

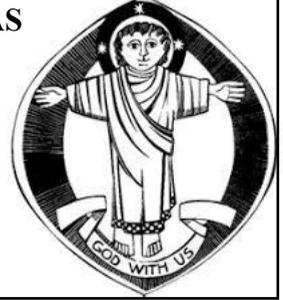


# Ordinariate and Parish Church MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark  
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

2nd January 2022



**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that God chose us in Christ. Christ, God's only Son was made flesh and lived among us so that we who believe in him might become the adopted sons of the Father. Before the world was made God chose us in Christ and for this we give thanks to the Father.

**Happy New Year!** Have you made a New Year's resolution? As well as deciding to do something better, why not try something which will make you holier.

**No Mass at MPB** this week as FrC is away on his Christmas holidays.

**Do not come to Mass** (this is a really odd thing to read on a Catholic newsletter!) if you have been pinged on the nhs app, test +ve with covid or have symptoms. Take part on-line. We are in this together.

**Mass on-line** has been invaluable and brings many benefits, esp for the elderly and house-bound. Our streaming service has morphed into quite a job. Would anyone be willing to take this on?

**The Archbishop** sent a pastoral letter last week, it's available on the website.

**Epiphany of the Lord** is celebrated on the 12th night, which is Thursday this week.

**Christmastide ends next Sunday** with the Baptism of the Lord. Help with removing decorations in Church would be appreciated. The Christmas Season ends on 2nd February.

**St Joseph's School Open Morning**, Tuesday 11th January 09:30-11:00 for prospective parents of children starting Reception in September 2022 and those interested in joining the Nursery. *All welcome.*

**Candle Intentions** can be made from today. The list is on website. Indicate which set you would like and give an intention. /candles

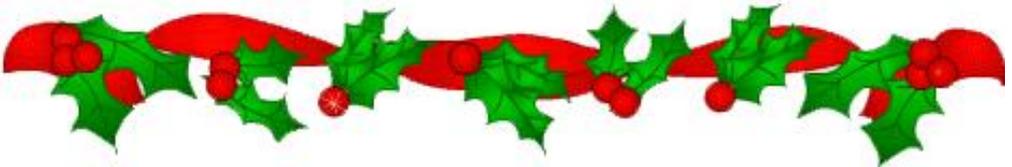
**Lectors**, those who read at Mass, will be commissioned on *Word of God Sunday* - which is 23rd Jan. If you would like to be a Lector contact Lesley. Training available.

**Crib Offerings** are for the *Catholic Children's Society*. A QR code is by the crib for your donations or this can be done on-line.

**FrC thanks all those** who were kind enough to send gifts and cards for Christmas. It is very much appreciated - *thank you!*

**Get vaccinated** - was the call recently from Cardinal Nichols, the first, the second or the booster. Protect yourself, protect others.

**Guidelines** make face coverings a legal requirement in Church. Shields are no longer included: it must be a mask. Whatever you think, thank you for thinking of others.





## What's in a name?

To use the name of 'Jesus' is quite common place these days, in Church, at Mass, and rather tragically, as a swear-word. But there was a time when it was so precious it was never used and on the rare occasions it was used, people would bow their heads in reverence and respect. How things have changed! The Most Holy Name of Jesus was, and is, so special, it was not possible to say it, and certainly not to write it down, so abbreviations or symbols were used. Most common are the letter "IHS" and "X & P" interwoven to create the symbol  $\chi\rho$ . They are the letters Chi & Rho = ChRisto = Christ. You don't need to look around MPB too far to see these symbols.

The name "Jesus", in Greek, is written  $\text{ihsoyhs}$  which is transliterated as "ihsoyhs" and pronounced iēsoyhs (there was no letter "J" in the Greek alphabet). This is the Holy Name as it was written in the Gospels which were first written in Greek. However, in Hebrew, the name "Jesus" is written  $\text{yeshu'a}$  which is transliterated as yeshu'a and pronounced yeshūa. And in Latin, the Holy Name is written Iesus which gives us the English "Jesus" - "j" often is used to replace "i" at the beginning of a word as well as between vowels.

The insignia "IHS" comes from the Latinized version of the Greek  $\text{ihsoyhs}$ , in Greek capitals this would be  $\text{IHCOYHC}$  or  $\text{IHSOYHS}$  in Latin letters taking the first three letters in capitals IHS(ous). Just like "chi-rho" symbol  $\chi\rho$  comes from the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ,  $\text{christos}$  (Christos) –  $\text{XPistos}$ . This is the origin of the meaning of IHS, it is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the Holy Name of Jesus. These insignia are symbol of the Holy Name without saying or writing down the Most Holy Name JESUS - it was, and is, so special.

So much for the technical! IHS has also been read as the Latin phrase *Iesus Hominum Salvator*, "Jesus the Saviour of Man", or even more simply to stand for the English *In His Service* which is a simple and more much more accessible rendering of IHS. All this is to show proper respect, reverence and devotion for the name of Jesus.

St Paul in his letter to the Philippians wrote, "...at the name of Jesus every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father that Jesus Christ is Lord" (2:10-11). Just as a name gives identity to a person, the name of Jesus reminds the hearer of who He is and what He has done for us - the name Jesus means "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation."

In invoking Our Lord's name with reverential faith, we are turning to Him and imploring His divine assistance. The name of Jesus brings help in bodily needs. Jesus Himself promised at the Ascension, "In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them, they will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover" (Mark 16:17-19). The name of Jesus protects the person against satan and his temptations. Jesus on His own authority rebuked satan and exorcised demons (Matt 4:1-11). And we receive every grace and blessing through the Holy Name of Jesus "I tell you, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give" (John 16:23-24). Whenever we pray, we pray in His name "...though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

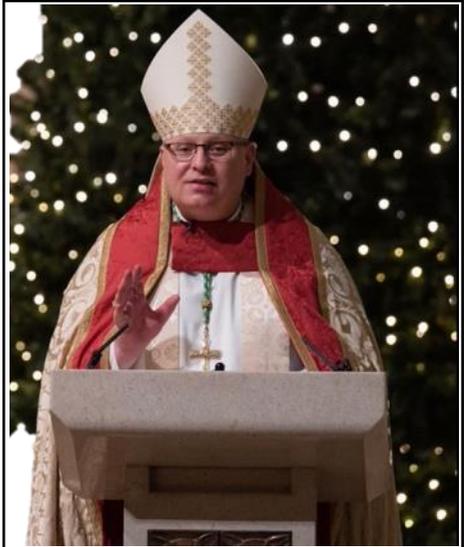
Write his name (invisibly) above the door of your home, so that you enter and leave under his Holy Name; write his Holy Name on your hearts, that you may always be holy; never ever ever...ever, use the Holy Name as an expletive, but bow your head in reverence and love for that name above all names, the name by which we are saved, JESUS.

The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus is celebrated tomorrow.

**Candlemass** (2nd Feb) is the when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which closes the Nativity Season. Traditionally it's the day when all candles to be used during the year in Church are blessed.

There is a list on the parish website of all the candles which need to be bought for use this year at MPB and will be blessed on the nearest Sunday to 2nd Feb.

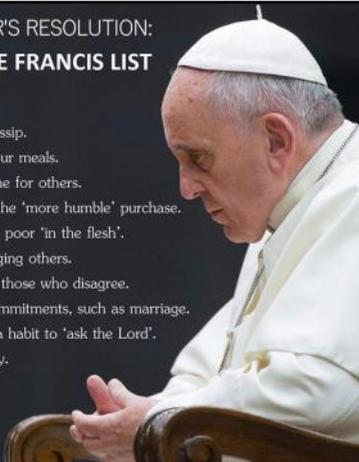
Would you like to offer some in memory of a loved one? Link on website



The Archbishop sent a Pastoral Letter last week. Copies are available at the back of Church or on the website

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:  
THE POPE FRANCIS LIST**

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.



ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK  
Clergy Support Fund Campaign

*"Do not reject me in my old age, nor desert me when my strength is failing"* Psalm 71:9

**Clergy Support Fund**

Earlier this month the Diocesan Fund-raising Team launched their annual December appeal in support of our sick and retired priests in Southwark. The team are delighted with the thoughtful generosity of so many parishioners, and would like offer heartfelt thanks for their kindness.

Anyone who would like to find out more about the Clergy Support Fund can access additional information on our website, and also make a donation online should they wish to do so:

[rcaos.org.uk/donate/clergy-support-fund/](https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/clergy-support-fund/)



**HANDS FACE SPACE FRESH AIR**

## This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day   | Time                  | Intention                               |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| <b>This Sunday</b><br><b>SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b> | 09.30<br><b>11.00</b> | Josue<br>Parishioners                   |
| <i>Mon 3rd Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>                  |                       |   |
| <i>Tue 4th eleventh day of Christmas</i>                |                       |   |
| <i>Wed 5th twelfth day of Christmas</i>                 |                       |   |
| <i>Thurs 6th</i> <b>EPIPHANY</b>                        |                       |   |
| <i>Fri 7th of Christmas</i>                             |                       |   |
| <i>Sat 8th of Christmas</i>                             |                       |   |
| <b>Next Sunday</b><br><b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>        | 09.30<br><b>11.00</b> | Zofia & Tadeusz Oberc ✕<br>Parishioners |

**Next Week's Readings** Isiah 42:1-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

**Sacrament of Confession.** Tuesday - Friday 12.00-12.25

**Evensong** 4.00pm, & Benediction, 1st Sunday

† **Mass in the Ordinate 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 January 2022: *For true human fraternity.*** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### For your prayers:

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

*Those who are Sick:* Mary, Monica, Betty, Lottie, Margaret, all those with Covid

*Recently Departed:* Christopher Seton *priest*, John Hepworth, Lyall Cowell *priest*  
Peter Clarke *priest*

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