



Ordinariate and Parish Church MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9th February 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and gives us an example in his own crucifixion. We are also, through our good works, a shining light in the darkness so that others may be guided on their journey to God. Salt of the earth and light of the world!



The Year of the Word. There are copies of St Matthew's Gospel at the back and a leaflet on how to read the bible. If you didn't get one last week, take one this.

Fr Liam Talbot SDS, sometime parish-priest here at MPB died last Wednesday 5th Feb in Dublin. He was a much loved pastor here. Please keep him in your prayers. *Lord have mercy.*

A Study Course on the Mass based on the bible. Thursday evenings at 7pm. Starts 27th Feb. Sign up today with a tick ✓

Sunday Evensong. By popular demand Evensong & Benediction on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm.

Walsingham Mass, therefore will move from the first to the third Saturday.

Word Day for the Sick is Tuesday this week, OL of Lourdes. The Archbishop has asked we give thanks and pray for all those in the medical profession. We have lots at MPB. Would you like to receive a Dedication today at the end of Mass?

The Portal Mag is available the back, a monthly mag on the Ordinariate.

Confession, when did you last go to receive God's mercy and forgiveness? It's free!

The Heating has broken down. Keep your coat on today. It's the heat-exchanger (whatever one of those is!).

Palm Crosses need returning for the Ash on Ash Wednesday. Leave them at the back.

Rededication of England to Mary. A prayer book is at the back. foc

Catholic Heritage Trail. Do you have any memories or stories of VE Day from a Catholic perspective? Post to 150 Westminster Bridge Rd SE1 6HE or email to catholicheritage@rcaos.org.uk or

Exam Invigilators needed in May and June at St Michael's Catholic College. See poster.

Unplanned, the film to be shown on 16th Feb at 6pm at the Polish Church W5, nearest tube Ealing Broadway. See Poster

The Stations of the Cross. Would you sponsor one or two of the Stations for restoration, or club together for a favourite? They will cost £1,600 each. See the one already restored.

A prospective Student discerning Ordination is staying with us in March this year. Invite him for a meal, or a cuppa coffee sometime.

The God who Speaks festival at Aylesford with the Archbishop on Saturday 27th June. Book the date.

Lent is not far away, it begins on 26th Feb so it's not too early to think what you will do.



Why do we have candles in Church?

Lighting of candles is a significant practice in Catholic church, originating from Old Testament times where an oil lamp was lighted to 'sustain a perpetual flame.' In The New Testament they emphasise the sacredness of this light in St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. 'A first tent was prepared with the lamp stand, the table and the bread of the presence; this is called the Holy Place'.



This light has a precisely distinct status for it symbolises Christ who said, 'I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life.' Some relate the candle as representing Jesus as the Light of the world, but also the light and fire as representing the presence and power of God (similar to the pillar of fire that led the children of Israel in the exodus).

Candles are lit during the celebration of the Mass, carried by the acolytes (servers), burn at the shrines and are carried in procession. One is lit beside the Tabernacle to signify the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament in the sanctuary, and to call for reverence and veneration of the faithful.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, as a person is initiated into the Church, a candle is lit from the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Christ's Paschal Mystery, His passion, death and resurrection. That individual receives the Light of Christ that they may live and walk the path of God's children and sustain that flame of faith burning alive in their heart. As they receive this indelible baptismal mark, they shall encounter the Lord and be one with all the saints in Heaven when the right time comes.

Candles are lit before a statue or likeness of Christ's image demonstrating our devotion and reverence for Him who deserves our adoration and thanksgiving and who alone can absolve

our sins and return us to a more profound relationship with God. Catholics do this, not to honour the image itself, but the one it truly represents. The lighted candle symbolises a prayer offering where we present our petitions to the Lord and ask the saints to pray with us and to pray for us during our most urgent needs. This light, when kept burning, represents our longing to remain in God's companionship as we go about our daily duties at home and in the workplace. As we commemorate our sacred liturgies, sacraments and regular prayers, Christ, the Source of all Light, shall come to us and is ever present to strengthen us, instruct us, inspire us and offer us hope that His Light will under no circumstances burn out as long as we live in faith without a shadow of doubt that darkness will ever defeat us.

Light a candle at one of the shrines at MPB every time you visit or pass the church. When you light a votive candle, do three things: kiss it, it's been blessed; light it, it a sign of the Jesus light in the darkness; make an offering. There is no charge for the candle, however you should make a donation to cover the cost of it's replacement.

When visiting Church to pray or spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament, it is encouraging, enriching and empowering to look at a rack of burning candles in a church and can be quite moving. It's a sign that someone was there praying before you. Their prayer goes on, just as yours does, even though we must go about our daily affairs. The prayer of the Church is constant, and we just join her now and again. Jesus is the Light of the World.

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me, in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride, selfishness and impurity. . May it be a flame for you to bring earth into my heart towards my family and all I meet.

Through the prayers of Mary I place in your care those for whom I pray (name your petitions). Though Jesus Christ who is the Light of the World . Amen.

Which translation do you have?

Look at the inside title page, it should say which translation it is. If you are not sure, bring it to Church and FrC will let you know.

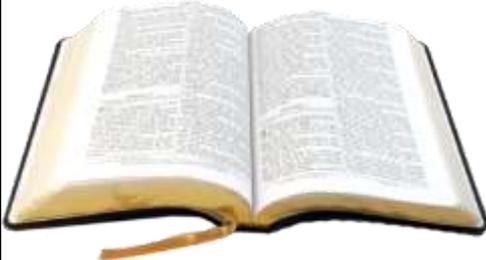
Leave on the shelf

- ✘ TEV *Today's English Version*
- ✘ *Good News Bible*
- ✘ *King James Version* (old english)
- ✘ 'International' versions

Ones to get

- ✘ *Jerusalem Bible*
- ✘ *New Jerusalem*.
- ✘ RSV *Revised Standard Version*
- ✘ CRSV *Catholic Revised Standard Version*
- ✘ RSVCE *RSV Catholic Edition*.

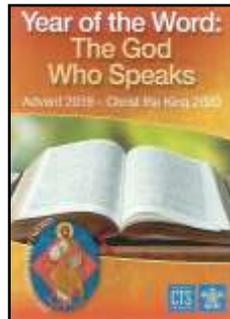
Bring your bible to Mass on first Sunday of Lent, for a Bible Blessing Ceremony.



St Matthew's Gospel is available at the back: take one and read it in one sitting, alone or in a group in-turns. Depending on your reading speed, it should take 1h30. Doing it in one go is important, so set as long as you need. Write your name in the front and the date you read it... in one go.



Also available is a booklet to give some idea of *how* to read the bible. It's not a history book, or a crime thriller, so do not read it from cover to cover. It tells, primarily, about Jesus, so that's where to start, at the Gospels.



Dowry Dedication of England to Our Lady of Walsingham

Feb 21st. Begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary

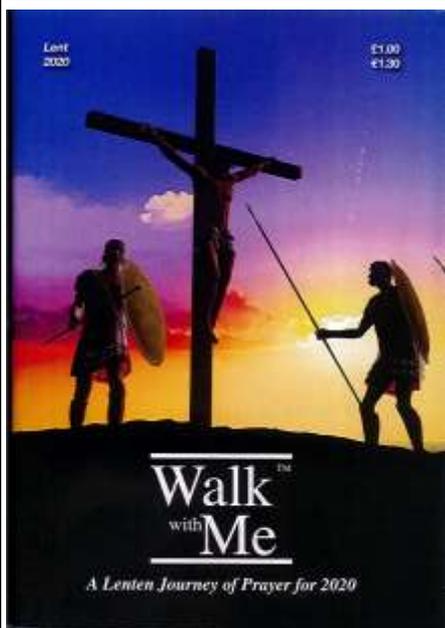
March 25th, the Annunciation. All who are following the consecration will consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary.

26th, 27th, 28th, a three-day tridium of prayer in which all will be invited to recite the litany of Saints and Martyrs of England and pray the rosary in preparation for the rededication.

29th, a personal rededication as the dowry of Mary at Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, every cooperating parish, and as many homes as possible



Daily Commentary on the Daily Gospel during Lent - £1



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 11.00am	William Joseph Green <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 10th <i>St Scholastica</i>	1.05pm	Yohann Godinho
Tues 11th (<i>OL of Lourdes</i>)	1.05pm	Yohann Godinho
Wed 12th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Yohann Godinho
Thurs 13th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Baltzar Ameida ✕ Jean Pallanca ✕
Fri 14th <i>Ss Cyril & Methodius</i>	1.05pm	Baltzar Ameida ✕
Sat 15th <i>feria</i>		
Next Sunday <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Fr Charles Donovan <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

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

Evensong 4pm First Sunday & Benediction
6pm Thursday *during term time.*

Last week: £1,583.75 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 February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

The Ordinatee weekly intercessions: The Tonbridge Group and Revv Edward Tomlinson, Nicholas Leviser, Alastair Ferguson, Robert Smith & Roy Cavey

For your prayers:

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

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

Recently Departed: John Klyberg *priest*, Liam Talbot *priest*

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