



# 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*



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10th January 2021

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear the voice of the Father say to Jesus, 'You are my Son, the beloved...' The Holy Spirit of God came down upon Jesus, the beloved Son of God at his baptism in the Jordan. The Spirit comes down on each of us and helps us to live our Christian lives so that we are faithful to our Baptism.



**Sunday Mass** will be at 9.30am & 11am. The 11am Mass will be on-line. Take part fully.

**Mass times**, we might need to re-think them. Thank you for your comments last week. Any more? Which is better, Sunday 8.30 or 9.30? Weekday 13.05, 12.05 or 10.00?

**Daily Mass** will stay at 10am during the lockdown. It will include Mondays and Saturday (FrC has nowhere to go!)

**Tier 4** permits Catholic Churches to be open, which are safe if we follow the regulations. The Archbishop reminds us that the faithful who come to a Catholic Church have the *right* to expect his directives about the celebration of the Sacraments to be followed.

**Sunday Mass** attendance requires registration to ensure no-one is turned away if we reach capacity. Register on the website.

**Do not come to Mass** if you test positive or have symptoms. Take part on-line.

**Mass Stewards** - a huge *thank you* to those who have volunteered to keep us safe. If you would be willing to join the team, see Michael (safety distanced) today. .

**Financial Giving** - a huge *thank you* to those who continue to give financially. /donate

**The Ordinariate is 10 years old** on Friday this week. Mass of thanksgiving at 10am on Friday will be in the Ordinariate Use.

**Christmastide ends today.** We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Help with removing decorations in Church would be appreciated.

**Epiphany Chalk.** Bring a piece of chalk to Mass today, or have some nearby if you are taking part on-line.

**Candles Gifts** can be made for 2021. Many have already signed up. The list is on website. Indicate which you would like to give, and for what Intention. /candles

**Mass for those in the NHS** each Thursday. We have a large number at MPB who work in healthcare, we surround them with love and prayer and the Grace of Holy Mass.

**Mass Intentions** may be requested at any-time. In this non-touch-world you can make a request on the parish website. There is no 'fee' - salvation is free - however you may make an offering. The suggested is £10.

**Talking websites**, is it time for a review or re-vamp? Ok, it's not the flashiest of websites, but it always up-to-date! Comments please.

**Lectors**, those who read at Mass, will be commissioned on *Word of God Sunday*, 24th January. If anyone else would like to be a Lector, contact Lesley or tell FrC today.

**FrC thanks** those who sent gifts and cards. It is much appreciated. *Happy Christmas!*



Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptised; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptising when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptiser; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptised by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptised by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptised in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and

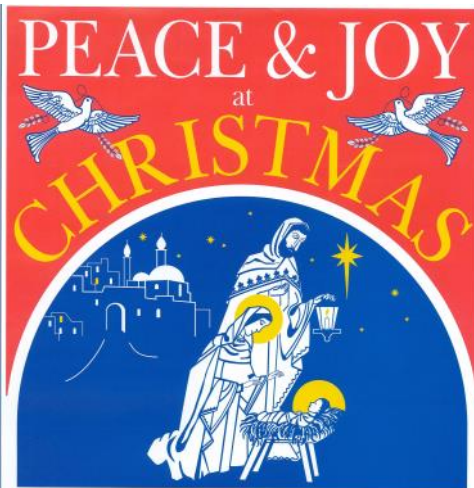
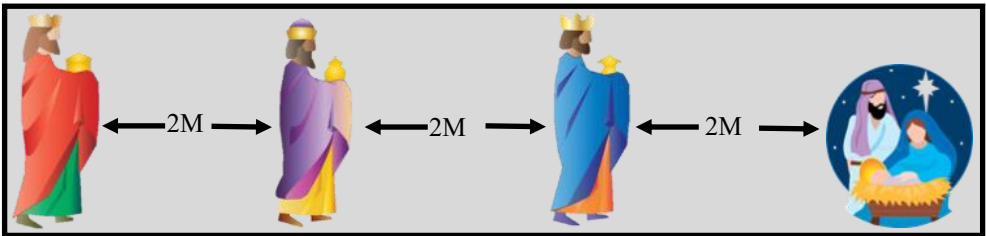
his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

*From a 4th century sermon by  
Saint Gregory Nazianzen  
The baptism of Christ*

The Parish website is going through a re-vamp. During the lockdown and in this pandemic, a good on-line presence has become vital. If you have any ideas, advice, or some expertise in websites and on-line presence have a word with FrC.

Comments gratefully received. What do you use it for?



**ENDS TODAY**

**Candlemas** (2nd Feb) is the when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which closes the Nativity Season. Traditionally it's the day when all candles to be used during the year in Church are blessed. A list is on the website of all the candles which need to be bought for use this year at Most Precious Blood and will be blessed on the nearest Sunday, which will be 31st Jan. Would you like to offer some in memory of a loved one?

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## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	09.30 11.00	Ian Lovell <i>priest</i> ✕ Parishioners
Mon 11th <i>feria</i>	10.00	Paddy Lynn ✕ <i>recently</i>
Tues 12th ( <i>St Aelred of Riauxl</i> )	10.00	
Wed 13th ( <i>St Hilary</i> )	10.00	Preciosa Godinho ✕
Thur 14th <i>feria</i>	10.00	Those who work in the NHS
Fri 15th <i>feria</i>	10.00	The Ordinariate <i>10th anniversary</i>
Sat 16th <i>of Our Lady</i>	10.00	
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 John 1:35-42

**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:** £ -.- 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 January: *Human Fraternity.*** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all. .

### For your prayers:

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

*Those who are Sick:* Mary, David, Elizabeth, Eduardo, Fr Scott  
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:* Hugh Arnold, Paddy Lynn, David Moss *deacon*, Alan Boxall *deacon*, Franck O'Sullivan *priest*, Michael Gwinnell *priest*  
Michael Boland *priest*, George Webster *priest*

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