



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*



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th September 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is the perfect example of forgiveness. He died for us when we were still his enemies by sin and through his death we are brought to life. His life and death have an influence on all of us. Now we must forgive each other as Christ forgives us since we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Forgive from your heart.



Sunday Mass at 9.30am and 11am with a congregation. Only the 11am will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe. *See the website.*

Mass times alteration for a trial period to gain best advantage. Comments, ideas and suggestions welcome.

Sunday Mass at 9.30am in addition to the 11am. NB, 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. We'll give it a while longer. Any comments?

Registration is required whenever someone enters the Church. Sign up on line.

Sundays Registration is monitored. Everyone *must* register. Please do this before you come, or use the QR code on arrival.

Weekday registration has been self-registration, which has not been very successful. If people cannot self-register we will either need stewards, or to re-think how we do this, especially as from tomorrow it is a legal requirement.

Evensong and Mass, 6pm & 6.30pm on Thursdays continues this week, will be on-line only. Email FrC for the link to join the social that follows, 7.15pm.

Take part fully in the each Mass wherever and however you join.

Hands, Face, Space, the new mantra for the same reason - the virus has not gone away! If we are to avoid a second wave, wash your hands, cover your face, keep a 2m space.

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

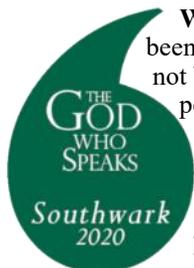
Stewards, readers and extraordinary ministers of HC are all self nominated atm. Thank you to all those who have volunteered. There's room for more!

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. Many are wisely being prudent.

Church remains closed outside Mass.

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



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St Helena; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the means of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

The history this Feast begins at the death and resurrection of Christ. Both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden (tradition said) by the Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity.

According to tradition, first mentioned by St Cyril of Jerusalem in 348, St Helena, nearing the end of her life, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy Sepulchre and attempt to locate the True Cross. A Jew by the name of Judas, aware of the tradition concerning the hiding of the Cross, led those excavating the Holy Sepulchre to the spot in which it was hidden.

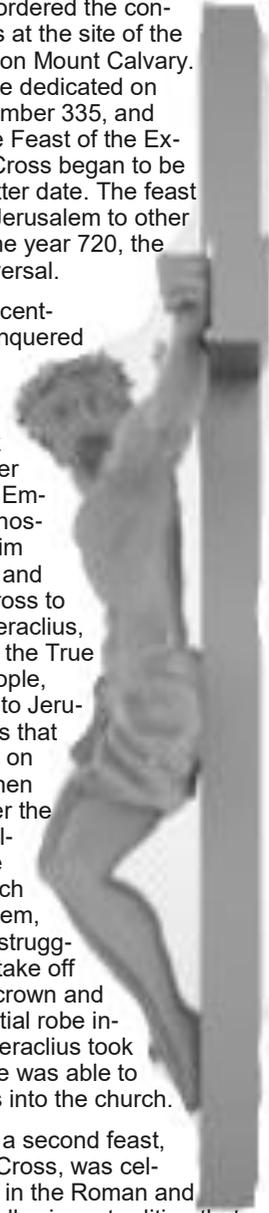
Three crosses were found on the spot. According to one tradition, the inscription *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews) remained attached to the True Cross. According to a more common tradition, however, the inscription was missing, and St Helena and St Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, assuming that one was the True Cross and the other two belonged to the thieves crucified alongside Christ, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross.

In one version of the latter tradition, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. In another, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life.

In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on 13th and 14th September 335, and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on the latter date. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem to other churches, until, by the year 720, the celebration was universal.

In the early seventh century, the Persians conquered Jerusalem, and the Persian king Khosrau II captured the True Cross and took it back to Persia. After Khosrau's defeat by Emperor Heraclius II, Khosrau's own son had him assassinated in 628 and returned the True Cross to Heraclius. In 629, Heraclius, having initially taken the True Cross to Constantinople, decided to restore it to Jerusalem. Tradition says that he carried the Cross on his own back, but when he attempted to enter the church on Mount Calvary, a strange force stopped him. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem, seeing the emperor struggling, advised him to take off his royal robes and crown and to dress in a penitential robe instead. As soon as Heraclius took Zacharias' advice, he was able to carry the True Cross into the church.

For some centuries, a second feast, the Invention of the Cross, was celebrated on 3rd May in the Roman and Gallican churches, following a tradition that marked that date as the day on which St Helena discovered the True Cross. In Jerusalem, however, the finding of the Cross was celebrated from the beginning on 14th September, which is Monday this week.



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is still out there



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HANDS



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We give thanks after the Harvest on 27th September bring non-perishable foodstuff for The Manna Centre .



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 should glory
in the Cross of Our
Lord Jesus Christ**
Gal 6:14



Do you have a
crucifix in a prominent
place in your home?

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Christine Brooksby ✕ <i>d.2008</i> Parishioners
Mon 14th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
Tues 15th <i>OL of Sorrows</i>	12.05pm	Joseph Hogan ✕ <i>month's mind</i>
Wed 16th <i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	12.05pm	Tessa Eames ✕ <i>recently</i>
Thur 17th <i>(St Robert Bellarmine)</i>	12.05pm 6.30pm	Fr Michael Carey <i>foundation</i> The Rev'd Stanley Evans ✕
Fri 18th <i>(St Edith of Kemsing)</i>	12.05pm	Charles Briggs <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>recently</i>
Sat 19th <i>(St Januarius)</i>		
Next Sunday <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Parishioners Wilma Lambert ✕ <i>Year's Mind</i>

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24.27 Matthew 20:1-16

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment

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

Last week: £1,006.50 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 Cornwall Group and Frs David Lashbrooke, Michael Cain.

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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