



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*



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

22nd March 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is our Shepherd, and King. Christ is descended from the line of David, a shepherd, who was anointed King by Samuel. Christ is our King who guides us with the tender service of a shepherd. With him by our side, we shall want for nothing even though we walk in the valley of darkness.



The Coronavirus is having a major impact on how we live and worship. Everyone should be receiving email updates, if you didn't, check your 'junk' folder.

Mass continues, but without a congregation. FrC will say Mass at 9am each day, including Sunday. Unite yourself with the Sacrifice at that time, read the readings, make a Spiritual Communion: a new way of being at Mass.

Church Open for prayer and adoration 9.15am-2pm each day. Whilst in Church you should keep a distance from each other.

Confession is available by appointment. FrC will meet in your church, and 'distancing' is required to be maintained.

Need or give help or support Fiona will put you in touch: call@preciousblood.org.uk or phone 02074073951. Confidentiality and Safeguarding will be maintained at all times.

A Plenary Indulgence has been granted by the Holy See for all those with covid-19 and for those who care for them, including medical staff and family members, and for those Catholics who pray for them.

The usual conditions apply, but in this case, Holy Communion is delayed until the first possible opportunity.

Use this time well:

- ✘ Set regular times for prayer
- ✘ Pray as a family
- ✘ Pray the Rosary, together, or on the phone with someone
- ✘ Watch Mass on TV
- ✘ Pray the Angelus
- ✘ Pray Morning & Evening Prayer
- ✘ Offer intercessory prayer
- ✘ Pray the Way of the Cross on Fridays

The Annunciation is celebrated on Wed this week. Make the *Angelus Promise* at mid-day.

The re-Dedication of England to Mary takes place next Sunday. Will you do it in your home at 12noon? Make an effort to take part, it will stop this virus.

A text should have been received by everyone on Friday. If you didn't, email FrC. Fast and efficient communication these days is vitally important as news changes so quickly.

Everything's cancelled. Pray for those who have had to alter wedding plans; postpone baptisms, delay confirmations.

Keir, had to return home early. Thank you to those who gave him hospitality and made him welcome.

Clocks go forward next Sunday, as we move to British Summer Time....as if there's not enough to worry about....





Mothers Sunday

This first Sunday, when we cannot attend Mass as we always have, is very strange. And many will not be able to visit mothers on this Mothering Sunday. We are in a very strange and unfamiliar situation .

Today marks the halfway point between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It has had many other points of focus over the centuries, but none quite like this year. It seems too, that we will not be able to celebrate the Paschal Triduum (Easter Three Day) as we always have. Easter too will be different this year.

On this day, we rejoice in our maternal mothers, and so also turn to Mary the Mother of Jesus: she is also our Mother. She is our protectress and loves us with a maternal love. In confidence then, we can always come to her for aid and protection.

Pope Francis encouraged us to join him in praying the Rosary on Thursday last week, and he encourages us to turn to her for continued support and protection.

Last Sunday, the Pope visited the Basilica of St Mary Major to stand before the icon of 'Mary, Protection of the Roman People', and the Church of San Marcello al Corso, where he prayed before a crucifix that was carried through the streets during the Black Plague of 1522.

Join Pope Francis in this prayer:

O Mary,
you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in
Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return
after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,
and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,
O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are
put to the test – and deliver us from
every danger, O glorious
and blessed Virgin.

Read your bible for the Mass readings.



Self isolating? Use the time well:

- ✘ catch-up on spiritual reading
- ✘ saying your prayers
- ✘ study the scriptures

As you can't get to Mass watch it on TV and make a Spiritual Communion.

- ✘ EWTN: sky ch 588; or use the App
- ✘ www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream
- ✘ www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Coronavirus

REMEMBER

Keep your distance!
Stay a broom's length

Wash your hands after touching door handles & surfaces

Stay at home if you, or someone at home has a cough or high temperature

Call nhs 111 if your symptoms become unmanageable

Don't visit, phone

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**Archbishop Peter Smith
Funeral Arrangements
Have been altered**

It will be a Private Ceremony

Reception into the Cathedral - Sun 29th

Funeral Mass & Burial in crypt - Mon 30th
Archbishop John Wilson to preside

A Memorial Mass to be had at a later date
Pray for Archbishop Peter on these days

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
Mon 23rd <i>feria of Lent</i>	9.00am	Victor Edward Samuel ✕
Tues 24th <i>feria of Lent</i>	9.00am	Alma Bird
Wed 25th ANNUNCIATION	9.00am	Pregnant mothers
Thurs 26th <i>feria of Lent</i>	9.00am	Marie Heley ✕
Fri 27th <i>feria of Lent</i>	9.00am	Tina Heinen
Sat 28st <i>feria of Lent</i>	9.00am	All and any affected by covid-19
Next Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	9.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

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: £1,349.08 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 (South) Group and Fr Christopher Pearson.

For your prayers:

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

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

Recently Departed: Ake Ake Alexandra, Eric Nimmo *priest,*

John Castelli *priest* Archbishop Peter Smith, Michael Burke

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