



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*



1st SUNDAY IN LENT

21st February 2021

In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are alive through the waters of baptism. We die to the world and live for God through the waters of baptism. We will still be tempted as Christ was in the wilderness, but if we repent and really believe the Gospel then we have nothing to fear. God is faithful to those who keep their promises to him and we are promised to God through baptism.



Lent has begun. How's the fast going? The first days are always the hardest: stick with it. If you haven't started yet, tomorrow is not too late! Give up something you know you will manage – whatever you decide, give up something. Lent isn't for other people, it's for you

Sundays are not included in the Fast. How could they be? They are Resurrection Days. In other words, you can have as much chocolate, sugar and gin as you like! And Sunday begins at sunset on Saturday night!

Sunday Mass at 11am and each day at 10am will be on-line. Take part as much as you can as if you were physically present.

The Internet is full good things, and getting bombarded with Catholic things! But there are not-so-good things too. If you struggle with certain sites, make a super-effort this Lent. Take a look at strive21.com

Talking Heads. FrC has been sending out some videos. If you get one, watch it, then forward to someone: become an evangelist.

Set your mobile alarm at 3pm each Friday during Lent. Schedule a reminder to commemorate the time and day the Lord died: the ninth hour - which is 3pm in our 24hour clock. Pray the Divine Mercy Prayer or say the *Anima Christi*

Keep an eye on family and friends.

Lent-on-Line at MPB! There's something for everyone one. See the Website or log into ChurchSuite to join and/or sign up.

Rosary on Mondays with Mary. FrC could do with some 'speaking parts'. If you plan to join, please let him know today.

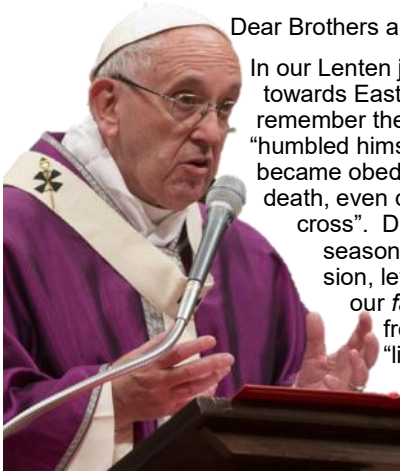
Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 6pm. Walk with Jesus the Way of the Cross in this Hoy Season.

Pastoral visits used to be a feature of Lent with the parish priest calling for a cuppa tea. Not so easy these day. If anyone could do with a chat, a call, an on-line visit, let FrC know. Call him.

Going into Hospital? Get in touch with the Catholic Chaplain as soon as relations are admitted. chaplains@gstt.nhs.uk
jake.dicto@gstt.nhs.uk

Daily Mass is a great privilege we should use more often. Why not make the effort this Lent? It's a walk around the corner or the click of you mouse, will take less time than it does to eat your dinner and do you a whole lot more good!

Catholic Voices would like to hear from Catholics for a survey on the Pandemic to hear of their experiences and what they feel about the future. catholicvoices.org.uk/survey



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross”. During this

season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open

hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

In this Lenten season, *accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ* means, first of all, opening our hearts to God’s word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its limits, he has made himself the way, – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God’s gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make them-

selves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves.

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us. Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet “full of grace and truth”: Son of God our Saviour.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated. Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: “Be reconciled to God”. By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father. May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

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Lent 2021

Franciscus

Lent



On Line

Mondays with Mary

Each Monday at 6pm

Coffee with the Clergy.

Each Tuesday at 10.30am

Word on Wednesday.

Each Wednesday at 4pm

Young Adults Group

Alternate Wednesday 8.30pm

Theological Thursday

Each Thursday at 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday at 6pm

Something for everyone this year,
join one, join many.

All on-line, for more info and link, see

preciousblood.org.uk/lent



Lent Retreat with the Archbishop and
Diocesan Spirituality Commission

The Archbishop and the Diocesan Spirituality
Commission invite you on a Retreat for Lent,
which you can follow in your own home.

southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme



Ideas for a better Lent

- ✘ Eat all your meal
- ✘ Read the Gospel of the day each day
- ✘ Shave every day
- ✘ Find out more about your patron saint
- ✘ Call someone you've lost touch with
- ✘ Find out the date of your Baptism
- ✘ Give something away, that matters
- ✘ Pray for the priest who baptised you
- ✘ Say 'hello' to strangers (safety)
- ✘ Take part in an extra Mass each week
- ✘ Check your next-door neighbour is ok
- ✘ Join an on-line (Catholic) Retreat
- ✘ Make your bed as soon as you get up
- ✘ Pray the *Angelus* at 12noon each day

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“ The glory of God
is man fully alive;
the glory of man
is the vision of
God ”
St Irenaeus (130-202)



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday - First Sunday in Lent	09.30 11.00	Luigi Giussani <i>priest</i> ✕ Parishioners
Mon 22nd <i>Chair of St Peter</i>	10.00	Joseph & Breda Hogan ✕
Tues 23rd <i>(St Polycarp)</i>	10.00	Edwin Barnes <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.2019</i>
Wed 24th <i>feria of Lent</i>	10.00	Canon William Muran RIP <i>foundation</i>
Thur 25th <i>(St Ethelbert)</i>	10.00	Those who work in the NHS
Fri 26th <i>feria of Lent</i>	10.00	
Sat 27th <i>of Our Lady in Lent</i>	10.00	
Next Sunday Second Sunday in Lent	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

Sacrament of Confession. *By appointment during lockdown*

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

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 February: *Violence Against Women*

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

For your prayers:

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

Those who are Sick: Mary, David, Elizabeth, Fr Scott, Dean
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: Michael Duggan, Giles Goward *priest*, Rebecca Berry, Captain Tom

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