



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*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st December 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 during Advent we are to make ourselves ready for the birth of Christ. We prepare ourselves as the new homes into which he will come. The long hours of waiting are nearly over, we are to wake from our sleep and prepare, because the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we will walk in the light of the Lord. **Be prepared!**



Sunday School at the 11am Mass is for Children of Primary School age, follow the cross for a *Liturgy of the Word*.

Evensong and Benediction, in Advent each Sunday at 4pm

Accommodation sought by Catholic professional, 35, working in Westminster. Can supply excellent references. See FrC

Holy Father's Intentions are listed on the newssheet each month. The Holy Father asks us to unite ourselves with him in prayer and we do this when seeking an Indulgence or praying the introductory prayers of the Rosary or in daily intercession. This month *'The Future of the very young.'*

Advent begins today. A time of getting ready: a preparation for the incarnation at Christmas. Even though the shops, the TV are already full of Christmas, be patient.

London Bridge was the scene of another attack last week. Such events remind us that the Good News of Jesus is more urgent than ever. Pray for those affected.

The Year of Matthew begins today. The readings at Sunday Mass are in a three year cycle. Today begins year A.

Purple is now the liturgical colour. The tabernacle, you might notice, remains white: Jesus is always present in his abiding presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Visit him often.

Bible Alive! for Advent is at the back: a brief commentary on the daily Mass readings. Or take a look at the CTS stand. Maybe take up some spiritual reading for Advent.

A Christmas Party for Senior Citizens is being offered by St Michael's Catholic College on Wednesday 18th December 4.30-7.30pm. Drinks, Christmas Dinner and entertainment. See FrC for a ticket.

The Walsingham Association monthly Mass is this Saturday 10am. Didn't come last time? Come this.

A Foundation Mass can be set up for loved ones. Mass is offered on a particular date for the next 25 years. The recommended offering is £300. See FrC for more info.

The Portal, the monthly magazine for the Ordinariate is available at the back. There are some articles about things here at MPB

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'The Lord Jesus said: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."' (John 10:10)

This general election is profoundly important to the United Kingdom. Catholics cannot simply 'watch from the balcony'. Conscious of the common good of every person and our society as a whole, we ask everyone to engage with the election and vote.

Honest political activity depends upon integrity. We urge all in public life to recognise that telling the truth, not making vindictive and abusive comments or unattainable promises, are essential.

The question of the UK's place in Europe continues to dominate political discourse. In whatever way our future relationship with our closest neighbours develops, Britain must be committed to a positive engagement as a key international partner in promoting peace, security and responsible stewardship of the planet. As Pope Francis reminds us, 'good politics is at the service of peace'.

Citizens have a duty to emphasise and help shape a politics rooted in the service of human rights and peace. The test of any policy should be its impact upon human dignity, particularly for the most disadvantaged in our society. In making judgments about how to vote, please consider carefully the following and ask your candidates how they would uphold:

- ✘ The needs of those who are frequently neglected or discarded by society such as people with disabilities, Travellers, older people, those who are homeless, those in prison and those trapped in modern slavery.
 - ✘ The process of integration of migrants and refugees who have made their homes here, challenging the global rise of xenophobia and racism that is so radically incompatible with our faith.
 - ✘ The rights of those in our own communities and overseas who 'can see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty', providing them with assistance and confronting the structural injustices that compound their suffering.
 - ✘ Care for our common home and tackle the climate emergency which threatens the future of our entire human family and is already having a profound impact upon the world's poorest people.
 - ✘ Freedom of religion and belief, ensuring that everyone has the right to exercise their conscience and practise their creed freely without fear.
 - ✘ The cherishing of marriage, recognising the essential place of the family in the service of life and of society
 - ✘ The right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their faith and support the work of Catholic schools in their contribution to society and their promotion of the common good.
- Jesus tells us 'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' Informed by the work of our parishes, schools and charities, we should all approach this election as an opportunity to promote life, dignity and human flourishing for all.
- We call on all Catholics to pray for the well-being of our society. May the Holy Spirit guide our choice as we seek together, and for all, 'life to the full.'

*Bishops of England & Wales
November 2019*



An Advent Prayer:

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

We now accept cash-less donations at Most Precious Blood.

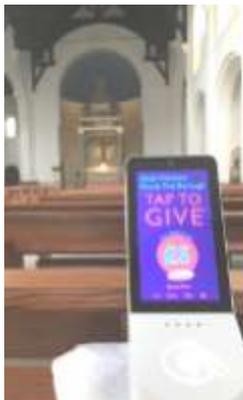
The best way is by setting up a Standing Order (forms are at the back). And we have three machines to receive cash-less donations.

✘ **A manned system** on occasions such as 11am Mass on Sundays and holydays

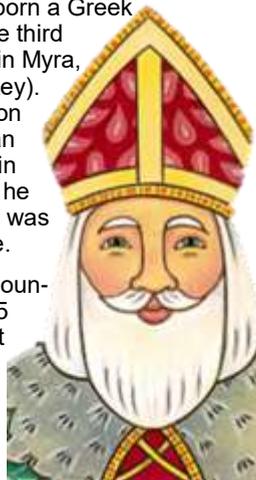
✘ **An electronic plate** for the 8.30 Mass on Sundays

✘ **A pay-station** for mid-week.

Each has a default value of £5 to tap-and-pay. And this can be adjusted up to £30 or down to £3. The manned system can take any amount.



St Nicholas was born a Greek in Asia Minor in the third Century. He lived in Myra, (now modern Turkey). He was the only son of wealthy Christian Parents who died in an epidemic while he was still young, so was raised by his uncle.



He attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 defending the right Christian position of the divinity of Jesus so one of the bishops who formulated and signed the Nicene Creed we say every Sunday and Holy Day. ...*consustantial with the Father...and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary....*

One of the earliest stories of St Nicholas was that he heard of a man who could not afford the dowries for his three daughters, meaning they would end up in prostitution. Secretly, at night, St Nicholas threw owing three bags of gold through their window. So the giver of gifts at Christmas is Saint Nicholas, aka Santa Claus aka Santa.

He is patron of children, sailors, fishermen, pharmacists, archers and pawnbrokers, to name but a few!

His feast day is Friday this week.

“Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us.

Pope Benedict XVI”

Dates for Christmas

- Decorating with crib & tress
- Sunday 15th 12.30pm-2pm
- Christmas Eve
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day
- 11.00am Holy Mass

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Deceased parishioners ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 2nd <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Deceased clergy ✕ <i>foundation</i>
Tues 3rd <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	1.05pm	E McDowall ✕ <i>d.2012</i>
Wed 4th <i>(St John of Damascus)</i>	1.05pm	Sr Chris Rose MC ✕ <i>d.2017</i>
Thurs 5th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	St Joseph's Primary School Archbishop Wilson
Fri 6th <i>(St Nicholas)</i>	1.05pm	Our home communicants
Sat 7th <i>St Ambrose</i>	10.00am	Margaret Banister ✕
Next Sunday <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Gertrude Dawson <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

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

Evensong 4pm Sunday with Benediction
6pm Thursday during term time.

Last week: £1,350.94 inc Standing Orders and Cashless Card payments
£62.70 Catholic Youth Service

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 December. *The Future of the Very Young*

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

For your prayers:

Those in formation for Ministry, Br Philip novOP (Jeff Gerlomes)

The Sick & Housebound: David, Dora, Mary, Ada, Fr John, Geoffrey,

Recently Departed: Kenneth Berry *priest*

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