



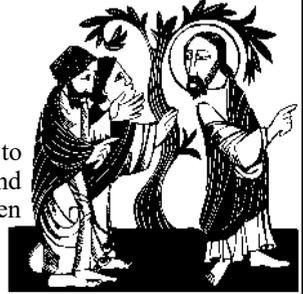
Ordinariate and Parish Church MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th January 2021



In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are called by God to follow the Lamb, Jesus Christ. We become one spirit with him and offer our lives to his cause thus becoming parts of his Church. When he calls us in every situation in which we find ourselves we reply: "Here I am since you called me." Here I am Lord!

Ordinary Time returns and we are back to the Liturgical colour Green. But brace yourself, Lent is not far away!

Thank you to those who helped to remove the forest of tress last week. Doesn't the Church look bare?

Epiphany Chalk cannot be distributed this year. However you can still mark the entrance to your home and ask God's blessing on all who enter.

20+C+M+B+21 is what to write on or near you front door. If you have last year's prayer, use that, otherwise speak to the Lord Jesus from your heart!

Candle Gifts can be made for 2021 for a particular intention. They will be blessed at Candlemas. See the website. /candles

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

Mass Intentions may be requested at any-time. You can make a request on the parish website. There is no 'fee', however you may make an offering. The suggested is £10.

Thank you to those who made comments about the website. Do you use it? What to you use it for? Is there anything needed on it?

Sunday Mass at 11am will be on-line. If you are a virtual participant take full part.

Daily Mass is at 10am Mondays to Saturday during the lockdown, also live-streamed.

Tier 4 permits Catholic Churches to be open, which are safe if we follow the regulations. Hands, face, space.

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 help see Michael.

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

Paddy Lynn's Funeral is on Friday this week. It will be live-streamed. Please keep him, his wife and family in your prayers.

Lectors, will be commissioned next week, *Word of God Sunday*. If anyone would like to be a Lector, contact Lesley or tell FrC.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity stars tomorrow until 25th January. Make a special intention to pray each day *That we may be One*.

The Ordinariate is ten!

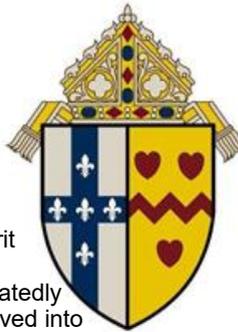
In November 2009, Pope Benedict XVI issued the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum coetibus*, (which means Groups of Anglicans). He said "In recent times the Holy Spirit has moved groups of Anglicans to petition repeatedly and insistently to be received into full Catholic communion individually as well as corporately. The Apostolic See has responded favourably to such petitions. Indeed, the successor of Peter, mandated by the Lord Jesus to guarantee the unity of the episcopate and to preside over and safeguard the universal communion of all the Churches, could not fail to make available the means necessary to bring this holy desire to realisation".

It was an Apostolic call 'to be One' which was the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus on the night before He died. For many Anglicans who hoped and longed for Unity, it was something beyond their wildest dreams. After a lot of discernment and prayer, about 1000 people petitioned to join the Catholic Church through the Ordinariate. Three former CofE bishops were ordained Catholic Priests by Archbishop Vincent Nichols on 15th January 2011 in Westminster Cathedral, and the *Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham* was erected at the same time by a special decree from Rome. At that extraordinary Mass the Holy Father, Pope Benedict, made Keith Newton the Ordinary.

On Ash Wednesday 2011, about 900 laity and clergy of the CofE ceased public ministry and began preparation to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and almost 1000 people were received into the Ordinariate.

After Easter the former Anglican clergy were ordained to the diaconate and then, around Pentecost 2011, they were ordained Catholic Priests.

Almost 100 Anglican clergymen have joined the Ordinariate since it was erected, with most being ordained as Catholic deacons or priests. Groups have developed from over 40 CofE



parishes. These groups are made up of pastors and people, developing hopefully, into Ordinariate Parishes.

Many suggest that the Ordinariate is the fulfilment of the Oxford Movement, founded by Blessed John Henry Newman in 1833 when he too was an anglican vicar. He started then the call to Unity and is now the Patron of the Ordinariate in England & Wales.

By joining the Catholic Church in this new structure as a definitive group, the Holy Father invites former Anglican to bring into the Church aspects of their heritage and formation. He said "If it is good and beautiful, then we want it too!" So for the first time in its history, anglican services, such as Evensong, are now being celebrated in the Catholic Church by groups of former Anglicans. In 2012, these included *the Celebration of Holy Matrimony* and *the Order for Funerals*. And in October 2012 the Mass, devised which includes material from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer.

In May 2013, Pope Francis allowed anyone who has been baptised in the Catholic Church but who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, who returns through mission of the Ordinariate to be able to join the Ordinariate. He said it is an important part of the New Evangelisation.

On 23rd December 2012 the Archbishop of Southwark, Peter Smith, announced that the Parish of the Most Precious Blood would be put into the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate on 7th January 2013, making it the first parish ever to be in the care of the Ordinariate. Ordinariate members at MPB presently number about 70, and membership is open to former anglicans, those married to former anglicans and those re-evangelised through the Ordinariate. Would you like to be part of this new and exciting part of the Church?

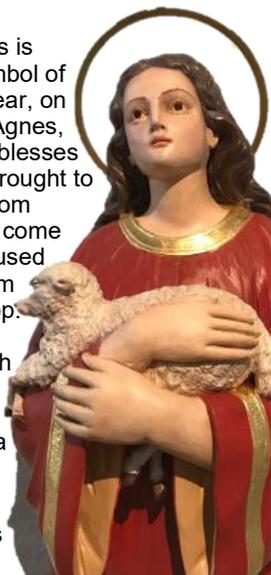
Pray for the Ordinariate regularly, especially our Ordinariate and Parish Church here at MPB. Pray too for the Unity of the Church for which Jesus himself prayed to his Father before he died - that the world might believe.

'Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world" *Jn1:29*. The words 'Lamb of God' are familiar, maybe too familiar, and we don't notice them. Lambs were slaughtered as part of the sacrifice in the Temple at Jerusalem at the Passover. Christ, the Lamb of God, is our Passover Lamb. His death on the Cross coincided with the Passover – he was fulfilling all that the Passover of the Old Covenant had promised.

The Latin word for "lamb" is "agnus". When we could sing at Mass the "Lamb of God" in Latin is "Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi"

The name Agnes is linked to the symbol of a lamb. Every year, on the Feast of St Agnes, the Holy Father blesses lambs that are brought to him in Rome. From these lambs will come the wool that is used to make a pallium for an Archbishop. The pallium is a wide strip of cloth worn across the shoulders, sent by the Pope as a symbol of their shared unity.

St Agnes' Day is on Thursday.



Pope Francis and Pope Benedict received the first vaccination last week. Pope Francis has said "I believe that ethically everyone should take the vaccine. It is not an option, it is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others."



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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?

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Next Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30 11.00	Mark Langham <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
Mon 18th <i>feria</i>	10.00	Christina Wraight ✕ <i>year's mind</i>
Tues 19th (<i>St Wulstan</i>)	10.00	Fr Michael Carey <i>foundation</i>
Wed 20th (<i>St Fabian</i>)	10.00	Maria - <i>in ICU with covid19</i>
Thur 21st <i>St Agnes</i>	10.00	Those who work in the NHS
Fri 22nd (<i>St Vincent</i>)	10.00	Patrick Lynn ✕ <i>funeral today</i>
Sat 23rd <i>of Our Lady</i>	10.00	The Unity of the Church
Next Sunday - Word of God Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30 11.00	Mary Ann Mills <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Jonah 3:1-5.10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

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, 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: Mark Langham *priest*, Eduardo Da Fonseca Clinkett, Anne Ellis, Hugh Arnold, Paddy Lynn, David Moss *dcn*, Alan Boxall *deacon*, Frank O'Sullivan *priest*, Michael Gwinnell *priest*, Michael Boland *priest*, George Webster *priest*

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