



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*



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24th May 2020



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is our model of prayer and suffering. Prayer is the birth-right of every Christian. It is as natural to us as the air we breathe. The early Christians were people of deep prayer and suffered for their faith. Prayer and suffering are two sides of the same coin by which Christ gives glory to God, in us. Alleluia!

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

The Ascension was the fortieth day, when Jesus returned to the Father and now we await the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is next Sunday, the fiftieth day and the end of Eastertide.

Wear something red, even though you might not be going outside, it's still a fun way of celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to come. Each day this week, simply, sincerely, and from your heart say: *Come Holy Spirit.*

Return to Church is not likely to be for a while yet. Do not loose heart. This is a wonderful chance to develop and deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Please continue to follow the Government guidelines. Avoid unnecessary travel, keep your distance, wash your hands! As Catholics we should take the lead in all this.

Mass continues on-line at our usual times. The live-stream goes 'live' 10 mins before each Liturgy.

Take full part in the Mass stand, sit, kneel, speak!

Mary's Month! Have you build a house shrine? Ok, it is getting a little late!

A May devotion led by the Archbishop on Wednesday this week at 7pm on the Diocesan YouTube channel. Here: [//bit.ly/363jJX7](https://bit.ly/363jJX7)

A Rosary Crusade throughout the country next Sunday a chain of prayer moving around the country. Each diocese has been allocated a time slot, this diocese is 3-4pm. We will live-stream from MPB.

Evensong & Benediction live-streamed each Sunday at 4pm; and Evensong at 6.30pm each Thursday from MPB. See the website for service sheets so you can follow.

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

A Parish Quiz. Well done to those who had a go. The answers are on the website. /quiz

St Joseph's, after consultation, will not be re-opening after 1st June. Please keep our school in your prayers. Watch the school website for updates and news.



Alleluia!

World Communications Day 2020

“That you may tell your children and grandchildren” (Ex 10:2)

Pope Francis has devoted his message for the 54th World Communications Day to the theme of storytelling, and in particular the truth contained in ‘good’ stories.

“Often we decide what is right or wrong based on characters and stories we have made our own,” he writes. “Stories leave their mark on us; they shape our convictions and our behaviour. They can help us understand and communicate who we are.”

Fake news

Positive storytelling is upheld for its life-giving value but the Pope warns of sophisticated and persuasive forms of “fake” stories – cautioning against a materialistic mindset. He decries the false message that “to be happy we continually need to gain, possess and consume”.

He writes: “We may not even realise how greedy we have become for chatter and gossip, or how much

violence and falsehood we are consuming. Often on Communication platforms, instead of constructive stories which serve to strengthen social ties and the cultural fabric, we find destructive and provocative stories that wear down and break the fragile threads binding us together as a society.”

The Bible – the Story of Stories

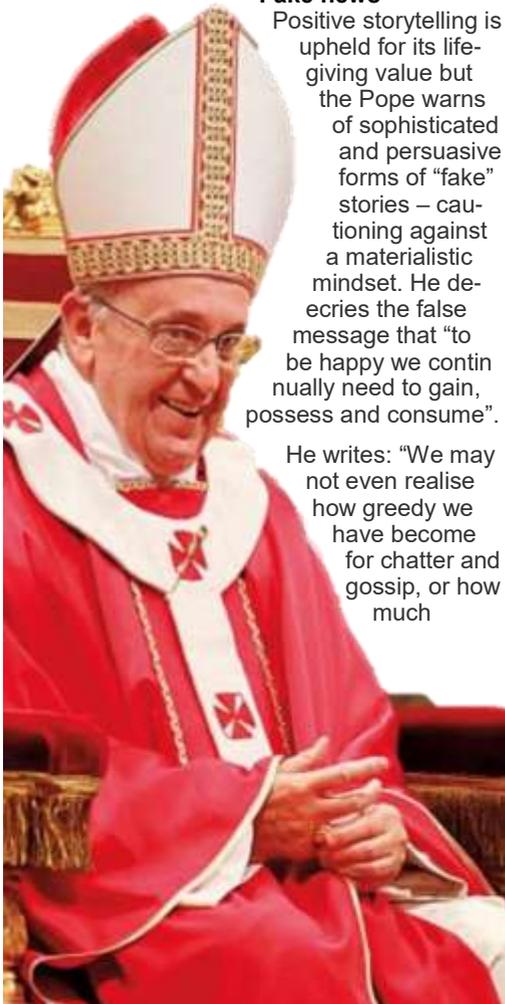
Appropriately as we’re in the early months of our year-long Bible initiative *The God Who Speaks*, the focus falls on Sacred Scripture as the ‘Story of stories’. Pope Francis describes the Bible as “the great love story between God and man” with Jesus at its centre. The Book of Exodus is the inspiration for the theme of the message:

“When the enslaved children of Israel cry out to Him, God listens and remembers: ‘God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel – and God knew’ (Ex 2: 24-25). God’s memory brings liberation from oppression through a series of signs and wonders... The Exodus experience teaches us that knowledge of the Lord is handed down from generation to generation mainly by telling the story of how he continues to make himself present. The God of life communicates with us through the story of life.”

The dignity of human stories

Pope Francis stresses that every human story has an “irrepressible” dignity and that humanity “deserves stories that are worthy of it”. He also encourages us to open ourselves to others as something that goes hand-in-hand with opening ourselves to God: “Telling God our story is never useless: even if the record of events remains the same, the meaning and perspective are always changing. To tell our story to the Lord is to enter into his gaze of compassionate love for us and for others. We can recount to him the stories we live, bringing to him the people and the situations that fill our lives. With him we can re-weave the fabric of life, darning its rips and tears.”

Pope Francis concludes by encouraging us to remember “who and what we are in God’s eyes” and invites us to entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary “who knew how to untie the knots of life with the gentle strength of love.”





ARCHDIOCESE
of SOUTHWARK

MAY Devotions

Archbishop John Wilson
at St George's Cathedral

A Scripture Rosary
The Mysteries of Light
27 May 2020 • 7 pm



Join us in prayer on
**The Feast of St Augustine
of Canterbury**
co-patron of
The Archdiocese
of Southwark

<https://bit.ly/363jX7>



Q&A

Solemnity, feast, memoria, feria, what's the difference in these liturgical days?

Each day has a liturgical title: a season or a saint. Each is ranked and given a 'status'. These can vary according to the time of the year and geographical location. It shows not only the importance of the day or saint, it also shows which should be kept with greater importance over another. If, for example, St Francis' Day fell on a Sunday, Sunday is more important. The different font-type on the Mass schedule show which is which. All Sundays are Solemnities. A *feria* is day where there is no commemoration, so green vestments are used at Mass.

ASCENSION
St Augustine
St Philip Neri
(Pope St Paul VI)
feria

SOLEMNITY
Feast
Memoria
(Optional Memoria)
a 'free' day

A Pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine.

Take a trip whilst you are home this May to pray the Rosary at a shrine of Our Lady:

Our Lady of Walsingham
walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

Our Lady of Lourdes
lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/

Our Lady of Fatima
[fatima.pt/en/pages/
online-transmissions](http://fatima.pt/en/pages/online-transmissions)



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 Terence Drainey Middlesbrough Cathedral. cbcew.org.uk

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 25th <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	1.05pm	
Tues 26th <i>St Philip Neri</i>	1.05pm	Br Philip Gerlomes OP
Wed 27th St Augustine of Canterbury	1.05pm	June Heath ✕ <i>d.2014</i>
Thur 28th <i>feria of Eastertide</i>	1.05pm	
Fri 29th (<i>Pope St Paul VI</i>)	1.05pm	
Sat 30th (<i>OL on Saturday</i>)	10.00am	Peter Pearson ✕ <i>d.2008</i>
Next Sunday Pentecost Sunday	11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment and only in emergency

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

Last week: £1,440.00 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 York and for Fr John Tee.

For your prayers:

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

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

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