



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*



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd February 2020



In the gospel reading today, we hear that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We must try to look upon our neighbours as friends not enemies. They are brothers and sisters in Christ. In this way we will become holy, as God wants us to be. Love your enemies.

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.

Bring your bible to Mass next Sunday. If you want to prepare, look up the readings (they are on the back of this sheet).

A Study Course on the Mass based on the bible. Thursday evenings at 7.15pm. Starts 27th Feb. Sign up today.

Fr Liam Talbot's Month's Mind, a Mass here at MPB on 5th March at 6.30pm. *RIP*

Sunday Evensong and Benediction every month from next Sunday, 4pm

The Dedication for 33days to Jesus through Mary has begun. Books are at the back (better late than never), behold2020.com

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

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

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

The God who Speaks festival at Aylesford with the Archbishop. 27th June.

Lent begins on Wednesday, will you...

- ✘ go to confession
- ✘ attend Mass at 13.05 or 18.30 on Ash Wed.
- ✘ think what you will give up
- ✘ decide which charity you will support
- ✘ return your Palm Cross, by Tuesday

Ash Wednesday, although not a day of obligation, is a day of Fast and Abstinence ie Catholics should eat no meat and only one small meal.

Reading for Lent. *Walk with me* for Lent is foc and a handy little pocket book. *Bible Alive* is also available for a more in-depth reflection on the daily lections. If you want something even more substantial to read, ask FrC, he's full of ideas...

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

Thursday Evensong & Mass continue this week, 6pm & 6.30pm.

Do you sing? Can you sing? Take a fuller part in the Liturgy?

'Alleluia' is put to bed - as it were - until Easter. It's a unique word and only used by Christians. No one is one-hundred-per-cent sure where it comes from, although it first appears in early Liturgical books. The best suggestion is that it means *Praise to the Lord*. How many can you count today?





Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It is 40 days long, finishing at Easter. You can check this by counting out the days on a calendar - but remember to leave out the Sundays. Every Sunday is a day to honour the Resurrection – a sort of “little Easter”. Lent is a season of penance. The priest will wear purple vestments at Mass. The Alleluia is ‘put to bed today’ with a gusto, because it will not be used again until the Solemn Proclamation at the Easter Vigil .

The name of Lent, incidentally, comes from old English, and refers to the fact that the days are lengthening as spring approaches.

The day before Ash Wednesday is known as Shrove Tuesday. Why? “Shrove” is not a special word for pancakes (although we do eat pancakes on that day, and it’s a good tradition....more on that in a moment). “Shrove” refers to our being “shriven” – an old word for confessing our sins and receiving absolution. It actually comes from the same root as the word “scrape” or “scribe”. We are, as it were “scraped” clean of our sins in confession. So Shrovetide is a reminder that we should go to confession in Lent. This is the season of springtime and cleaning and renewal.

Some however, might know it better as Mardi Gras, Mardi Gras, literally “Fat Tuesday,” has grown in popularity in recent years as a raucous, sometimes hedonistic event. But its roots lie in the Christian calendar, as the “last hurrah” before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

Mardi Gras is related to the Christmas season, through the ordinary-time interlude known in many Catholic cultures as Carnival. *Carnival* comes from the Latin words *carne vale*, meaning “farewell to the flesh.” There are well-

known season-long Carnival celebrations in Europe and Latin America, including Nice, France; Cologne, Germany; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The idea of partying before Lent begins is the origin of the whole idea of a carnival, though most people have now forgotten that it is meant to be followed by taking Lent seriously.

Where do pancakes fit in? This tradition comes from the idea of eating up all the good things before the long fast of Lent. In the past, people gave up eggs and cream and milk, as well as meat, during Lent. So they used up all the eggs beforehand in a glorious feast of pancakes.

It is traditional to toss a pancake three times, honouring the Trinity! Some places in Britain have pancake races on Shrove Tuesday, but it could be a bit messy organising one in the Borough High Street...

Receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday is a sign of penitence. As he imposes the ashes, making a small sign of the cross with the ash on the forehead of each person coming forward, the priest says “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember, man, that you are dust and to dust you shall return”. The party season is over. The solemn season of Lent has started.

In these last few days, consider what you will give up this Lent. Is there something in your life which needs addressing? Is your relationship at rights with God? Sure....? The Church invites us to use this opportunity to take stock and so grow in grace and holiness. Jesus has a Passion for you!

Confession before Lent

Sunday	23rd	12.30 - 13.00
Tuesday	24th	12.30 - 13.00 18.30 - 19.00
Wed	25th	12.30 - 13.00 17.45 - 18.15

St George's Cathedral
daily 12.00 - 12.20

Westminster Cathedral
daily 11.00 - 18.00



Your Palm Crosses are needed! They will be burnt to make the ash to be used on Ash Wednesday. It's a powerful symbol that the Palms which last year we carried joyfully into Jerusalem as we sang 'Hosanna', will become the ash with which we remind ourselves of our mortality and dependence on God. Please return them by Tuesday lunch time Mass.

*"Remember thou art dust,
and unto dust thou shalt return"*

What are you going to give up for Lent?

If you are dreading it, you've got the wrong idea of Lent. It's meant to build you, not discourage. So choose something you can achieve. Don't give up what you always give up, but something new for you. TV, Facebook, late-nights, riding the escalator, taking the lift... It's about self-control.



Daily Lenten GOSPEL Reflections

lentreflections.com

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**The Ordinariate of
Our Lady of Walsingham**
A series of open meetings to discuss aspects of the Catholic Church

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham,

Tuesday 25th February, 7.30pm

Catholics in Parliament

led by

Stephen Pound

**Stephen was MP for Ealing North
1997 -2019**

Mass in the Ordinariate Use, 7.00pm

A meal and refreshments will be served

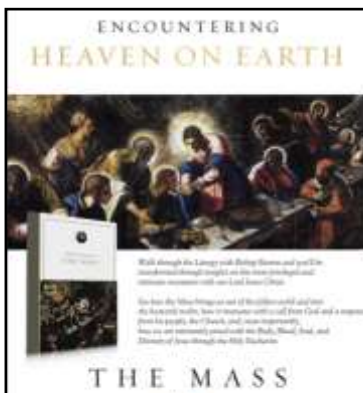
Travel - St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, Ham Street, Richmond TW10 7HT Train to Richmond Station: District Line or South West trains from Waterloo. Then get bus - 371 to Ham Street or 65 to Ham Gate Avenue

All are welcome.

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A Course based on
The Mass from Scripture
Thursdays at 7.15pm

*Thursday Evenings
27th February - 2nd April.*

6.00pm Evensong

6.30pm Mass

7.15pm Course Video Presentation

**7.45pm Light Supper and
discussion of the video**

8.30pm Summing up

9.00pm Finish

“REPENT of your sin,
and TURN to the GOSPEL”

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 11.00am	David Barry <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 24th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	To find right husband
Tues 25th <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	1.05pm	Canon William Moran <i>foundation</i>
Wed 26th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Liam Talbott <i>priest</i> ✕ Betty Gale ✕ <i>d.1987</i>
Thurs 27th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Elohor Unafe ✕ A private intention
Fri 28th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Liam Talbott <i>priest</i> ✕
Sat 29th <i>feria of Lent</i>		
Next Sunday First Sunday in Lent	8.30am 11.00am	Ivor Morris <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.2016</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Genesis 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

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: £1,480.01 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 Ordinate weekly intercessions: The Folkstone Group and Frs Stephen Bould & Jamie Houghton

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*, Ake Ake Alexandra

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