



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*



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th November 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that God gives talents to each one of us and they must be used in his name. We cannot relax our efforts but continually do all in our power to work as children of the light. A good wife is a blessing in the family. We should all be a blessing in the family of God. Work for the Lord!



Sunday Mass will be at 11am only, during the November Lockdown.

Mass on-line is the only way we can participate atm.

Mass live-streamed daily on YouTube and FaceBook. Be sure to subscribe. *See website.*

Mass everyday at MPB during the Lockdown, inc Mondays and Saturday mornings.

Confession is now available 12.30 - 1pm each weekday, following the guidelines, hands, face, space.

The Church is Open each day for 'private prayer'. On Sundays before the 11am Mass (9am-10.30am) and weekdays after the 12.05pm Mass (12.30pm-2pm). It will be closed at all other times.

Open Stewards needed to facilitate the Church being open. If you are willing, sign up on ChurchSuite or email for log-in details parish@preciousblood.org.uk

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed whilst the Church is open. The Archbishop has asked that we do all we can to Adore the Lord during the lockdown.

Hands, face, space.....

Holy Souls in November can be placed in the basket at the back of church or emailed or the via website. All will all be on the Altar

The Plenary Indulgence for Holy Souls has been extended to the whole of November. See the website /holysouls

Last Will and Testament: have you made one? The most important part is not the Will, but the Testament! During this month of Holy Souls many Catholic solicitors will do it *pro bono*, for free.

This Month of Holy Souls is also the time to update our own Funeral Rites; there are some forms at the back of church and on-line. Return the form to FrC who will keep it in a locked draw until needed.

Christ the King is next Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The 11am Mass will conclude with Benediction.

Beverley Cooper, a founder member of the Ordinariate died on Thursday after a very short illness. Please remember her in your prayers, and her family. *Lord have mercy.*

Pray at 6pm everyday during the lockdown. The Bishops have asked we united ourselves with others. Say the *Angelus*, or just say the *Our Father* - whatever, pray at 6pm

Keep an eye on friends and neighbours...





In 1963, the Catholic Church allowed cremation due to sanitation risks, overcrowded cemeteries, and financial reasons. Nevertheless, the burying the dead was preferred. However, there was an exception. It was not allowed if it were in disregard to the rituals, or it was meant to deny the resurrection of the body and the truth of the Gospel. And it was the preference that the funeral liturgies be performed *before* cremation.

In 1997 things changed again making some exceptions of allowing the funeral to be performed in the presence of the cremated remains in circumstances where a cremation must take place before the funeral rites. It was anticipated that the cremated remains be buried in the same manner as a whole body, which is in a sacred place.

In 2016, the day before All Souls Day, 2nd November, the Vatican issued definitive guidelines concerning cremation. "The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom be retained, but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons, which are contrary to Christian teaching. Many Catholics desire that their ashes be scattered in a place which is special to them or their loved one. However, ashes are not to be scattered on land, in the air, at sea, or in any other fashion. In addition, ashes are not to be exhibited in the home, made into jewellery, cremation diamonds, cremation art, or any other method of display. Cremated remains must be buried in cemeteries or other sacred locations, that encourage the Catholic community to pray for and remember the dead."

So, as Catholic we may be cremated, but we should prefer burial whenever possible. And human ashes must be buried, and not kept on the mantle-piece or in the loff! If you have anyone's ashes at home, see FrC asap and get them buried.

Scattering, as commonly understood, is also not a good idea, such as on a football pitch, or in the River Thames. Scattering properly understood is to dig a hole and scatter the ashes into the hole, then fill-in the hole. Burial of ashes is to dig a hole and bury the ashes in a casket or box, then fill-in the hole.

Our dead relatives and friends will need their bodies again, hopefully, sometime soon.

Burial or Cremation?

During the month of Holy Souls, some thoughts about Cremation

The simple question: can Catholics be cremated? And the simple answer: yes, it changed in 2019 - but there are things we need to follow.

Archaeologists believe that cremation has been around since the stone ages and initially used in Europe. It was later a common method for the disposing of remains in Rome by 600 BC and in Greece by 800 BC. In early times, the Romans cremated their dead due to their belief that there is no afterlife. This was a strict contradiction to the belief of Christians. Subsequently, they associated cremation with the Pagan societies of Rome and Greece, which was one of their reasons for rejecting it.

Preferring burial to cremation is also biblical which teaches an extreme respect for the human body, both in life and in death. As Christians we believe in the resurrection of the body, therefore cremation did not fit with our belief that we will need our bodies again, when Jesus returns, as he promised.



Sunday 09.00 - 10.30
 Mon-Fri 12.30 - 14.00

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ,
 wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O good Jesus, hear me.
 Within Thy wounds
 hide me.
 Suffer me not to be separated
 from Thee, from the malicious
 enemy, defend me.
 At the hour of death, call me,
 and bid me come to thee.
 That with Thy saints I may be praise Thee
 forever and ever. Amen.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Place in this envelope the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray.

Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

"Have pity on me, at least you my friends, for the hand of the Lord has touched me"

Return as soon as possible to the Church or Presbytery. Your offering may be placed in this envelope.

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Fish on Fridays. Don't forget that Catholics should not eat meat on Fridays. We are invited to unite ourselves with the Lord on the day he died, and with each other in a common act.

FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Have you filled out and returned one of these? Return it once completed to FrC who will locked it away till needed.

Prayer to St Joseph for a Happy Death
 O Glorious St. Joseph, behold I choose thee today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Preserve and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervour in the service of God. Remove far from me every kind of sin; obtain for me that my death may not come upon me unawares, but that I may have time to confess my sins sacramentally and to bewail them with a most perfect understanding and a most sincere and perfect contrition, in order that I may breathe forth my soul into the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen

THE HAPPY DEATH OF SAINT JOSEPH

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00	Parishioners
Mon 16th <i>feria</i>	12.05	Beverley Cooper ✕ <i>recently</i>
Tues 17th (<i>St Hilda</i>)	12.05	Alan Griffin <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>recently</i>
Wed 18th <i>feria</i>	12.05	Sarah Jane Cotton <i>foundation</i>
Thur 19th <i>feria</i>	12.05	Livia, Maria, Dante ✕
Fri 20th <i>feria</i>	12.05	The November List ✕
Sat 21st <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>	10.00	Departed Legionaries of Mary ✕
Next Sunday <i>Christ the King</i>	11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Ez 34:11-12.15-17 1Cor 15:20-26.28 Matt 25:31-46

Sacrament of Confession. Mon - Fri 12.30 - 13.00 or By appointment

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

Last week: £1,055.00 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 November: *Artificial Intelligence.* We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: Seminarians and vocations to the priesthood

For your prayers:

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

Those who are Sick: Dora, Mary, David, Rebecca, George, David, Paddy,
See FrC is any of the sick are your friends or relatives
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: Beverley Cooper, Alan Griffin *priest*

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