



# 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*



## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th August 2020

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear how Jesus spoke to the storm and there followed a great calm. God spoke to Elijah in the whisper of a gentle breeze, especially in moments of great trial, God speaks to us in Christ if only we will listen to his voice. God speaks in a gentle breeze.



**Sunday Mass** at 11am with a congregation continues and is live-streamed. We are using Facebook at the moment but will move to YouTube next term.

**Track & Trace** requires that we keep a record of who enters the church building. If you fill out a 'chitty', this information is kept locked away, and destroyed after 21 days.

**Sign up** on-line rather than using a chitty, and so be sure you are registered with the parish. This paper-exercise has revealed quite a few gaps. All data is kept secure and according to the current law. In fact it's never been more secure.

**Face covering** are now required in all Churches. Please bring your own, although some can be provided. Be considerate for the common good.

**The Obligation for Catholics** to attend Mass each Sunday is still suspended. This 'suspension' has made us consider and re-think what a privilege it is being able to attend Mass.

**When you arrive for Mass**, if you attend physically, there are the now familiar procedures. Thank you to all those who have complied.

**Take full part** in the Mass wherever you take part.

**The Assumption of Our Lady** is celebrated next Sunday. Normally 15th, but being a Saturday we move it to Sunday. *Our Lady Assumed into heaven, pray for us!*

**During August** the weekday Mass will be suspended, as will Evensong and Benediction. Sunday Mass at 11am continues.

**Next term** we hope to have Mass during the week and on Sunday 8.30am. The regulations might be different by then, but we will still need stewards. Will you sign up?

**Stewards** are required whenever the Church is open. If we open more often, an additional task will be to 'sanitise' the church after each Mass on Sundays and weekday.

**Katya & Henry** thank you for your payers as they were married here last week. May God grant them a long and happy marriage.

**Financial giving.** Thank you to all those who responded to last week's appeal. Even if you haven't yet, you still can! *See the website.*

**The Monthlies** are available on-line. The *Portal Mag*, and the *Pilgrim*.

**Summer reading or listening** - want some easy reading or listening? For this *Year of the Word*, try 'The Bible is a Catholic Book' by Jimmy Akin.

**Keep an eye** on friends and neighbours, especially during this heat.





**Saint Lawrence**, a deacon of the Church, was one of the victims of the persecution in 258 of Valerian, with Pope Sixtus II and many other members of the Roman clergy. At the beginning of the month of August, 258, the emperor issued an edict, commanding that all bishops, priests, and deacons should immediately be put to death. This imperial command was immediately carried out in Rome. On 6 August Pope Sixtus II was apprehended in one of the catacombs, and executed. Two other deacons, Felicissimus and Agapitus, were put to death the same day.

In the Calendar of feasts of the fourth century their feast day is on the same date. Four days later, on the 10th of August of that same year, Lawrence, the last of the seven deacons, also suffered a martyr's death.

Since the fourth century St. Lawrence has been one of the most honoured martyrs of the Roman Church. Constantine the Great was the first to erect a little oratory over his burial-place, which was enlarged and beautified by Pope Pelagius II (579-90). Pope Sixtus III (432-40) built a large basilica with three naves, the apse leaning against the older church, on the summit of the hill where he was buried. In the thirteenth century Honorius III made the two buildings into one, and so the basilica of San Lorenzo remains to this day. Pope St. Damasus (366-84) wrote a panegyric in verse, which was engraved in marble and placed over his tomb.

Two contemporaries of St. Ambrose of Milan tells that when St. Lawrence was asked for the treasures of the Church he brought forward the poor, among whom he had divided the treasure, in place of alms; also that when Pope Sixtus II was led away to his death he comforted Lawrence, who wished to share his martyrdom, by saying that he would follow him

in three days. The saintly Bishop of Milan also states that St Lawrence was burned to death on a grid-iron.

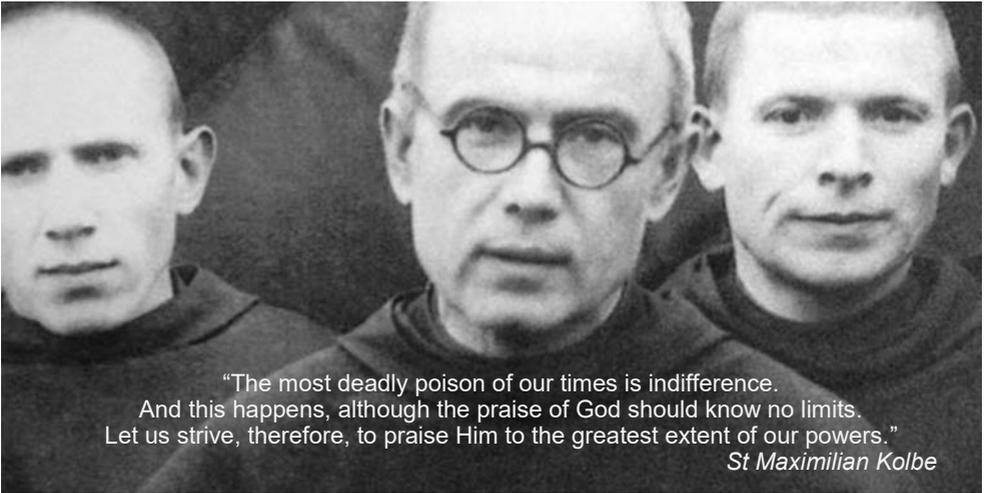
The meeting between St. Lawrence and Pope Sixtus II, when the latter was being led to execution, related by St. Ambrose, is not compatible with the contemporaneous reports about the persecution of Valerian. The manner of his execution—burning on a red-hot gridiron—also gives rise to grave doubts.

The narrations of Ambrose and Prudentius are founded rather on oral tradition than on written accounts. It is quite possible that between the year 258 and the end of the fourth century popular legends may have grown up about this highly venerated Roman deacon, and some of these legends have been preserved by these two authors. We have, in any case, no means of verifying from earlier sources the details derived from St. Ambrose and Prudentius, or of ascertaining to what extent such details are supported by earlier historical tradition. Fuller accounts of the martyrdom of St. Lawrence were composed, probably, early in the sixth century, and in these narratives a number of the martyrs of the Via Tiburtina and of the two Catacombs of St. Cyriaca in agro Verano and St. Hippolytus were connected in a romantic and wholly legendary fashion.

The details given in these Acts concerning the martyrdom of St. Lawrence and his activity before his death cannot claim any credibility. However, in spite of this criticism of the later accounts of the martyrdom, there can be no question that St. Lawrence was a real historical personage, nor any doubt as to the martyrdom of that venerated Roman deacon, the place of its occurrence, and the date of his burial. Pope Damasus built a basilica in Rome which he dedicated to St. Lawrence; this is the church now known as that of San Lorenzo in Damaso. The church of San Lorenzo in Lucina, also dedicated to this saint, still exists.

He is pictured in art with the gridiron on which he is supposed to have been roasted to death, the martyr's palm of victory, and the Book of the Gospels, by which he lived and died.

His feast is on Monday this week.



“The most deadly poison of our times is indifference.  
 And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits.  
 Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers.”  
*St Maximilian Kolbe*



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## CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

St John Henry Newman  
 Starts at Most Precious Blood.  
 6pm Wednesday 28th August

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 10th <i>St Laurence</i>		
Tues 11th <i>St Clare</i>		
Wed 12th <i>(St Jane Frances Chantel)</i>		
Thur 13th <i>(Pope St Pontian)</i>		
Fri 14th <i>St Maximilian Koble</i>		
Sat 15th <i>feria</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Assumption of Our Lady</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Ap 11:19,12:1-6,10 1 Cor 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56

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

**Evensong** 4.00pm, Sunday & Benediction, *suspended for August*  
6.30pm, Thursday *suspended for August*

**Last week:** £1,302.00 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 August: *The Maritime World.*** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

**The Ordinariate weekly intercessions:** The Salisbury Group & Fr Jonathan Creer.

### For your prayers:

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

*Those to be married* Katya to Henry

*Those who are Sick:* Dora, Mary, Mark, David, Rebecca, George, David, Betty Fr Charles  
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:* Bill Scott, Bill East *priest* Isaac Scharbach, John Bourlet

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