communion of saints,” which we profess in the creed, is a reality that is constituted here, but which will be fully manifested when we see God “as he is” (1 John 3:2).

It is the reality of a family united by profound bonds of spiritual solidarity, which unites the faithful deceased with those on pilgrimage in the world. A mysterious bond, but real, nourished by prayer and participation in the sacrament of the Eucharist. In the Mystical Body of Christ, the souls of the faithful meet, surmounting the barrier of death, pray for one another, [and] realise in charity a profound exchange of gifts. With this dimension of faith is also understood the practice of offering prayers for the repose of the deceased, in a special way the Eucharistic sacrifice, memorial of the Pasch of Christ, who has opened to believers the entrance to eternal life.

Uniting myself spiritually with those who are going to cemeteries to pray for their dead, I will also recollect myself in prayer tomorrow afternoon in the Vatican Grottoes before the tombs of the Popes, which crown the sepulchre of the Apostle Peter, and I will remember in particular our beloved John Paul II.

Dear friends, may the traditional visit of these days to the tombs of our dead be an opportunity to think without fear about the mystery of death and cultivate that incessant vigilance that prepares us to face it with serenity. May we be helped by the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Saints, whom we now address with filial confidence.

Pope Benedict XVI
St Peter’s Square, 2005
The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham
A series of open meetings to discuss aspects of the Catholic Church
at
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham,
Tuesday 29th October 2019
at 7.30pm

On
Jean Vanier and the L’Arche Community

Lucy Winter
Lucy is a member of the L’Arche Community.
Mass in the Ordinariate Use, 7.00pm

A meal and refreshments will be served

Travel - St. Thomas Aquinas, Ham Street, TW10 7HT
Train to Richmond Station: District Line or South West trains from Waterloo. Then get bus - 371 to Ham Street or 65 to Ham Gate Ave

All are welcome.
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Archbishop Michael Bowen’s Funeral arrangements

Sun 3rd November
17.00- Reception into Cathedral
18.00 - Requiem Mass:
   Abp Kevin McDonald presides
20.00 - Vigil Service,

Mon 4 November
07.00 - Cathedral opens
07.30 - Mass
12.30 - Funeral Mass:
   Abp John Wilson presides

Lord have mercy
This Week: Mass & intentions

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Sacrament of Confession  Sunday 10.30-10.50; Mon-Fri 12.30-12.55
Evensong each Thursday  18.00 during term time.

Last week: £1,455.32 inc Standing Orders and Cashless Card payments £97.86 Missio (second collection)

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 November. Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East, That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Ordinariate Weekly Intercession: The Financial Council

For your prayers:
Those in formation for Ministry, Br Philip novOP (Jeff Gerlomes)
The Sick & Housebound: David, Dora, Paula, Holly, Mary, Ada, Fr John, Ryan, Baby Reggie, Geoffrey,
Recently Departed: Wilma Lambert, Michael Bowen bishop

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