



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*



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

1st March 2020



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is the conqueror of sin and temptation. God created the human race free from sin, but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like him to overcome the temptation of this 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.

Did you bring your bible to Mass today?

A Study Course on the Mass based on the bible. Thursday evenings at 7.15pm.

Fr Liam Talbot's Month's Mind on Thursday this week. Mass will be offered for him at 6.30pm. *Lord have mercy.*

Sunday Evensong and Benediction today, the first Sunday of the month, 4pm

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

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

The Stations of the Cross, have gone off for restoration. Would you sponsor one? Thank you to those who have. They will cost £1,600 each; a few are still available. See the one already done.

Temporary Stations are now up. The tradition Devotion each Friday in Lent, 6pm

The God who Speaks Festival at Aylesford, 27th June.

Reading for Lent. *Walk with me* for Lent is foc. *Bible Alive* for a more in-depth reflection on the daily lections. If you want something even more substantial to read, ask FrC.

Keir, a prospective student arrives today. He is discerning Ordination . Invite him for a meal, or a cuppa coffee sometime.

Did you sing in the bath or shower last week? It was your homework for this Sunday. All will be revealed...

Young Adults Group meet on Friday this week. We are looking at Ecumenism, 7.30pm in the *Long Room*.

Teacher of RE required at St Michael's Catholic College, Bermondsey, SE16 from Easter or September. An 11–18 yrs mixed comprehensive VA school. *See poster.*

Catholic Mass at Canterbury Cathedral on 7th July with Archbishop Wilson to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Translation of St Thomas 7.00pm *Book the date.*

Coronavirus. The clergy and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion wash and sanitise their hands before Mass; you do not have to receive from the Chalice; if you prefer to nod or wave at the peace, others won't mind (and don't be offended!). Advice atm is cover your mouth if you cough with your elbow, and to use disposable hankies.



LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

**A letter of Pope St Clement I
to the Corinthians 43AD**

Repent

Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognise how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.

If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has *offered the opportunity of repentance* to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people.

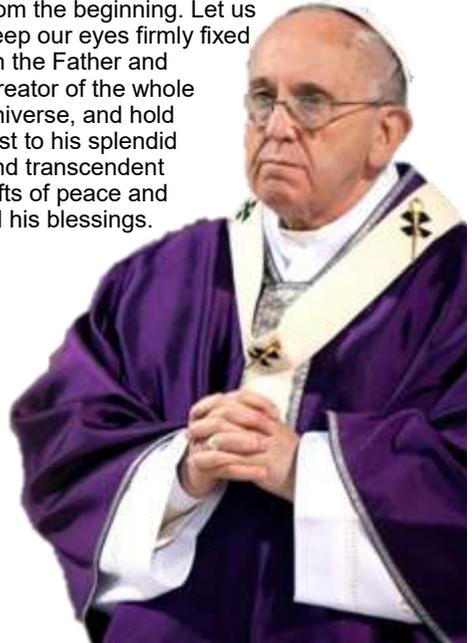
Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the ministers of God's grace have spoken of repentance; indeed, the Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance with an oath: *As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance.* He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as a holy people.*

In other words, God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarrelling and jealousy which only lead to death.

Brothers, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful, he said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.*

Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. As Scripture asks: *Whom shall I look upon with favour except the humble, peaceful man who trembles at my words?*

Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten towards the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings.





Fast? What fast? Before receiving Holy Communion, all Catholics must fast. That means neither eating or drinking anything one hour before (with the usual exceptions). Having the privilege of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is a great honour, so the Church asks us to make the simplest of preparations. For safety and respect, always consume the Host before you walk away for receiving it.

Daily Lenten GOSPEL Reflections

It's not too late to register for the daily email from *Word on Fire*. A short 'thought for the day' on the Scripture reading for that day.

lentreflections.com
signup

Leaf 2020 £1.00 £1.50

Walk with Me
with Me
A Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2020

Daily Commentary on the Daily Gospel during Lent - £1

ENCOUNTERING
HEAVEN ON EARTH

THE MASS

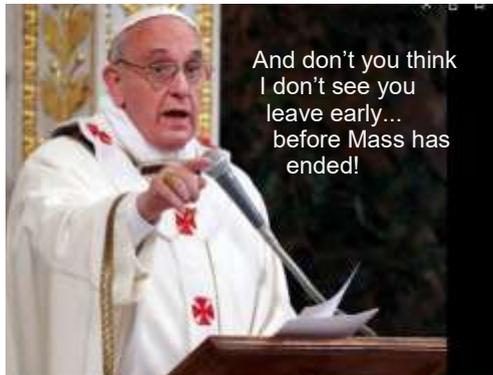
Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Genevieve and your family through insight on the most important Christian sacrament with our Lent Series.

See how the Mass brings us out of this world and into the heavenly realm, how it makes us call from God and a closer presence to God. See the 'Bread and Wine' sacramentally. See us and especially ourselves in the Bible, the Mass, and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the Holy Eucharist.

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



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today First Sunday in Lent	8.30am 11.00am	Ivor Morris <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.2016</i> Parishioners
Mon 2nd <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	The Doran Family
Tues 3rd <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Peter Blagdon-Gamlen <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.2004</i>
Wed 4th (<i>St Casimir</i>)	1.05pm	Allan Robertson ✕
Thurs 5th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Peter (<i>60th birthday today</i>) Liam Talbott <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>month's mind</i>
Fri 6th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Elizabeth Nkadi
Sat 7th (<i>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i>)		
Next Sunday Second Sunday in Lent	8.30am 11.00am	Edmund Capper <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.1998</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Genesis 12:1-4a 2Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

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: £1,414.96 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 March: Catholics in China. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: The Deal Group and Fr Christopher Lindlar.

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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