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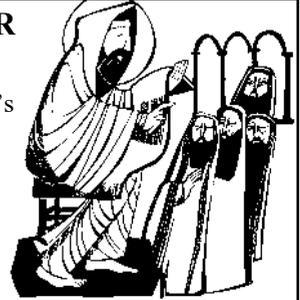
*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

23rd January 2022

In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are together as Christ's body. We all belong to the Church of which Christ is the head. Just as the human body is made up of many parts all of which are inter-dependent, so too are we dependant on each other and ultimately on Christ. The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we may bring the Good News to the poor. In our lives we witness to the fulfilling of God's promise in the Holy Scriptures



Word of God Sunday is today, a day inaugurated by Pope Francis. Do you read the Bible, a catholic bible?

Lectors, those who read at Mass, will be commissioned today. Please keep them in your prayers, it is a wonderful *Service to the Church*. (Can they please stay after Mass for a very brief meeting with FrC)

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

Cleaners come along each Saturday morning and lend a hand. We have been a bit thin recently. Can you help?

Vacancies in the Archdiocese for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Archdiocese website:
rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/

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 website. /donate

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues till 25th. Please pray for visible Christian Unity, that the world may believe in the One he has sent.

Fr Peter Preston's funeral will be at St Joseph's, Harrow, 191 High Street, HA3 on Friday 11th February, 12.00
There will be a vigil Mass on 10th at 19.00
Lord have mercy.

Synod. Thank you to those who took part and those who submitted on-line feed-back. And thank you to Brian who has collated all the info and submitted it to the Archdiocese.

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.

The Northern Line is now closed between Kennington and Moorgate until mid-May, which includes London Bridge and Borough stations.

The Congestion Charge changes from 21 February. The operating hours will be 07.00 - 18.00 on weekdays and 12.00 - 18.00 on weekends and Bank Holidays. So you can drive to the 09.30 Sunday Mass without charge.



Word of God Sunday.

Pope Francis has requested that this Sunday each year, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time should be *Word of God Sunday*. Jesus is the Living Word, so the Pope asks us to study the written Word that we may come to know the Living Word better. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, so is an inexhaustible source: the Word about the Word. Here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

Bible reading is for Catholics. Reading the Bible needs to be part of our daily prayer lives. These inspired words, help us grow deeper in our relationship with God and come to understand our place in the community God has called us to in him.

Prayer is the beginning and the end. It's not a novel or a history book. Begin by asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

The Bible isn't a book. It's a library. The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't. The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation. Don't start at the beginning!

The sum is greater than the parts. Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

What is God saying to me? The Bible is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

Reading isn't enough. If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

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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





PODCAST

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

The Bible in a Year
(with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

In *The Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Baltzar Almeida ✕ <i>anniversary</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 24th St Francis de Sales</i>		
<i>Tue 25th Conversion of St Paul</i>	12.35	Mary Ann Mills <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 26th Ss Timothy & Titus</i>	12.35	Virgin Godhino
<i>Thurs 27th (St Angela Merici)</i>	12.35	Holy Souls ✕
<i>Fri 28th St Thomas Aquinas</i>	12.35	Pieadad Godhino ✕
<i>Sat 29th (of Our Lady)</i>	10.00†	Margaret Wallace ✕ <i>month's mind</i>
Next Sunday 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Caetano De Sousa ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.00-12.25

Evensong 4.00pm, & Benediction, 1st Sunday

† **Mass in the Ordinary 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: Peter Clarke *priest*, Margaret Wallace, Peter Preston *priest*

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