



# 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*



### 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th September 2020

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that we live together in a society and we must be prepared to correct each other and encourage each other. No one is an island. If Christ be among us then we will help each other in true christian charity. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour. Correct each other in love.



**Sunday Mass** at 11am with a congregation continues and is live-streamed. We now have a YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe.  
*See the website.*

**Mass times** alteration for a trial period to gain best advantage. Following consultation, the weekday and early Sunday are moving.

**Sunday Mass at 9.30am** in addition to the 11am. We were full to capacity last Sunday, so we clearly need another Mass time. We will need Stewards. Sign up on-line.

**9.30am not 8.30am.** This is aimed at those who come to the 8.30am but can also be accessible for those who can't get into the 11am. We'll see how it goes!

**Weekday Mass at 12.05pm.** People have been understandably slow to return. Some have requested an earlier time. We will try 12.05pm. Comments appreciated.

**It's a Trial Run.** We will see how well supported these Mass are.

**Registration is required** whenever someone enters the Church. Sign up on line. Sundays will be monitored, but weekdays will be by self-registration on-line. Please be considerate for the common good.

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

**Evensong and Mass** on Thursdays resumes this week. It will be followed by a zocial. Email FrC for the link.

**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.

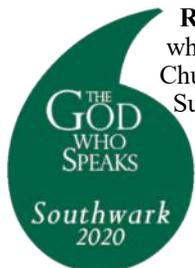
**Financial giving**, thank you to all those who continue to give financially, especially from home. *See the website.*

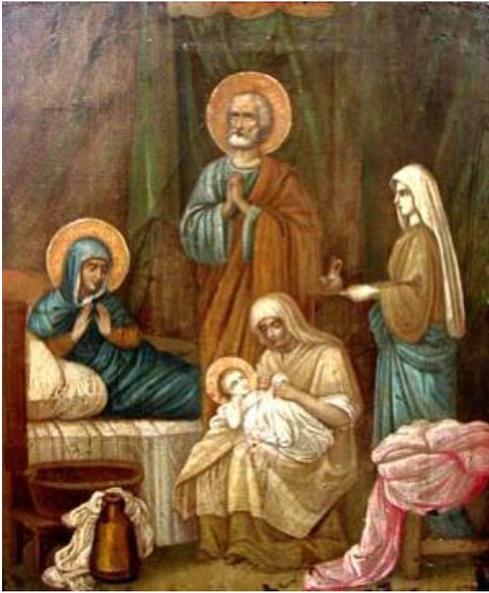
**St Joseph's School** welcome the children back this week for their first full week. Please keep the children and staff in your prayers.

**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. When the Obligation is restored we will look again at the Mass schedule.

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

**Church remains closed** outside Mass.





### Nativity of Our Lady

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of 8th September, nine months after the 8th December which celebrates her Immaculate Conception as the child of St Joachim and St Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer

and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honour their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

St Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

We celebrate her birthday on Tuesday this week.

**Mass Intentions** can still be requested. Mass is offered every day. You will see on the schedule (next page) that there are lots of opportunities. In the old days we used an envelope like this, but now you can request Mass Intentions on the website. Select *Support Us*, or click the 'Donate' button, and chose the *Mass Intention* on the drop down menu.

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We give thanks after the Harvest  
 on 27th September.

**Catholic  
 History  
 Walks in  
 London**

**Tuesday 22nd September, 6pm  
 Most Precious Blood,**

We will cross London Bridge, discovering Viking battles, The Great Fire, and finish at the birthplace of St John Henry Newman.

**Sunday 27th September, 3pm  
 St Elizabeth's Church,  
 The Vineyard, Richmond, TW10**

We will learn about Henry VII, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and walk along the Thames to St John Henry Newman's childhood home at Ham.

*Wear sensible shoes  
 Prepare for inclement weather  
 Suggested fee*

[www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com)

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 7th <i>feria</i>		
Tues 8th <i>Nativity of the BVM</i>	12.05pm	St Joseph's School
Wed 9th <i>(St Peter Claver)</i>	12.05pm	
Thur 10th <i>feria</i>	12.05pm 6.30pm	
Fri 11th <i>feria</i>	12.05pm	Terry Kelly ✕
Sat 12th <i>feria</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Numbers 21:4-9      Philippians 2:6-11      John 3:13-17

**Sacrament of Confession.** By appointment

**Evensong** 4.00pm, & Benediction, 1st Sunday  
6.00pm, Thursday *term-time*

**Last week:** £1,150.00 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 Torbay Parish and Frs David Lashbrooke, Michael Galloway, & Colin Furness.

### 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:* John Bourlet, Charles Briggs *priest*, Rev Alan Cross

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