



# 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*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11th April 2021



**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that our faith is the victory over the world. We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. It is this faith that Jesus is the Son of God which helps us to overcome the world with all its temptations and doubts. We have not seen, yet we believe. We acknowledge that Christ is our Lord and our God.

**Jesus is Risen, Alleluia! Happy Easter!**

**Easter continuers** today and indeed for the next 50 days and we will celebrate it each and every Sunday! *Alleluia!*

**Low Sunday**, as today is sometimes called, is more about mood than theology.

**Lockdown road map** changes are about to take place, so we will have to re-think some of the worship programme.

**No Mass on Mondays** from this week. Now that the stay-at-home rule is lifted, FrC will take a day off.

**Sunday 9.30am** has proved a very popular time for Mass. It is proposed we move the 8.30 to 9.30 permanently. Any thoughts?

**Weekday Mass** was lunchtime, but as most offices are still closed it will remain at 10am for the time being. Any thoughts?

**Thank you** for the feedback on the Lent videos. Shall we continue? Maybe there's something you'd like to see, hear about, or understand a little more?

**Pray for Prince Philip** that the Lord will grant him rest from his labours. Pray too for the Queen and all his family.

**A Plenary Indulgence** is available today on this *Divine Mercy Sunday*. The usual conditions apply plus the addition of praying a Divine Mercy Prayer (Jesus I trust in You).

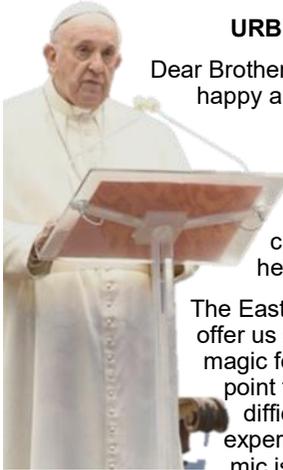
**On registration** to attend Mass, details of those not registered with MPB are kept in compliance with gdpr regulations. Everyone is invited to register, so if you are not yet, please do.

**Lent denials** are now ended. Is there anything you took on, or gave up, that you feel emboldened to continue?

**Pope Benedict XVI** will be 94 on Friday. He is the oldest Pope in history. Pray for him.

**Update on Grant.** Thank you to those who wrote letters in support of a Grant Application for £50k towards external repairs. Alas, we heard this week we were unsuccessful this time. If at first you don't succeed....





## URBI ET ORBI

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a good, happy and peaceful Easter!

Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation sounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!"

The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today's scandal.

In the face of, or better, in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen". It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples.

The crucified Jesus, none other, has risen from the dead. God the Father raised Jesus, his Son, because he fully accomplished his saving will. Jesus took upon himself our weakness, our infirmities, even our death. He endured our sufferings and bore the weight of our sins. Because of this, God the Father exalted him and now Jesus Christ lives forever; he is the Lord.

The witnesses report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet and side. These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us. All those who experience a painful trial in body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them, receive the grace of the hope that does not disappoint.

The risen Christ is hope for all who continue to suffer from the pandemic, both the sick and

those who have lost a loved one. May the Lord give them comfort and sustain the valiant efforts of doctors and nurses. Everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, requires assistance and has the right to have access to necessary care. This is even more evident in these times when all of us are called to combat the pandemic. Vaccines are an essential tool in this fight. I urge the entire international community, in a spirit of global responsibility, to commit to overcoming delays in the distribution of vaccines and to facilitate their distribution, especially in the poorest countries.

The crucified and risen Lord is comfort for those who have lost their jobs or experience serious economic difficulties and lack adequate social protection. May he inspire public authorities to act so that everyone, especially families in greatest need, will be offered the assistance needed for a decent standard of living. Sadly, the pandemic has dramatically increased the number of the poor and the despair of thousands of people.

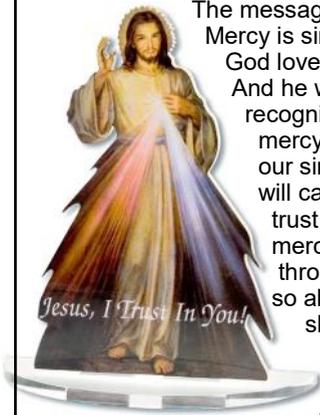
"The poor of every kind must begin once more to hope". St John-Paul spoke these words during his visit to Haiti. It is precisely to the beloved Haitian people that my thoughts turn in these days. I urge them not to be overwhelmed by difficulties, but to look to the future with confidence and hope.

The risen Jesus is also hope for all those young people forced to go long periods without attending school or university, or spending time with their friends.

Once again this year, in various places many Christians have celebrated Easter under severe restrictions and, at times, without being able to attend liturgical celebrations. We pray that those restrictions, as well as all restrictions on freedom of worship and religion worldwide.

Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world. A good, happy and serene Easter to all of you!

## The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And he wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others so all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind by remembering ABC:

**A- Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B- Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C- Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of St Faustina* are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

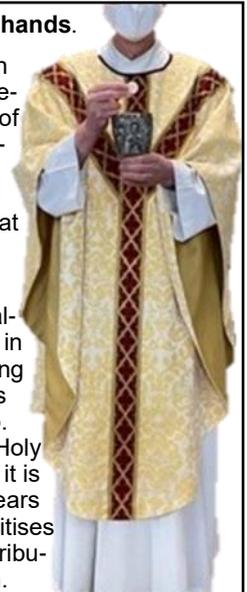


Pray for Prince Philip

## Untouched by Human hands.

Before the first lockdown the bishops issued guidelines on the celebration of Holy Mass, with instructions on how to prepare the sacred vessels. You will be pleased to know at MPB we have followed those and continue to.

The breads come in sealed packets. They are put in the ciborium without being touched. The ciborium is covered and remains so. It is only uncovered for Holy Communion. Whenever it is uncovered, the priest wears a face covering and sanitises before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.



Wash  
**HANDS**



Cover  
**FACE**



Make  
**SPACE**

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday Divine Mercy</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	09.30 11.00	Dee Lobo ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 12th feria of Eastertide</i>		
<i>Tue 13th (Pope St Martin I)</i>	10.00	Jules Emmanuel Balandres <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 14th feria of Eastertide</i>	10.00	Paul & Margaret <i>Golden Wedding</i>
<i>Thurs 15th feria of Eastertide</i>	10.00	Those who work in the NHS
<i>Fri 16th feria of Eastertide</i>	10.00	Rosemary Farrand ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Sat 17th OL in Eastertide</i>	10.00	Geoffrey Kirk ✕
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	09.30 11.00	Anna-Emma ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 3:13-15,17-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

**Sacrament of Confession.** *By appointment during lockdown*

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

**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 April: *Fundamental Rights*** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### For your prayers:

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

*Those who are Sick:* Mary, David, Michael

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:* The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

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