



# 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 LENT

28th February 2021

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that God did not spare his own Son. Christ did not come to explain away suffering. He came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we must be prepared to sacrifice everything to God and thus in turn we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause before his Father in heaven.



**Lent is well under way.** If you haven't given up anything yet, it's never too late. The Lord's patience is much stronger. Start tomorrow - well ok, not tomorrow: it's a feast - start on Tuesday. Whatever you decide, give up something do-able.

**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.

**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 an alarm to commemorate the time and day the Lord died. Pray the Divine Mercy Prayer or the *Anima Christi*.

**Thank you** to those who continue to give financially. If you give cash please use the red box 'Church Expenses' on the wall by the main door.

**Donations** are most efficient by Standing Order, then on-line, then by card. Electronic means have been very popular, so thank you to those who use them.

**Gift Aid** has made a huge difference. We have just claimed the most recent period: it will be £13k. If you can, please complete a Gift Aid declaration: it is an extra 25pc just for your autograph. /supportus

**Stewards are needed.** We keep hearing that the rules haven't changed, so we still need Stewards at each Mass. We are grateful to the faithful team: they wouldn't mind a break

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

**On-line Lent devotions** - Rosary on Mondays and Stations on Friday. Thank you to those who have taken speaking parts. If you would like to, let FrC know.

**A Pilgrimage** to Walsingham this Saturday, albeit virtual, with Mass of Our Lady 10am.

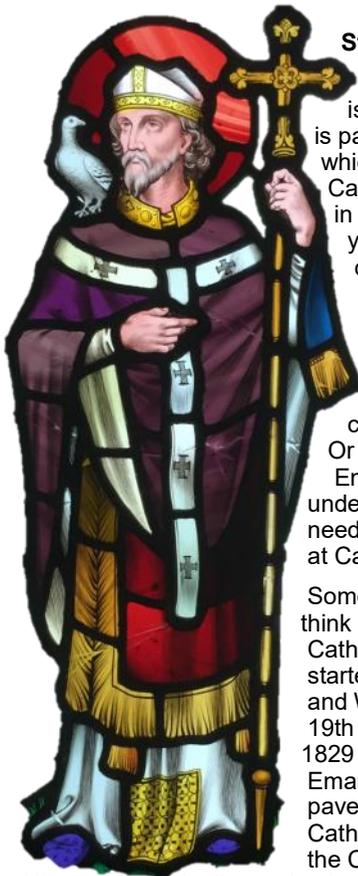
**Evensong and Benediction** next Sunday, at 4pm. Live and on-line.

**Pastoral visits.** If you, or anyone you know could do with a chat, get onto FrC by phone, email, sms or carrier-pigeon.

**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](http://catholicvoices.org.uk/survey)

**The Stations of the Cross** are coming back on Wednesday this week, all beautifully restored. Thank you those who paid for one to be restored. A few still need sponsors. Will you sponsor one?

**Keep an eye** on family and friends.



## St David

His feast day is tomorrow. He is patron of Wales, which is part of the Catholic Church in England. Have you ever wondered why it is the *Catholic Church in England and Wales*, and doesn't include Scotland? Or why not just England? To understand this, we need to have a look at Catholic History.

Some mistakenly think that the Catholic Church started in England and Wales in the 19th century. In 1829 the Catholic Emancipation Act, paved the way for Catholics to set up the Catholic

Hierarchy. But it all goes back much further than that!

The Catholic Faith arrived here when Britain was still part of the Roman Empire. We don't know when Christianity first arrived, but it was certainly at a very early date. The first martyr recorded in Britain - it wasn't England then, the Angles and Saxons hadn't arrived! - was St Alban, martyred under the pagan Roman Emperor in the early 4th century. After the Emperor Constantine made Christianity legal, those early persecutions stopped and the Church here, and elsewhere in the Empire, flourished.

After the collapse of the Roman Empire the pagan tribes - Angles and Saxons - invaded from across the North Sea, taking over the land we now call England. But Christianity in what we today call Wales and Cornwall continued to flourish. St David was a Bishop in Wales. He was born about the year 500, and he established monasteries across Wales. The monks were known as "watermen" because they

drank only water. They ate only bread and herbs, and they drew their own ploughs rather than use oxen - a tough life! St David was known as a fine preacher: there is a story that on one occasion when he was addressing a large crowd, people called out that they couldn't hear him: and God raised up the land on which he was standing to make it a hill, so that he could be seen and heard, and a white dove settled on his shoulder. You can see a mosaic depicting this in Westminster cathedral: it was unveiled by Pope Benedict XVI when he came to Britain in 2010.

In the 6th century the Pope sent St Augustine to convert the Angles and Saxons. He found there was a thriving Church in Wales and Cornwall, still loyal to Rome. One of his tasks was to meet the Welsh Bishops: they had various disagreement including the dating of Easter!

The Church flourished in Wales until the grim events of the reign of Henry VIII and his break with the Pope in 1534. There were courageous Catholics in England and Wales who practised the Faith in secret - and then came the great revival of the 19th century, which Cardinal Newman described as a "second spring". The Pope appointed Bishops for England and Wales in 1850. Parliament passed a law banning the Catholic Church from using the old titles and dioceses, and so new ones were created. Our Archbishop here in Southwark is Archbishop John Wilson. Wales has three dioceses: Cardiff, Menevia, and Wrexham.

Wales is a Principality, and so the Church administers it alongside England. It has its own national shrine,

Our Lady of the Taper.

May Our Lady of the Taper pray for us, and may St David pray for us!



# 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](http://preciousblood.org.uk/lent)

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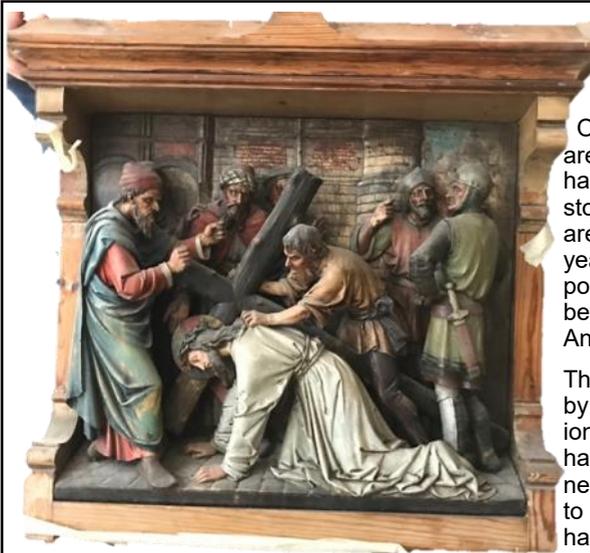


**HANDS FACE SPACE**

**We adore you O Christ and we bless you; because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!**

Our historic Stations of the Cross are being returned this week. They have been carefully and lovingly restored, to reveal how beautiful they are. Having been covered in 100 years of dust and dirt, lacquer and polish, they now look as good, if not better, than when they were new. And just in time for Lent.

The restorations has been funded by generous donations from Parishioners. Thank you to all those who have done so. There are still some need sponsoring. Each cost £1,600 to remove, repair, restore and re-hang. See website



NB - this image is *before* restoration

[preciousblood.org.uk/store/p17/Stations](http://preciousblood.org.uk/store/p17/Stations)

## This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day  | Time           | Intention                                   |
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| <b>This Sunday -<br/>Second Sunday in Lent</b> | 09.30<br>11.00 | Parishioners                                |
| Mon 1st <b>St David</b>                        | 10.00          | Ivor Morris <i>priest</i> ✕ d.2016          |
| Tues 2nd <i>feria of Lent</i>                  | 10.00          |   |
| Wed 3rd <i>feria of Lent</i>                   | 10.00          | Peter Blagdon-Gamlen <i>priest</i> ✕ d.2004 |
| Thur 4th <i>feria of Lent</i>                  | 10.00          | Those who work in the NHS                   |
| Fri 5th <i>feria of Lent</i>                   | 10.00          |   |
| Sat 6th <i>of Our Lady in Lent</i>             | 10.00          | Walsingham                                  |
| <b>Next Sunday<br/>Third Sunday in Lent</b>    | 09.30<br>11.00 | Parishioners                                |

**Next Week's Readings** Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

**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 March: *Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**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,

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