



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 OF EASTER

26th April 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ feeds us. Christ is our daily eucharist – a day’s food for the journey. We meet him as pilgrims and strangers and recognise him in the breaking of bread. He is our ransom and our gift. Alleluia!



The Lord is risen, Alleluia! We continue to celebrate the Resurrection. Easter has fifty days - Lent has forty - Christian rejoice in a God who wants us to celebrate. Alleluia!

Mass continues on-line at our usual times....optimistically! Sunday 11am, Mon-Fri 1.05pm, and a new slot of Sat 10am. The 8.30-ers can enjoy lie-in and come to the 11am, if they’re not going out.

Evensong will be live-streamed on Thursday this week. We have been tinkering with Facebook and Zoom as different platforms, so tune in on Thursday 6.30pm. (What a whole new vocabulary we’ve had to learn!)

Non-Facebook members can tune-in: you don’t have to create an account or register or become a member. Just watch.

Take full part in the Mass when you tune-in, stand, sit, kneel...speak, as if you are there.

Face Pics still being received. FrC has put up a board and pinned everyone to it. Add yours by emailing FrC .

Love of God and Neighbour.

Do you need or can you give any help or support? Medication and food might be getting low. Check on friends and neighbours. Fancy a chat? Call 02074073951

May begins this week, the month of Mary. We would ordinarily have Rosary before Mass, so why not pray it at home at 10.45am, be aware there are many others praying too.

Build a Marian Shrine at home for May, make it a focus of your home in May.

Pray for Geoffrey whose Funeral will be a graveside-service on 5th May. Only FrC and Hock can go. A Requiem Mass for him will be live-streamed from MPB on 4th May at 6.30pm. *Come to meet him Angels of God, the Most High.*

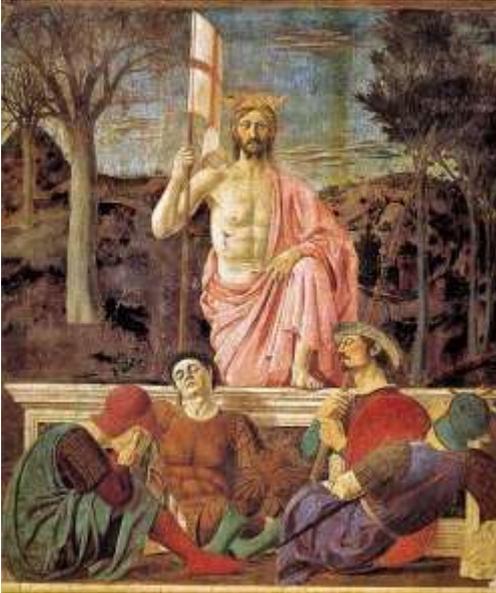
A Parish Quiz, and like all the best quizzes, there will be a prize...eventually. preciousblood.org.uk/quiz

Mass intentions have dried up of late. If you would like Mass offered for something or someone, email FrC.

Collections have also dried up! Please make your offering on-line, or like so many, set up a Standing Order (details on the website). Many, many thanks to those who have. If you use envelopes, keep them to one side, and bring them once we are back.



Alleluia!



The Resurrection, above, is a 15th century fresco (wall painting) by Piero della Francesca in Sansepolcro. It is one of the best known images of the Resurrection, but, by a fluke, was saved from being bombed during World War II

Sansepolcro, (formerly *Borgo Santo Sepolcro*, the Borough of the Holy Sepulchre) is a beautiful town founded in the 11th century, in the Italian Province of Arezzo in the eastern part of the region of Tuscany.

Della Francesca now recognised as one of the great artists of the early Renaissance at the time if his death in 1492 was better known as a mathematician and geometer than as an artist.

In 1467, he was commissioned to paint a *Resurrection* which is now one of his most famous works. The fresco was painted in the Meeting Hall of *Palazzo dei Conservatori di Sansepolcro*, a communal meeting hall which was used solely by *Conservatori*, the chief magistrates and governors, who before starting their councils, would pray before the image. It is now the Civic Museum. The subject of the picture alludes to the name of the city (*Holy Sepulchre*), derived from the presence

of two relics of the Holy Sepulchre carried by two pilgrims in the 9th century. Christ is also on the town's Coat of Arms.

It is likely that Piero painted his striking image of the risen Christ stepping resolutely, banner in hand, from the tomb, to represent not only the resurrection of Jesus but also the resurgence of Sansepolcro.

Jesus is in the centre of the composition, portrayed in the moment of his resurrection, as suggested by the position of the leg on the parapet. His figure, depicted in an iconic and abstract fixity as "athletic", is hanging over four sleeping soldiers, representing the difference between the human and the divine spheres (or the death, defeated by Christ's light). The landscape, immersed in the dawn light, has also a symbolic value: the contrast between the flourishing trees on the right and the bare ones on the left alludes to the renovation of men through the Resurrection's light.

Sansepolcro was spared much damage and near destruction during World War II when British artillery officer Tony Clarke defied orders and held back from using his troop's guns to shell the town. Although Clarke had never seen the fresco, his diary records his shock at the destruction in Monte Cassino and, apparently remembering where he had read of Sansepolcro, ordered his men to hold fire just as methodical shelling had begun. Clarke had read Huxley's 1925 essay describing the Resurrection, which states: "It stands there before us in entire and actual splendour, the greatest picture in the world."

It was later realised that the Germans had already retreated from the area - the bombardment had not been necessary, though Clarke had not known this when he ordered the shelling stopped.

The town, along with its famous painting, survived. When the events of how the town was saved came to light, Clarke was hailed as a local hero and to this day a street in Sansepolcro is named 'via Tony Clarke'.

Some people might say that it was Tony Clarke who saved Sansepolcro, but we know it was, in fact, the *Resurrection*.



Mary's Month of May . Since the 16th century May has been dedicated as month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it might come as a surprise that it wasn't until the late 18th century that this devotion arose among Jesuits in Rome. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly

spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal. Special events in May in honour of Mary, such as a May Procession or public recitation of the rosary, stem from this time. Sadly, such communal events are not possible this year, and we cannot honour her with a procession this year. But we can still set up a shrine at home. Light a candle each day at your house-shrine to Mary. Put flowers before it, Pray the Rosary at home, say the Regina Coeli as a family before it. Take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries and adding a few more Marian prayers to our daily routine. During these lock-down days, it's a chance to learn the Rosary if you don't pray it already

*The happy birds Te Deum sing,
'Tis Mary's month of May;
Her smile turns winter into spring,
And darkness into day.*

A Study Course

from Monday 27th April
a showing of twenty
30min sessions
10.30am &
4.00pm

walsingham.org.uk



Mass for the NHS streamed each week at 7pm by a Catholic Bishop from their Cathedral ahead of the Thursday *Big Clap*. This week will be Bishop Richard Moth of Arundel & Brighton. Link: cbcew.org.uk



Something more to watch, during the lock down. Find them on Netflix, Amazon, Sky or TV. All have a Catholic theme.

- ✘ Shoes of the Fisherman (1986)
- ✘ The Scarlet and the Black (1983)
- ✘ Keys of the Kingdom (1944)
- ✘ On the Waterfront (1954)
- ✘ Romero (1989)
- ✘ Quo Vadis (1951)
- ✘ Babette's Feast (1987)
- ✘ Faustyna (1995)
- ✘ Thérèse (1986)
- ✘ The Assisi Underground (1985)



This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day | Time | Intention |
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| This Sunday <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> | 11.00am | Parishioners |
| Mon 27th <i>feria of Easter</i> | 1.05pm | Geoffrey Kirk ✕ <i>recently</i> |
| Tues 28th <i>(St Peter Chanel)</i> | 1.05pm | |
| Wed 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena</i> | 1.05pm | |
| Thur 30th <i>(St Pius V)</i> | 1.05pm | |
| Fri 1st <i>(St Joseph the Worker)</i> | 1.05pm | St Joseph's School |
| Sat 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i> | 10.00am | |
| Next Sunday <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | 11.00am | Parishioners |

Next Week's Readings Acts 2:14.36.41 1Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment and only in emergency

Evensong 4.00pm, Sunday & Benediction, *suspended*
6.30pm, Thursday *live-stream*

Last week: £1,155.00 Standing Orders and On-line 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 May: For Deacons. We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: The Scotland Group and for Frs Len Black, Stanley Bennie, Simon Berverage & Cameron McDonald.

For your prayers:

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

Those who are Sick: Dora, Mary, Ada, Mark, Christopher, David,
And for all those with Coronavirus

Coronavirus: The medical profession, doctors, nurses, first responders, support-staff, research scientists, those who make big-impact decision, esp those in government & cobr

Recently Departed: Geoffrey Kirk, Pauline Waddams, Daphne Silk,

From Coronavirus: Bryan Jones *priest*, Sasha, Gerry Flood *priest*.

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