



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*



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that the Holy Spirit restores us to life. After his resurrection, Christ promised that he would send the Holy Spirit on his Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's Name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the Church. Alleluia!



The Lord is risen, Alleluia! We continue to celebrate the Resurrection for fifty days. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Thursday this week, which is the fortieth day of the Resurrection.

The Ascension is a Solemnity, so there will be the usual Mass live-streamed at 1.05pm and Solemn Evensong at 6.30pm

Return to Church is not likely to be for a while yet. Do not loose heart, do not loose faith. When hurdles, difficulties and trials come, the Lord makes them opportunities to be stronger in Heart and stronger in Faith.

Please continue to follow the Government guidelines. Avoid unnecessary travel, keep your distance, wash your hands!

Mass continues on-line at our usual times. When you tune in, send a link to a family member or a friend, so they can come too.

Non-Facebook members can tune-in: you don't have to join Facebook. The live-stream goes 'live' 10 minutes before each Liturgy. Just click the link.

Take full part in the Mass stand, sit, kneel, speak, as normal.

Help! Check on friends and neighbours, if they need help. Fiona is maintaining the list and putting people in touch.

Daily hot lunch is available for vulnerable persons who would appreciate a daily hot cooked meal delivered.

Evensong & Benediction will be live-streamed each Sunday at 4pm. The service sheet are on the website.

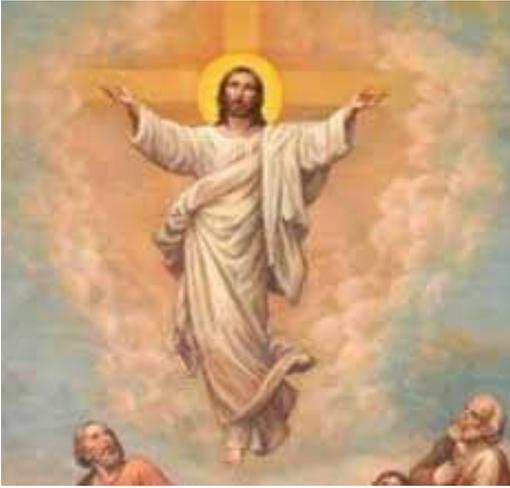
Evensong on Thursday again this week and every week. Join the Zocial afterward. You'll need a glass.

Mary's Month! Have you build a house shrine? Are you praying the Rosary? It's never too late to start.

A Parish Quiz, is still available, last chance this week. /quiz

Face Pics! Have you sent one? Email it to FrC asap. They will be out of sight from Monday. You'll see why at Mass on Sunday.





So what does the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord mean for us? It does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world. Christ's Ascension is not a journey into space toward the most remote stars; for basically, the planets, like the earth, are also made of physical elements.

Christ's Ascension means that he no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our life. It means that he belongs entirely to God. He, the Eternal Son, led our human existence into God's presence, taking with him flesh and blood in a transfigured form.

The human being finds room in God; through Christ, the human being was introduced into the very life of God. And since God embraces and sustains the entire cosmos, the Ascension of the Lord means that Christ has not departed from us, but that he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, close to each one of us for ever. Each one of us can be on intimate terms with him; each can call upon him. The Lord is always within hearing. We can inwardly draw away from him. We can live turning our backs on him. But he always waits for us and is always close to us.

In a concrete way the Lord makes himself close to us. The Lord promises the disciples his Holy Spirit. We hear that the Holy Spirit will give "power" to the disciples; the Gospel adds that he will guide them to the whole truth. As the living Word of God, Jesus told

his disciples everything, and God can give no more than himself. In Jesus, God gave us his whole self, that is, he gave us everything. As well as or together with this, there can be no other revelation which can communicate more or in some way complete the Revelation of Christ. In him, in the Son, all has been said to us, all has been given.

But our understanding is limited: thus, the Spirit's mission is to introduce the Church, in an ever new way from generation to generation, into the greatness of Christ's mystery. The Spirit places nothing different or new beside Christ; no pneumatic revelation comes with the revelation of Christ - as some say -, no second level of Revelation.

No: "He will have received from me...", Christ says in the Gospel (Jn 16: 14). And as Christ says only what he hears and receives from the Father, thus the Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Christ. "He will have received from me". He does not lead us to other places, far from Christ, but takes us further and further into Christ's light. Consequently, Christian Revelation is both ever old and new. Thus, all things are and always have been given to us. At the same time, every generation, in the inexhaustible encounter with the Lord - an encounter mediated by the Holy Spirit - always learns something new.

The Holy Spirit, therefore, is the power through which Christ causes us to experience his closeness. But the first reading also has something else to say: you will be my witnesses. The Risen Christ needs witnesses who have met him, people who have known him intimately through the power of the Holy Spirit; those who have, so to speak, actually touched him, can witness to him.

It is in this way that the Church, the family of Christ, "beginning at Jerusalem"..., as the Reading says, spread to the very ends of the earth. It is through witnesses that the Church was built - starting with Peter and Paul and the Twelve, to the point of including all who, filled with Christ, have rekindled down the centuries and will rekindle the flame of faith in a way that is ever new. All Christians in their own way can and must be witnesses of the Risen and Ascended Lord.

*Extract of the Homily of
Pope Benedict XVI
Ascension Day 2005
St John Lateran*

A Pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine.

The best live-stream is ours, of course! But you might like to take a trip whilst you are home this May, to a shrine of Our Lady:

walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/
lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/
fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions



mary's meals

a simple solution
to world hunger

Founder of Mary's Meals Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, has recorded a special message for parishioners.

It is filmed outside the shed in Argyll where it all began for Mary's Meals, [here](#).

A children's activity pack, based on the story of Mary's Meals, for use at home is available to download [here](#).

IHS

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 Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. cbcew.org.uk

Mass Obligation, the compulsoriness, has never felt quite right. During the lockdown we are not obliged to go to Mass on Sunday or Holy Day. Maybe it has taught us the difference between 'having to' and 'wanting to' go to Mass. What a privilege we have!



“ *Jesus' Ascension confirmed promise of heaven* ”

Pope Benedict 2012



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 18th (<i>Pope St John I</i>)	1.05pm	Vincent Nathan ✕ 40th anniv
Tues 19th (<i>St Dunstan Abp of Canterbury</i>)	1.05pm	Abp John Wilson <i>the true successor</i>
Wed 20th (<i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>)	1.05pm	
Thur 21st ASCENSION	1.05pm	Catherine May Green <i>foundation</i>
Fri 22nd (<i>St Rita of Cassia</i>)	1.05pm	
Sat 23rd (<i>OL on Saturday</i>)	10.00am	
Next Sunday <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment and only in emergency

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

Last week: £1,350.00 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 Sheffield & South Yorkshire Group and for Fr David Stafford.

For your prayers:

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

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

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

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