



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*



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th August 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that suffering shows us how much we are prepared to sacrifice in our following of Christ. He tells us to take up our cross daily and follow him. It is in apparently losing our lives that we will find them in a newer deeper way and then we shall be rewarded according to our behaviour. Not easy!



Sunday Mass at 11am with a congregation continues and is live-streamed. We are using FaceBook for the last time today. We now have a YouTube channel. *See the website.*

Sunday Mass at 8.30am, is there a demand? It may resume next month if the 11am reaches capacity. Let FrC know your thoughts.

Weekday Mass will be open to the public this week. Thank you to those who have volunteered to steward. More are still needed, please sign up!

Trial Run! We will see how well supported the Mass is at 1.05pm during September, then reassess. Although office-workers are encouraged to return, it seems many have got into a new pattern. If there is not a need, we might need to re-think the best time for Mass.

Evensong & Benediction next Sunday at 4pm. This will be open to the public, but singing will be restricted.

Evensong and Mass on Thursdays resume next week, when term begins.

Track & Trace requires that we keep a record of who enters the church building. This is for all events. Make sure you sign up, preferably in advance, online. Paper records are kept locked and destroyed after 21 days.

Gianluca is to be made a Christian today! The on-going restrictions mean this will take place before the 11am Mass. A special welcome to him, his family and friends.

Schools return this week. Despite the argy-bargy and politicisation, please keep pupils and teachers in your prayers this week, especially our own St Joseph's.

Sign up to attend MPB. All our systems now use *MyChurchSuite*. If you are registered you can log-in and amend your details.

Take part fully in the Mass wherever you take part.

Face covering are now required in all Churches, but not at home.

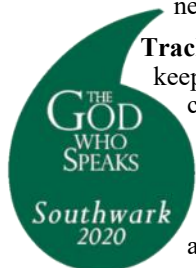
When you arrive for Mass, follow the procedures, but not at home.

Financial giving, thank you to all those who continue to give financially, especially from home. *See the website.*

The Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy-days is still suspended. If you are anxious about attending on Sunday, you could come in the week. Procedures will be followed, just with fewer people.

Keep an eye on friends and neighbours. Some might still be afraid.

Church remains closed outside Mass.





PAKISTAN: Escape from the house of hell
*14-year-old Maira tells of being drugged,
raped and blackmailed*

A 14-year-old Christian girl has escaped from the man a High Court in Pakistan ruled to be her husband and has gone to the police to say that she was filmed while by being raped by him.

Maira Shahbaz, her mother, Nighat, and three siblings are on the run from Mohamad Nakash after the Catholic girl from Madina Town, Punjab Province, fled his home in nearby Faisalabad where sources close to the family say she was forced into prostitution.

According to Maira, Mr Nakash has threatened to kill both her and her family.

The Catholic girl refuses to accept her forced conversion from Christianity, which she says she was tricked into doing by being pressured into signing blank papers.

She said her abductors warned that, if she did not comply with their demands, they would publish the video of her being raped online.

In an interview with Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Lala Robin Daniel, a friend of Maira's family, described life on the run, moving from place to place every few days, adding: "Maira is traumatised. She cannot speak. We want to take her to the doctor but we are afraid we might be spotted.

"We are all very frightened but we place our trust in God."

Maira's claims against Mr Nakash and his accomplices are set out in a statement she made to police, a copy of which has been issued to ACN by the family's lawyer, Khalil Tahir Sandhu.

Describing what happened after she was reportedly kidnapped at gunpoint in April, Maira states: "I found myself at an unknown place where the accused forced me to have a glass of juice that contained some intoxicant.

"I was semi-conscious at that moment and the accused raped me forcefully and also filmed me naked. When I came to my senses, I started shouting and requesting them to release me..."

"They threatened to murder my whole family. They have also shown me my naked video and pictures which they have taken on their mobile while raping me."

She continues: "My life was at stake in the hands of the accused and... Nakash repeatedly raped me forcefully."

The family are calling for Mr Nakash's arrest for sex crimes involving a minor and Mr Tahir Sandhu has applied to the courts both to cancel her marriage to him and her forced conversion.

In the meantime, Mr Nakash is calling for the arrest of Maira's mother, Nighat, her uncles and Mr Daniel, claiming they kidnapped the girl from his home.

It comes nearly three weeks after Lahore High Court ruled in Mr Nakash's favour in the case of the girl's alleged abduction on 28th April, when it is claimed he and two armed accomplices kidnapped her in broad daylight close to her home.

The family has consistently contested Mr Nakash's claims of marrying Maira, and in court Mr Tahir Sandhu produced an official birth certificate to show the girl was 13 at the time of the alleged ceremony last Oct.

The Muslim cleric named in the marriage certificate dismissed it as a fake and went to the police to complain.

Pray for the AC; pray for Maria

*John Pontifex
28 Aug 2020*





THE LAURELS

SCHOOL

AGES 11-18

1 CHELSEA EMBANKMENT
LONDON SW3 4LG

Open Day
Saturday 19th September

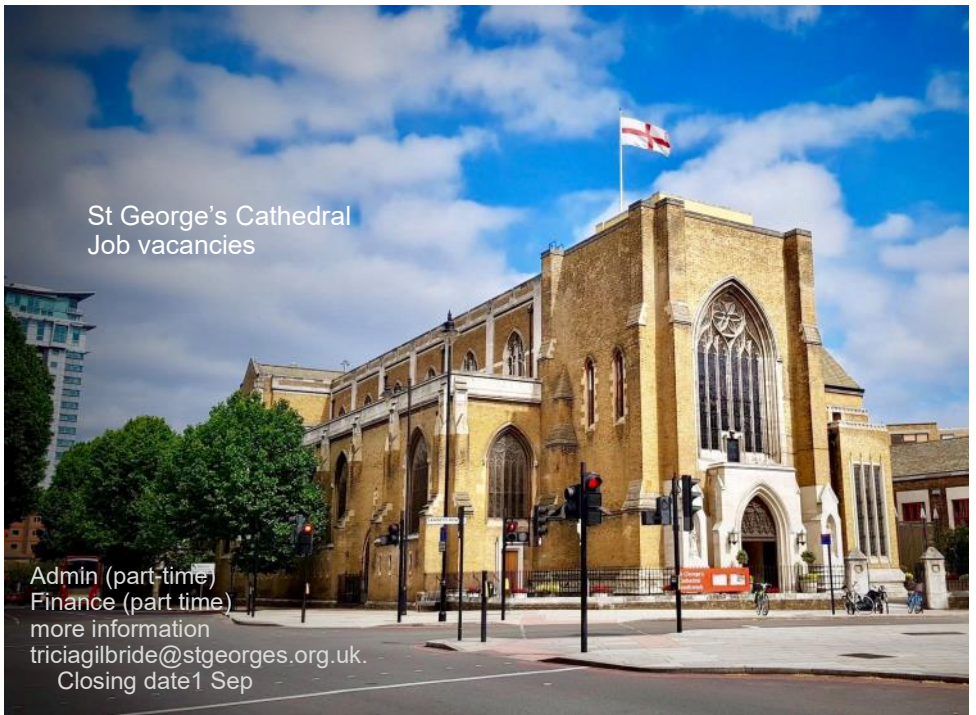
Registration required www.thelaurelsschool.org.uk



STAY ALERT **CONTROL THE VIRUS** **SAVE LIVES**

St George's Cathedral
Job vacancies

Admin (part-time)
Finance (part time)
more information
triciagilbride@stgeorges.org.uk
Closing date 1 Sep



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 31st <i>St Aidan</i>		
Tues 1st <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Brenda Lowe ✕
Wed 2nd <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Tina H
Thur 3rd <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	1.05pm	
Fri 4th (<i>St Cuthbert</i>)	1.05pm	Jim Powell ✕
Sat 5th <i>feria</i>	10.00am	Walsingham
Next Sunday <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment

Evensong 4.00pm, Sunday & Benediction,
6.00pm, Thursday *term-time*

Last week: £1,114.00 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 Sep: *Respect for the Planet's Resources.* We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: The Buckfast Group & Fr Ian Hellyer & Robin Ellis

For your prayers:

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

Those to be baptised Gianluca

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

Find us on: Facebook: "preciousbloodSE1" Twitter: @preciousblood1 YouTube

Fr Christopher Pearson OLW Parish Priest

The Rectory,
22 Redcross Way, SE1 1TA
borough@rcaos.org.uk
www.preciousblood.org.uk

020 7407 3951

