



# 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*



### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

15th March 2020

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that through Baptism Christ becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is poured into our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We really come alive. We become in our turn the wells of God's goodness at which people drink. Christ is the spring of life in us.



**A Decree** was issued by the Archbishop last week concerning Coronavirus. It is on the Church Door. In brief:

- ✘ The sign of peace is to be suspended
- ✘ Holy Communion only given with the Host
- ✘ Holy Communion by hand is encouraged
- ✘ Holy Water is to be removed
- ✘ A decision will be made nearer the time about the veneration on Good Friday

**Gatherings are discouraged**, so we will suspend all gatherings apart from worship. Mass will continue unless notified otherwise.

**Did you bring your bible** to Mass this week? If you still don't have a bible, Amazon will deliver! You will need it each Sunday at Mass in Lent.

**The Study Course** is suspended. We will resume in Eastertide.

**The Way of the Cross**, each Friday in Lent at 6.30pm (nb time)

**Sunday School** for children of Primary School age continues in the Long Room. Follow during the *Kyrie*.

#### **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.

**Archbishop Peter Smith's** Funeral arrangements are overleaf. Monday 30th March, 12.30pm at St George's Cathedral. *RIP*

**Get this Newsletter** by email? It seems some have not been arriving due to some technical problem. If you used to receive it by email, but haven't for a while, email FrC. He'll pass it to our highly trained technical IT facility.

**Sign up on the website.** It has been an invaluable tool for communicating some important and urgent news and updates recently. And you'll get this newsletter.

#### **They're going like Hot Cross Stations.**

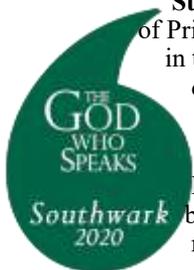
Thank you to those who have sponsored one, more or part of one of the Stations. Have you seen the one already done?

**Walsingham Mass** on Saturday this week. We are in our new pattern of the third Sat.

**33 day consecration**, are you taking part? If you haven't, start tomorrow the novena (9day) prayer to OLW. Books at the back.

**Our Calling and our Mission**, a Study Day on Saturday 8th April 10.30am - 2pm. You can read the document here: [ordinariate.org.uk/resources/docs/our\\_calling.pdf](http://ordinariate.org.uk/resources/docs/our_calling.pdf)

**Keir**, a prospective student has been with us for a two weeks now. Thank you to those who have made him welcome. Invite him for a meal, or a cuppa coffee sometime.



**St Joseph**, is the husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus and the patron of our School. His Solemnity is celebrated Thursday.

Everything we know about St Joseph comes from Scripture. He is sometimes called the *Silent Witness*, because we never hear him speak a single word!



We know he was a carpenter, a working man, because the sceptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Mt 13:55). He wasn't rich because when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised; and when he took Mary to be purified, he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, which was only allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb. (Lk 2:24).

Despite his humble work and low means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both identify that he is descended from David, the greatest king of Israel; and the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

He was a compassionate, caring man because when he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He planned to divorce Mary according to the law but was concerned for her suffering and safety: if accused to adultery Mary could be stoned to death, so he decided to divorce her quietly so not expose her to shame or cruelty.

He was man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again

to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back.

He loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him. He loved Jesus as his own son: over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?"

He respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

He is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

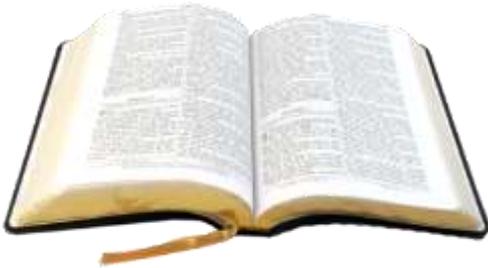
He is also patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice.

There is more that we don't know than we do know: where and when he was born, how he spent his days, when and how he died and so on. But Scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who he was -- "a righteous man". There is no better thing to be said about anyone, and it was said about St Joseph: 'being a man on honour'.

*Saint Joseph,  
patron of the universal Church,  
watch over the Church  
as carefully as you watched over Jesus,  
help protect it and guide it  
as you did with your adopted son.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Bring your bible to Mass in Lent

*Don't forget.....*



### Preparing for Holy Week

The London Jesuit Centre

David Cherry

#### ANOTHER VIEW ON WHY JESUS DIED: AT-ONE-MENT

In preparation for Holy Week this workshop offers you the opportunity to look with fresh eyes at the story of our salvation and enter a vaster & life giving conversation about Jesus who came to bring us the Good News

London Jesuit Centre  
114 Mount Street  
London W1

Sat 21st March  
11am - 4pm



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### Archbishop Peter Smith Funeral Arrangements St George's Cathedral

#### Sunday 29th March

6.00pm Reception into the Cathedral  
Mass: Archbishop John Wilson  
8.00pm Vigil Service

#### Monday 30th March

7.00am Cathedral opens  
7.30am Mass

#### **12.30pm Funeral Mass:**

Archbishop Wilson to preside.  
Burial in the Cathedral Crypt

It is with great sadness that I write about Archbishop Peter Smith, who died peacefully just before midnight on Friday 6th March.

Archbishop Peter had received the sacraments and prayers of the Church, and his former secretary, Fr Philip Glandfield, was with him when he died. I was able to visit him earlier that evening, and he was visited in hospital by family and friends, and by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Archbishop Peter's illness progressed very quickly following his diagnosis of cancer just a few weeks ago. He was a much loved brother, uncle, and friend; a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, Rector of St John's Seminary, Womersley, Bishop of East Anglia, Archbishop of Cardiff and Archbishop of Southwark until his retirement in July 2019. While Archbishop of Southwark, he also served from 2014-2015 as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

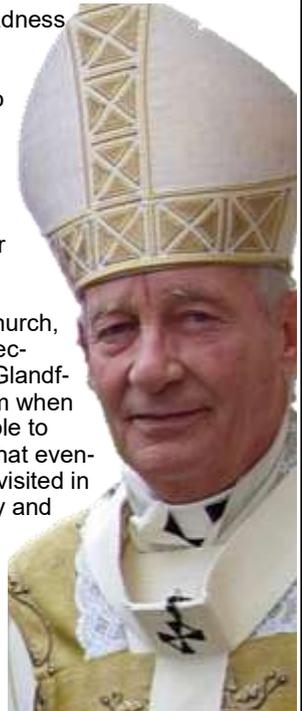
Our gift to Archbishop Peter now is to pray for the repose of his soul, and to remember prayerfully his family, friends and loved ones at their time of loss.

We now entrust our friend and brother to the Lord whom he served with such faithfulness, generosity and gentleness. May the saints and angels welcome him to paradise.

Yours devotedly in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Wilson'.

Most Rev John Wilson  
Archbishop of Southwark



## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Today</b> <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Sertorio Baretto ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
Mon 16th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Peter Smith ✕ <i>priest, recently</i>
Tues 17th <b>St Patrick</b>	1.05pm	Michael Burke ✕ <i>recently</i>
Wed 18th ( <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i> )	1.05pm	Holy Souls ✕
Thurs 19th <b>ST JOSEPH</b>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Past pupils & teachers at St Joseph's ✕ A speedy solution to Coronavirus
Fri 20th <i>feria of Lent</i>	1.05pm	Luke and family
Sat 21st <i>feria of Lent</i>	10.00am	Walsingham
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	8.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Victor Edward Samuel ✕ Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** 1 Samuel 16:1.6.10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

**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:** £1,852.52 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 London (Central) Group and Frs Mark Elliot Smith & Alan Griffin.

### For your prayers:

*In formation:* for Ministry, Br Philip novOP (Jeff Gerlomes)

*Those who are Sick:* Dora, Mary, Ada, Geoffrey, Mark, Christopher, David,

*Recently Departed:* Liam Talbot *priest*, Ake Ake Alexandra, Eric Nimmo *priest*,  
John Castelli *priest* Archbishop Peter Smith, Michael Burke

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