



# 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*



### TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st June 2020



**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that we are not to be afraid! We have no need to be afraid since God is always at our side supporting and strengthening us in times of weakness and temptation. The evil effects of sin are swallowed up in the victory of Christ. He is the life of our souls and with him within us, we have no cause for fear.

**Green!** Oh it's so nice to be back in green, the liturgical colour for Ordinary Time.

**Ss Peter & Paul** are celebrated next Sunday. Strictly Ss PnP's day is 29th June, but being a Monday it's transferred to Sunday. So not green for long then!

**Day for Life**, today - a day when we rejoice, celebrate and protect human life, whenever, whoever or however it is found.

**Safeguarding** is about protecting vulnerable adults and children. During the lockdown it's all the more important you know who our safeguarding person is, and the 0800 phone number. It's on the back of this sheet.

**Father's Day!** Maybe not that kind of father, but nevertheless, pray for priests today.

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

**Take full part** in the Mass on-line: stand, sit, kneel, speak, as normal.

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

**Help!** Check on friends and neighbours, if they need help. Fiona is still the 'go to' person.

**Opening up MPB** for Private Prayer has proved to be too big-a-challenge. Getting everything done and in place was just not possible. We will concentrate and prepare for the Big Return!

**Will you help?** We have a team of cleaners and some have volunteered to be Stewards as the lock down eases. Can you help?

**100th day since you last came** to Mass will be next Sunday. Let your heart swell to receive the Lord Jesus when we can.

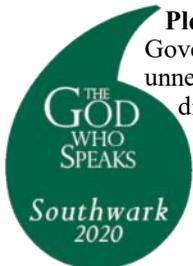
**St George's Cathedral** is open:

Sunday	14.00 - 16.00
Mon - Fri	07.30 - 09.30 & 12.00 - 14.00
Saturday	10.00 - 12.00

**The Archbishop** send a pastoral letter last week, which you can read on the website.

**No place for Racism**, a letter from the Archbishop to young people. (see website)

**The Great Get Together – On Air.** Here in SE1 is one of the largest events is the street party hosted by Bankside Open Spaces Trust. Not to be defeated by COVID-19, this year's event will be a mega radio programme. It will feature music and interviews with people from across our community, plus a virtual dog show, cat show, bake-off. So, tune-in to Resonance FM (online and DAB) from 12.00 - 21.00 on Sunday 21st June. More details: [www.bost.org.uk](http://www.bost.org.uk)



**'Hope in Him,  
hold firm and  
take heart.'** Ps27



There were over 200,000 abortions in Great Britain in the past year, and now abortion is also available across the island of Ireland. We, the Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together, we can promote a culture of life.

We grieve the loss of life due to abortion. We seek a change of minds and hearts about the innate dignity of the child in the womb and the care of pregnant women. Pope Francis writes, 'The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life ... For God allows parents to choose the name by which He himself will call their child for all eternity.' (*Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*) 166)

### **How can Catholic communities be places of welcome, assistance and support?**

On this 25th anniversary of St John Paul II's letter *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), we renew the call for respect and celebration of all life.

The parish is a 'family of families,' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 87). We ask our parishes to be places of welcome, where we can support pregnant women and celebrate the precious gift entrusted to them. We recognise that family is often 'a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 57).

We want to provide support for women and men who face difficult circumstances, as well as those who have experienced abortion and seek comfort in the Lord and their community.

### **Our pledge**

'As a Catholic, I promise to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life. I will pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb.'

### **Hope and Healing after Abortion**

God does not withhold his forgiveness from those who seek it with a sincere heart. But, even when we confess our sins and receive absolution, we are not always ready to forgive ourselves. There are many women and men still living, years later, with the emotional and spiritual scars of abortion. Our mission to promote a culture of life must include helping these women and men to be reconciled with themselves, with their lost child, and with the God who has never stopped loving them.

In the Lord we can find peace: 'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.' (*Rom* 5:5)

'My name is Caitlin\* and I am 28 years old. When I became pregnant for the first time five years ago, I had an abortion. I have carried the pain from this experience, as well as feelings of loss, confusion and loneliness. When attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, I was given the time and space to name the child that I lost and to find healing and forgiveness in the Lord.'

*\*The name has been change to protect the identity of the mother.*

To learn about Rachel's Vineyard and other Catholic initiatives in this area, go to [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org).

Do you need someone to talk to? If you are looking for confidential and free help, call the Pregnancy Matters helpline on 0808 802 5433 or text Pregnancy Matters on 07860 077 339.

### **About Day For Life**

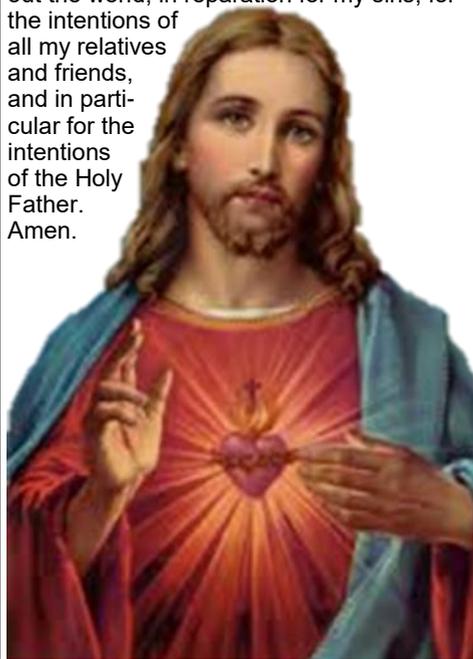
Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection held in parishes will be used for the promotion of the dignity of the human person through the distribution of grants. We welcome applications from projects that support this aim, and this year especially welcome those working with pregnant women, families, and those who have experienced the pain of abortion. Your donation is greatly appreciated

**The birthday of St John the Baptist** is a Solemnity which is kept on Wednesday this week. There are only two other birthdays we celebrate in the Kalendar. Whose are they?



**A Daily offering to the Sacred Heart**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.



**OPENING  
NOT SO SOON**

AT PRESENT THIS CHURCH IS UNABLE TO OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER. WE ARE WORKING TO OPEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



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vulnerable. It has also been a useful means of people being able to volunteer as Stewards, Cleaning and attendance rotas. It will now be even more important as we work towards the Great Return and keeping in touch with those who cannot return so soon.

**Have you signed-up and logged-in?**

ChurchSuite is the system we use to keep parishioners details safe and secure and in-line with contemporary laws concerning privacy and security about personal data. Having your contact details, especially your email and mobile number, has been invaluable during the lock down. You will recall how valuable it was on the day of the London Bridge Attack to send a text that day!

Recently, during the lock-down, it has been an important way of keeping in touch with everyone, especially those who are most

We are only able to contact you with your permission, and can only contact you if your details are correct. If you receive this newsletter by email, you have already given your permission. You can log-in and update your details and decide how you are contacted. And you can volunteer for things, join a rota, and see when you are on duty, swap, sign up, etc.

Download the app or use a browser. If you have any problems, or if you have lost your log-in details, email FrC.

**Sign up, log-in, up-date, today!**

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 22nd <i>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	1.05pm	Sertorio Barreto ✕
Tues 23rd <i>(St Etheldreda)</i>	1.05pm	Susanna Mensch ✕ <i>recently</i>
Wed 24th <i>Birth St John the Baptist</i>	1.05pm	Jean Halls ✕ <i>recently</i>
Thur 25th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	
Fri 26th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	
Sat 27th <i>(St Cyril of Alexandria)</i>	10.00am	Catherine Green <i>foundation</i>
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:18 Matthew 16:13-19

**Sacrament of Confession.** By appointment and only in emergency

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

**Last week:** £1,035.00 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 June: *The Way of the Heart.*** We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

**The Ordinariate weekly intercessions:** The Black Country Group and Fr John Greatbatch, John Lungley, Christopher Marshall & Den Mel Harwood.

**For your prayers:**

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

*Those who are Sick:* Dora, Mary, 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:* Ada Kane

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