



Ordariate 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*



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10th March 2024

In the gospel reading today, we hear that God is generous with his mercy. God gives Jesus Christ to the world so that those who believe in his name may be saved. He brings us new life because previously we were dead through sin but now we are saved through grace. We are God's work of art created in Jesus Christ.



Mothering Sunday, and we are half way through Lent. The second half always seems to go quicker!

Begin again, or just begin, your Lenten observance on tomorrow. We rejoice in a God of new beginnings. Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, isn't for other people, it's for you.

Extra Mass Times during Lent. As well as the normal schedule, there's additional times of 08.00 Wednesdays and 18.30 Friday.

Rosary during Lent will be said in Church each Thursday at 19.00

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 19.00 after the Mass. Walk with Jesus.

Keep Church prayerful during Lent, especially after Mass. Please refrain from chatting, but keep silence to give the angels a chance to leave; and to allow those who want to pray, to pray. Come through for coffee.

Keeping the eucharistic fast. Often we forget or fall into bad habits. Lent is also about pulling us back into *spiritual* shape. Catholics should not eat or drink anything for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. It's the simplest way of preparing to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament— an hour!

Day with Mary Pilgrimages to Fatima 7-14 June, and Italy 4-12 Sep, adaywithmary.org

Have you seen the video? FrC talks about our giving campaign which began last week. Over the coming weeks we ask *all* parishioners to take this opportunity to *prayerfully* reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

An informed decision from everyone in the parish is the goal. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a pledge card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

A Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Bishop Philip on 27th April. We have looked into coaches. Departing MPB 07.00, returning 19.00 The cost will be £40 adults, £10 for children accompanied by an adult. Extras will be entrance to the Abbey Grounds (adult £6.50 child 6-16 £2.50 under 6 free). Sign up on the website. <https://mpb.churchsuite.com/events/fiir7xqb>

Catholic History Walk on Tuesday this week, 18.30 outside MPB (or inside of it's chilly).



“Mother’s Day” or “Mothering Sunday”. Many blame America for introducing the former and making it commercial.

In North America, Mother’s Day is the second Sunday in May, as proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914. It is marked on that day because it was the result of a campaign by Anna Jarvis (1864-1948), whose own mother had died on 9th May.

This is where the British tradition grows a little complicated. For the revival of Mothering Sunday must be attributed to Constance Smith (1878-1938), and she was inspired in 1913 by reading a newspaper report of Anna Jarvis’s campaign in America.

A big difference was that Constance Smith was a High Anglican who believed that “a day in praise of mothers” was fully expressed in the liturgy of the Church of England for the fourth Sunday of Lent. This is not entirely the case, for the Collect on that Sunday asks God that “we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved”. That doesn’t sound specifically maternal.

It is only the Lesson for the day that declares: “Jerusalem which is above is free; which is the mother of us all.”

It is true that this Sunday harked back centuries to the pre-Reformation connotations of *Laetare Sunday*, on which the Introit, the first prayer of the Mass, says: “Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her ... and be filled from the breasts of your consolation.”

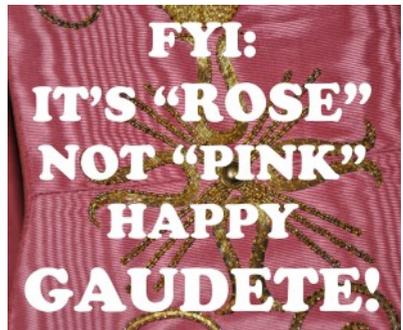
Laetare Sunday’s connections with mothers came through it being the day to visit the mother church or cathedral. Some customs of the day outlived the Reformation. These included making a simnel cake and taking it to Mother. “I’ll to thee a Simnel bring, / Gainst thou go’st a Mothering,” wrote the celebratory poet Robert Herrick in the mid 17th-century.

Constance Smith reconnected simnel cakes and what local customs of the day that survived with the honouring of mothers. Under the pen-name C. Penswick Smith she published a booklet *The Revival of Mothering Sunday* in 1920. Things snowballed, impelled by feelings consequent on the loss by many mothers of their sons in the First World War.

Constance Smith’s idea was not that Mothering Sunday should be limited to one Christian denomination, and its popularity spread through such open organisations as the Boy Scouts and Girls Guides.

“By 1938,” wrote Cordelia Moyse, the modern historian of the Mothers’ Union, “it was claimed that Mothering Sunday was celebrated in every parish in Britain and in every country of the Empire.”

Neither Constance Smith nor Anna Jarvis ever became mothers themselves. Anna Jarvis regretted the growing commercialisation of the day, even to disapproving of pre-printed Mother’s Day cards. “A printed card means nothing,” she said, “except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world.”





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Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 27 April
led by
Bishop Philip Moger
Sign up on the website

We adore thee O Christ and we bless thee; because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world!

Our Stations of the Cross were restored during the restoration having been caked in 100 years of dust and dirt, lacquer and polish, smoke and soot. Generous donors sponsored one (or more) to be restored at £1,600. There are a few unclaimed See website



preciousblood.org.uk/store/p17/Stations

Dates for Holy Week and Easter

- Palm Sunday**
09.30 Low Mass
11.00 Palm Procession and Solemn Mass
- Holy Monday**
13.05 & 18.30 Mass
- Holy Tuesday**
13.05 & 18.30 Mass
- Holy Wednesday**
11.30 Chrism Mass at St George's Cath
08.00 13.05 & 18.30 Mass
- Maunder Thursday**
18.30 Solemn Mass
with one hour collective watch
- Good Friday**
14.00 Stations of the Cross
15.00 Liturgy of the Passion
- Holy Saturday**
10.00-12.00 Church cleaning
20.00 Easter Vigil & First Mass
- Easter Sunday**
09.30 Low Mass
11.00 Solemn Mass

This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day | Time | Intention |
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| This Sunday 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | 09.30 11.00 | Canon William Muran ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners |
| <i>Mon 11th feria of Lent</i> | | |
| <i>Tue 12th feria of Lent</i> | 13.05 | Intentions JG |
| <i>Wed 13th feria of Lent</i> | 08.00 13.05 | Józef Bóldak ✕ <i>recently</i> |
| <i>Thurs 14th feria of Lent</i> | 13.05 | Grzegorz Filipiak <i>birthday</i> |
| <i>Fri 15th feria of Lent</i> | 13.05 18.30 † | Luisa Splendiani ✕ <i>year's mind</i> |
| <i>Sat 16th feria of Lent</i> | 10.30 † | |
| Next Sunday 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT | 09.30 11.00 | DG Stephen Panicker Parishioners |

Next Week's Readings Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 12:20-33 John 12:20-33

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55 Saturday 10.00-10.25

† **Mass in the Ordinarate Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £746.52 (cash £141.83; card £313.00; standing orders £291.69) **Thank you!**

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: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

Holy Father's Intention for March 2024: For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. .

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Richard, Hermon, Alastair, Amaogechi Martina, Fr John, King Charles

Recently Departed: Trevor, Baby Charlotte *12wks*, Samir Bakhait, Denise Ricketts.
Charlie Bianco *deacon*, Carmina Carrapa

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