



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*



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th October 2021



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ's death is our ransom. God showed his love for us by sending his Son to be our brother. Christ shows our love for the Father by giving his life in atonement for our sins. He is our high priest gone to the highest heavens but not before experiencing the depth of human suffering.

Social Distancing in MPB is possible if you sit on the left side of Church where the tapes will remain for a little longer. All pews on the right are now available. Thank you for being conscientious.

A gentle reminder to use face-coverings in Church. We know nowhere else seems to bother, but those at Mass who are still vulnerable, can't ask you. Please be considerate: it's not about you!

Weekday Mass times are again disrupted this week. Mass on Thursday is at the earlier time of 10am. Check this newsletter for accurate Mass times.

The Catholic Herald has gone from a weekly to a monthly publication. There are some free trial copies available at the back of Church.

Michael Nazir-Ali, former Anglican Bishop of Rochester has become a Catholic. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

A Novena. The Bishops have invited us to pray nine days of prayer, seeking the intercession of Pope St John Paul II to help defeat the 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021'. Although it began on 14th Oct, join today and continue till 22nd Oct when the Bill will receive its Second Reading in the Lords. Stop needless suicide.

Missio, is the Holy Father's mission charity: a second collection today.

The Young Adults Group will get together on Thursday 4th November at 7.30pm here at MPB. You should receive an email soon. See Lucia for more info.

Our Parish and Finance Council have not met for a while so will re-commence soon. There are lots of developments taking place at the moment: get involved and bring what you have to offer for the Gospel. See FrC.

Secondary School Application are due in by half term. Give the *priest's reference* to FrC asap. Today is the last day.

Synod 2023 is an initiative of Pope Francis for a Church working towards '*Communion, Participation, Mission*'. Thank you to those who volunteered. Have you thought about being a parish rep? see FrC asap.

The Archbishop has sent a pastoral letter today. Copies will be available after Mass at the back of Church.

The organ is half done: there's a lot of it. Take a look at progress-so-far. Once complete we will re-start the junior choir. If you would like to support the funding of the Organ and the music, there's a listing on the donate page on the website.

Cleaning Church has been left undone for a while. Is there really *no-one* who can give an hour here and there?



St Luke's feast day is on Monday this week, so as patron of the medical profession, this is a good time to hear about the *Sacrament of the Sick*, or as it sometimes called: *Anointing*.

One of the seven sacraments, holy anointing was instituted by Jesus for those who are physically sick, or have become frail in old age. It is for the *on-going* care of the sick to help and support them, and draw them closer to the Lord, uniting their suffering with his. "This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to St Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by St James the apostle and brother of the Lord" *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1511*

"The anointing of the sick gives several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude" *ccc1520*. These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, fulfilling the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'" *Matt. 8:17*.

"The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" *ccc1532*.

What happens? The priest will prepare you and tell you what to expect. He will invite you to make a good confession, so if there is anything on your mind, be at rights with God and receive his mercy - this renews your Baptism. There's a short scripture reading and some intercessory prayer for you and those who care for you. He will then lay his hands on

your head and pour the Holy Spirit into you. Full will the Spirit he anoints with Holy Oil on your forehead and the palms of your hands. If the person is near death, he may give the Apostolic Pardon and Viaticum, which is the last Holy Communion so *food for the journey* into eternal life.

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The Catechism says, "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. As soon as any of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" *ccc1514*. But it is for any Catholic of an age at any time, who is sick.

Is there value in suffering? God never wants us to suffer - that is not his will. But suffering can bring many graces. St Paul learned when he prayed that God would remove from him an affliction: "And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" *2Cor 12:7*

God also uses our suffering to help others. If St Paul had not become ill while on his first missionary journey and been forced to stop traveling, he would not have preached to the Galatians. Therefore, if we suffer, we should look upon it as an opportunity for good. We can offering up our sufferings for our own sanctification and indeed, for our departed brothers and sisters in Christ.

Aren't these the 'Last Rites'? People love the melodrama of the so-called *Last Rites*. It only becomes the Last Rites once a person has died. This Sacrament is rightly called the *on-going* care of the sick, so it should not be delayed because of any wrong ideas about Last Rites. Jesus offers his love and support whilst we are alive, and in pain, and sick, and in our last hours. If you are in pain, if you are going into hospital, if you are about to have an operation, if you are physically sick, this sacrament is for you.



I encourage everyone in our Archdiocese to take part in the Synod by participating in their local parish process which will take place primarily over the next month.

Let us listen and reflect as widely as possible, including schools, people of all ages and backgrounds, and groups and organisations within the local community. I look forward to hear what has emerged.

[Signature]
Archbishop of Southwark

World Mission Sunday

Today the Pope invites us to focus on world mission. Every Catholic Church and community across the world will today celebrate and pray for the mission of our Church. It is a time when we are reminded of the truly universal makeup of our Church community. We are also inspired by communities around the world supporting one another in their daily lives and growing in their faith.



There is a second collection next Sunday.



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FOR 150-200 HOMELESS
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MANY THANKS



October Census

During October we are asked to take a census of the parish, which means counting how many people are at each Mass. It's also an opportunity to make sure our information is correct.

In *ChurchSuite*, you can

- Register on-line
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If you have signed-up, update your details this week; if you have not signed-up, please do so here:

preciousblood.org.uk/signup

Once your info has been entered, you will receive an email asking you for confirmation. Further info and assistance at parish@preciousblood.org.uk

The information you give will not be supplied to third parties. By signing up you are consenting to the details you provide being added to the church's database and used only for the parish's ministry and mission.



A full indulgence is gained daily by those who pray five decades of the Rosary in Church or as a family or as a group during the month of October.

This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day | Time | Intention |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|
| This Sunday 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 09.30 11.00 | Jean Kissi ✕ Parishioners |
| <i>Mon 18th St Luke</i> | | |
| <i>Tue 19th (St Paul of the Cross)</i> | 12.35 | Thomas Kelly ✕ <i>d.2001</i> |
| <i>Wed 20th feria</i> | 12.35 | Roger Groves ✕ |
| <i>Thurs 21st feria</i> | 10.00 | |
| <i>Fri 22nd (Pope St John Paul II)</i> | 12.35 | |
| <i>Sat 23rd (St John of Capistrano)</i> | 10.00† | |
| Next Sunday 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 09.30 11.00 | Parishioners |

Next Week's Readings Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5: 1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.00-12.30

Evensong 4.00pm, & Benediction, 1st Sunday
6.00pm, Thursday *tbc*

† **Mass in the Ordinariate Use** of the Roman Rite

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 October: *Missionary Disciples*

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel. .

For your prayers:

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

Those who are Sick: Mary, David, Fr Brian, Neville, Geraldine

Recently Departed: Richard Hearn *priest* David Amess *MP*

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