



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*



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4th July 2021



In the gospel reading today, we hear we must stand up and proclaim the Kingdom to everyone in every situation in which we find ourselves. Whether people listen or not we must still live out our lives to the full in witness to God's Spirit which has come upon us. Christ himself was rejected by his own people in his home town so we too must expect rejection because of his message. God's power is at its best in our weakness. God's grace is enough for you.

Sunday Mass is getting quite busy. A reminder then, that you can attend Mass in the week, or take part on-line.

Did you know seven days without going to Mass makes one weak? And not going to confession makes one weaker?

First Holy Communions have been on hold for a while. If there are any children in years 3 to 6 who have not yet received First Holy Communion, see FrC *today*.

Nathaniel Onuorah-Brown is to be made a Christian today, the ceremony is at 12.30. We welcome his family and friends, and him!

Evensong & Benediction at 4pm today, being the first Sunday.

Music during the summer months will be spasmodic as we continue with or without music, please sing-up more silently.

London Jesuit Centre in London W1 seek a *Housekeeper* (35hrs pw, £525pw); and a *Receptionist* (2pm-8pm daily £390pw) londonjesuitcentre.org/jobs

Apostleship of the Sea, a second collection next week

Safeguarding. All volunteers who need a DBR check will be contacted soon as all are due for renewal. More info from our rep kate.pope@preciousblood.org.uk

Thank you to those who continue to give to the work of the Church. You can give with your card, 'phone or watch on the contactless devices at the back of the Church.

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

The Sacred Silence at Mass. Let God speak in the silence as he feeds us with his Word and Sacrament.

Cleaners needed. Thank you to those who regularly Steward and sanitise church. There's also a band of cleaners. Can you join them? See Martha.

PACT Vacancy: *Catholic Community Engagement Manager*, a key member of the Chief Executive's team with a national role. Fixed Term 36 months, 37.5 hrs £35k. Apply by 11th July; interviews 19 & 20 July prisonadvice.org.uk/current-vacancies

Wedding Anniversary 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th this year? The Archbishop will send an invitation to Mass on 9th Oct at 3pm. *Email FrC.*

Thank you to those who have taken heed of how to receive Holy Communion: with respect, devotion and love. How we receive, reflects what we believe.

St Maria Goretti is best known for her commitment to purity and the courageous defence of her faith at the young age of eleven that made her willing to undergo death rather than participate in a sin against God. She is also remarkable for the forgiveness she willingly granted her attacker as she lay on her deathbed.

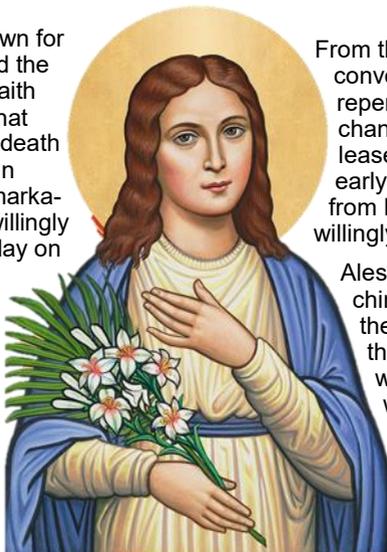
Maria was born on 16th October 1890. Her father, a farmer, died of malaria when she was young, and her mother had to work to support their six children.

Maria took care of the younger children while her mother worked, and she prayed the Rosary every night for the repose of her father's soul. She grew in grace and maturity, and her cheerful obedience and piety were noticed by those around her.

On 5th July 1902, a neighbouring farm-hand, Alessandro Serenelli, tried to rape Maria. On many occasions, he had harassed Maria with impure advances, all of which she has strongly rejected. This time, he locked her in a room and tried to force himself on her. She fought against him, shouting, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" and warning him that this was the path to hell. When Maria said she would rather die than give in, he angrily stabbed her 14 times with a knife.

Maria was found bleeding to death and rushed to the hospital. As she lay dying, she forgave Alessandro, saying, "Yes, for the love of Jesus I forgive him...and I want him to be with me in Paradise." The doctors tried to save her, but she died two agonizing days later, only eleven years old.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. He remained unrepentant until one night, eight years into his prison term, when Maria appeared to him, dressed in white, gathering lilies in a garden. She smiled, turned towards Alessandro, and offered him the flowers. Each lily he took transformed into a white flame. Then Maria disappeared.



From that moment, Alessandro converted and found peace. He repented of his crime and changed his life. He was released from prison three years early and begged forgiveness from Maria's mother, which she willingly gave.

Alessandro moved to a Capuchin monastery, working in the garden as a tertiary for the remainder of his life. He was one of the witnesses who testified to Maria's holiness during her cause of beatification, citing the crime and the vision in prison.

Many miracles were attributed to Maria Goretti after her death. In 1950, she was canonised by Pope Pius XII, becoming the youngest saint.

On her feast day in 2003, Pope St John Paul II spoke about St Maria Goretti at his Sunday Angelus, noting that her life provides an exemplary witness of what it means to be "pure of heart."

"What does this fragile but christianly mature girl say to today's young people, through her life and above all through her heroic death?" he asked.

"Marietta, as she was lovingly called, reminds the youth of the third millennium that true happiness demands courage and a spirit of sacrifice, refusing every compromise with evil and having the disposition to pay personally, even with death, faithful to God and his commandments."

"How timely this message is," the Holy Father continued. "Today, pleasure, selfishness and directly immoral actions are often exalted in the name of the false ideals of liberty and happiness. It is essential to reaffirm clearly that purity of heart and of body go together, because chastity 'is the custodian' of authentic love."

We keep her memory on Tuesday.

An invitation to Building a better Marriage



A day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married.

Saturday 10th July ONLINE

9.00am till 1pm

Booking essential

Contact:

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Marriage & Family Life
Archdiocese of Southwark



Pope Francis met Spiderman last week; or should that be Spiderman met Pope Francis? The characteristically unexpected visitor was at the Wednesday audience. Mattia Villardita visits sick children in the hospital, as Spiderman. He presented Francis with a Spider-Man mask and asked him to keep it secret!

Prayers every Catholic should learn by heart.

- ✘ Our Father
- ✘ Hail Mary
- ✘ Glory be
- ✘ Nicene Creed
- ✘ Anima Christi
- ✘ Act of Contrition
- ✘ The Memorare
- ✘ Hail Holy Queen
- ✘ The Angelus
- ✘ St Michael Prayer



Do a search on the internet, or look them up. Why not make it a summer project to memorise them. They will come in handy

CORONAVIRUS

is still out there



Wash

HANDS



Cover

FACE



Make

SPACE

July MONTH OF THE
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OUR LORD**



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners
<i>Mon 5th (St Anthony Mary Zaccaria)</i>		
<i>Tue 6th (St Maria Goretti)</i>	10.00	
<i>Wed 7th feria</i>	10.00	War Dead on plaque <i>Foundation</i>
<i>Thurs 8th feria</i>	10.00	Those who work in the NHS
<i>Fri 9th (St Augustine Zhao Rong et al)</i>	10.00	
<i>Sat 10th of Our Lady</i>	10.00	
Next Sunday 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:1-13

Sacrament of Confession. *After each Mass or 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 July: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship. .

For your prayers:

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

Those who are Sick: Mary, David, Fr Brian, Neville
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 Daly, Paolina Santoro

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