



Ordinariate and Parish Church

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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th July 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that the Spirit is our help! We are a people full of weaknesses due to sin. We cannot pray for repentance unless the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. Our God is mild in judgment and we pray that his mercy will be with us so that like wheat we will be gathered into his barn.



Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended, so Catholics don't have to attend Mass. If you are thinking about coming to Mass on Sunday, please be considerate, especially towards others who are still vulnerable.

If you attend Mass on Sunday, the procedures we must follow are now becoming familiar. Mass will be swift!

Registration is required for *Track and Trace*. If you register and then cannot come, please go back on-line and un-register..

When you arrive for Mass:

- ✘ Check-in
- ✘ Sanitise your hands
- ✘ Follow the one-way system
- ✘ Give your *Collection* on arrival
- ✘ Use the marked seats
- ✘ Keep 2m distance at all times
- ✘ Do not touch anyone or anything
- ✘ Keep a low voice, nothing will be sung
- ✘ Follow instructions
- ✘ Leave by side door (front right)
- ✘ Sanitise hands on exit
- ✘ Do not gather after Mass
- ✘ Toilets will not be available

Mass will continue on-line here at MPB at our usual times. The live-stream goes 'live' 10 mins before.

Take full part in the Mass if you watch on-line.

Mass with or without a congregation?

Advice is that it is better to ease lock-down sustainably, than do too much and have to draw back. Mass on Sunday at 11am is with a congregation, all other celebrations will be on-line only.

Access to Mass at 11am each Sunday is 20mins before to avoid pro-longed contact.

Stewards. Thank you to those who have Stewarded these last weeks, and those who have signed up. Guidelines dictate that there must be two stewards on duty whenever the Church is open.

Mass Intentions are thin atm. They can be requested on-line or by email.

Confessions are now possible. This only by appointment, as are Baptisms and Marriages.

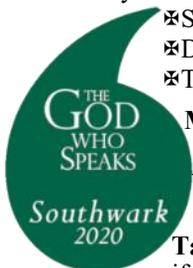
August is approaching. We tried last year to have a holiday. This year, despite all things, will be the same: Mass only on Sundays.

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

Day off on Monday so there will be no public Mass at MBP on Mondays.

Bedsit to let in SE1 two private rooms sharing facilities with one other. See FrC

Penultimate Evensongs this week. Even though term ends this week, we'll go to the end of July.





St James and the Camino Way

According to ancient legend the Iberian Peninsula formed part of the lands where the St James Preached. After he was beheaded in 44AD, tradition says that his disciples took his body by boat to Galicia, one of the lands he preached in.

The difficult times during the early years of Christianity and the fact that most of the northern part of the peninsula was sparsely populated would have meant

that the exact location of the burial site would have fallen into oblivion. However, around the year 820 remains were found which were attributed by the ecclesiastic and civil authorities to be those of St James the Greater. This event, which took place in remote Galician woodland, would give rise to the founding of the city of Santiago de Compostela.

Santiago became the attractive goal of a pilgrimage that would, over the centuries, lead pilgrims from all walks of life and via the most diverse itineraries, to the tomb of the only apostle of Jesus, along with St Peter in Rome, who is buried on European soil.

It was not until the 9th century that the apostle's tomb was identified at Compostela. The late 8th century saw the consolidation of the Christian kingdom of Galicia and Asturias in northern Spain, with the support of Charlemagne. It was to provide the base for the reconquest of the peninsula from Muslim domination, a process that was not to be completed until 1492. The apostle had been adopted as its patron saint by the Christian kingdom, and in the early years of the 9th century, during the reign of Alfonso II, his tomb was "discovered" in a small shrine by the hermit Pelayo and Todemiro, Bishop of the most westerly diocese in the kingdom.

The fame of the tomb of St James, protector of Christendom against the menace of Islam, quickly spread across western Europe and it became a place of pilgrimage, comparable with Jerusalem and Rome. By the beginning of the 10th century pilgrims were coming to Spain on the French routes from Tours, Limoges, and Le Puy, and facilities for their bodily and spiritual welfare began to be endowed along what gradually became recognized as the formal pilgrimage route, whilst in Compostela itself a magnificent new basilica was built to house the relics of the apostle, along with other installations - churches, chapels, hospices, and hospitals.

The 12th century saw the Route achieve its greatest influence, used by thousands of pilgrims from all over Western Europe. In 1139 the first "guidebook" to the Route appeared, describing its precise alignment from Roncesvalles to Santiago de Compostela and listing the facilities available to pilgrims. These structures, ranging from humble chapels and hospices to magnificent cathedrals, represent every aspect of artistic and architectural evolution from Romanesque to Baroque and beyond, demonstrating the intimate linkages between faith and culture in the Middle Ages. The establishment of the pilgrimage route inevitably led to its adoption as a commercial route, resulting in economic prosperity for several of the towns along its length.

The tradition of pilgrimage to Santiago has not ceased since that time, though its popularity waned in recent centuries. Since it was declared to be the first European Cultural Itinerary by the Council of Europe in 1987, however, it has resumed the spiritual role that it played in the Middle Ages, and every year sees many thousands of pilgrims following it on foot or bicycle.

The route is marked along the way by a simple shell, which points in the direction of St James. Many pilgrims bring it home, or wear it as a sign of their pilgrimage.

St James' Day is Saturday this week.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

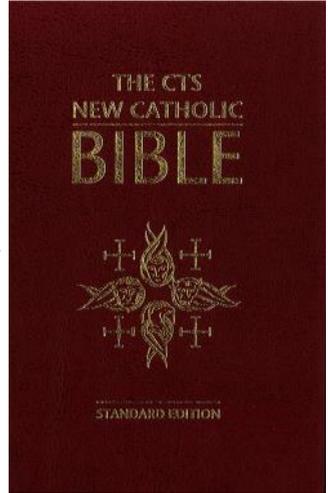


ST PAULS

The two main books any good home should have is a copy of the **Catechism** and a copy of the **Holy Bible**. You can't make any sense of one, without the other. Hopefully everyone has one in this *Year of the Word*.

The Catechism is available in many editions, and indeed on-line. The one pictured is printed by St Paul Multimedia. They cost about £15. However, look it up on Amazon, scroll down to 'used items', and there are many in a good-as-new condition and only for one penny (£3 postage!).

The Bible has many versions and translations. We use the *Jerusalem* translation for the readings at Mass. One of the best to buy is the *Revised Standard Version* Catholic Edition, sometimes known as the C RSV. If you haven't one yet, they are available on-line or at *Universalis*. The one pictured is by the *Catholic Truth Society*, priced £16 - or try Amazon for that too!



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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 20th <i>(St Apollinaris)</i>		
Tues 21st <i>(St Laurence of Brindisi)</i>	1.05pm	Bill Scott ✕ <i>recently</i>
Wed 22nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	1.05pm	Angela Lynne Carpenter Woods ✕
Thur 23rd <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	1.05pm	Medical members of the parish
Fri 24th <i>(St Charbel Makhlouf)</i>	1.05pm	
Sat 25th <i>St James</i>	10.00am	
Next Sunday <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings 1 Kings 3:5.7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment and only in emergency

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

Last week: £940.00 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 July: Our Families We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: The Wales SE Group & Frs Bernard Sixtus, David Hathaway & David Prichard.

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,

Recently Departed: Christopher Tuckwell *priest*, Bill Scott

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