



# 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 THE YEAR

16th January 2022

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that Christ is the bridegroom of the Church. Just as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so Christ rejoices in his Church. Each day in the Eucharist by the power of his spirit, he transforms the bread and wine into his body and blood to be our daily food and drink. The Holy Spirit gives us a variety of gifts that we are to use for the mission of the Church.



**Ordinary Time** is well and truly back and we return to the Liturgical Colour, green. Easter is late this year, so we'll be in green longer than usual this winter.

**Peace Sunday** is today. Pope Francis invites us to pray and work for peace. [More info here](#)

**The Week of Prayer** for Christian Unity is this week 18-25 Jan. Please continue to pray for visible Christian Unity, that the world may believe in the One he has sent.

**Epiphany Chalk** for your home is still available if you didn't get any last week.  
*20+C+M+B+22*

**Candles for the Year** will be blessed the nearest Sunday to Candlemas. Sign up if you'd like to give particular candles for the year with a special intention. /candles

**Lectors**, those who read at Mass, will be commissioned next week on *Word of God Sunday*. All lectors should have received an email invitation. If you would like to be a Lector contact Lesley. Training available.

**Cleaners** are back into their routine this week. Come along each Saturday morning and lend a hand.

**New year's resolutions?** Given up? How about something to help deepen and understand the Faith. One day at a time....

**Fr Peter Preston**, who was parish priest at Most Precious Blood, sadly died last Friday. Details of his Funeral will follow.  
*Jesu mercy, Mary pray.*

**Margaret Wallace**, a long time member of the parish died last week. Her Funeral Mass will be here at MPB on 1st February 12.30  
*Lord have mercy.*

**Synod 2021 2023.** The listening phase ends on Friday this week. Thank you to Brian who is our parish co-ordinator. If you have not yet, please make your submission using the parish survey /synod

**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 Sacrament of Confirmation.** A six week preparation course begins in February.  
*Adults: Tues, 19.30 - Children Sat, 10.30*  
See FrC or sign up on line.

**First Holy Communion.** If your child is 7years old or over, see FrC asap.

**A cash-less Church.** The decision to go cash-less and only receive electronic offerings was a risky one. Thank you to those who give so generously, regularly and electronically. Standing Orders can be set up on the web-site. /donate



## Daily Prayers this Week

### Antiphon:

**That they all may be one, as you Father, in me and I in you; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that it was you who sent me.**

**V/. I say to you: you are Peter;  
R/. And on this rock I will build my Church.**

### *Pray the following petition on the day*

**18th Jan** For the return of the "other sheep" to the One Fold of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**19th Jan** For the return of the Eastern Orthodox Christians to communion with the Holy See

**20th Jan** For the return of Anglicans to the authority of the Vicar of Christ.

**21st Jan** For the return of all Protestants throughout the world to the unity of the Catholic Church.

**22nd Jan** That Christians in England may be one, in union with the Chair of St Peter.

**23rd Jan** That lapsed Catholics will return to the Sacraments of the Church.

**24th Jan** That the all people will be converted to the Catholic Faith.

**25th Jan** That missionary zeal will conquer the world for Christ.

*then say*  
**Our Father...**

*then the following prayer is said.*

**Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;  
look not our sins,  
but the faith of your Church, and  
graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

"Restoration of unity among Christians is one of the main concerns of the Church... and this task is for all of us. No one can claim exemption from this responsibility. Indeed, everybody can make some contribution, however small it may seem, and all are called to that interior conversion which is the essential condition for ecumenism."

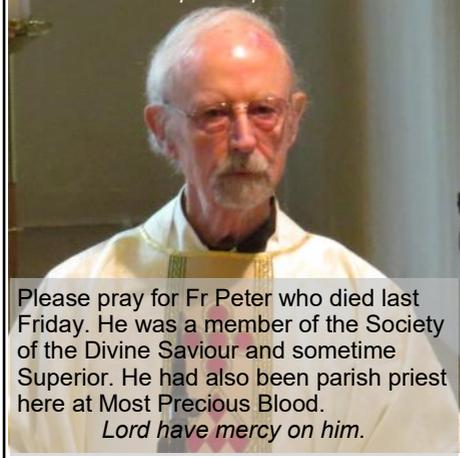
*Pope St John Paul II, 30 May 1982*

This Octave was first conceived by Father Paul of Graymoor on November 30, 1907, before his entrance into the Catholic Church. The initial success in 1908 was so encouraging that he decided to promote it annually, and he regarded the Octave as one of the special means which brought his Society of the Atonement into the Church on October 30, 1909. It was given papal blessings by pope St. Pius X on December 27, 1909, just two months after the Society of the Atonement had entered the Catholic Church. Other popes have given it their blessings over the years, including St John XXIII (who urged its observance more widely throughout the world) and Bl Paul VI (who had promoted it in his archdiocese when he was the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan). Father Paul considered the Octave as the greatest project which came from Graymoor, and even though it was overshadowed by the less-specific "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" during his own lifetime, he rejoiced that those separated from the Catholic Church felt called to observe the January period as a time of prayer for unity. Even though their concept of unity differs from that of the Catholic Church, it is significant that so many pray for that unity which God desires for His people.

The Octave, as originally conceived by Father Paul, reflects the unchanging truth that there can be no real unity apart from union with that Rock, established by Christ Himself, which is Peter and his successors. For that reason, St. Peter is considered the special Patron of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Fr Peter Preston  
sometime parish priest at MPB



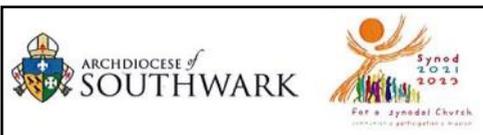
Please pray for Fr Peter who died last Friday. He was a member of the Society of the Divine Saviour and sometime Superior. He had also been parish priest here at Most Precious Blood.

*Lord have mercy on him.*

**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



### **A Better Marriage Your Marriage - Time for a Service?**

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service'.

**Building A Better Marriage  
half-day online course  
09.00 - 13.00 5th February**

For couples married years or decades  
Booking is essential.  
More details: 07983 524 727



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Marriage & Family Life

## Growing in Faith Together

A follow on course for engaged and married couples.

Explore faith, enrich your friendship & love.

Register at  
[aec.rcaos.org.uk/together](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together)

Four Tuesdays 20.00-21.00 18 Jan or  
Four Saturdays 10.30-11.30 19 Feb

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <b>2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Dorothy Barker ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon 17th St Anthony Abbot</i>		
<i>Tue 18th feria</i>	12.35	Virgin Godinho ✕
<i>Wed 19th (St Wulstan)</i>	12.35	Fr Michael Carey <i>foundation</i>
<i>Thurs 20th (St Sebastian)</i>	12.35	Pieadad Godinho ✕
<i>Fri 21st St Agnes</i>	12.35	Peter Preston <i>priest ✕ recently</i>
<i>Sat 22nd of Our Lady</i>	10.00 †	Clara Pereira ✕ <i>year's mind</i>
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Baltzar Almeida ✕ <i>anniversary</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

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

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

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

**Christmas Collections** *Thank you for your generosity.*

£710.00 Christmas Offering

£214.78 Catholic Children's Society

**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:* Peter Clarke *priest*, Margaret Wallace, Peter Preston *priest*

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