



# 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 EASTER

24th April 2022



**In the gospel reading** today, we hear that Jesus, our risen Lord, bestows his spirit on us. We believe, even though we have not seen him. We are apostles of the resurrection and we now live the life of the spirit. As the Father sent Christ, so now we are sent to preach the Good News to all people.

**The Easter Octave concludes today.** Easter has eight days during that time each day is as if it were Easter. There's no such thing as Easter Day and no such thing as after Easter, because Jesus is risen, alleluia!

**A Plenary Indulgence** is available today on this Divine Mercy Sunday. The usual conditions apply plus the addition of praying in Church a Divine Mercy Prayer (Jesus I trust in You). The Image of the Divine Mercy is at the back, appropriately near the confessional.

**St George**, is celebrated on Tuesday this week. He is normally 23rd April, but as that was Easter Week, he gets transferred.

**Continue to pray** for those confirmed last Sunday, not just here at MPB but also those Baptised throughout the Catholic Church.

**FrC says thank you** for all the kind wishes, gifts and chocolate given him this Eastertide. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Please keep him in your prayers, daily.

**Rosary** each Sunday morning at 10.40 starting next Sunday and during Mary's month of May. Come and join in.

**Welcome to everyone** here today who was away last week, we hope you'll come for a glass of something fizzy.

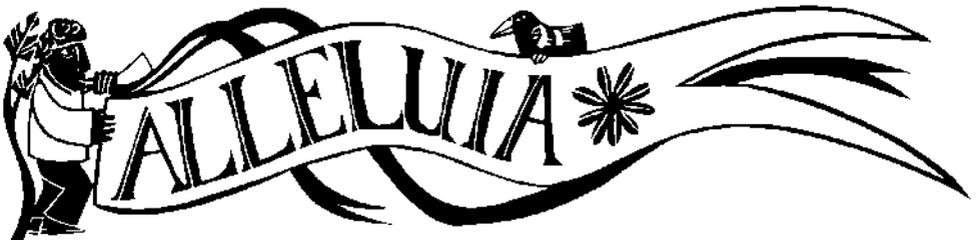
**New Card machines** have arrived. Some have said they prefer to give by cash, so will trial a re-instating of the collection bags at Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

**St Joseph's Headteacher** applications close on Friday this week. Commit our school to your prayers this week, that God will raise up a good a faithful worker in this vineyard.

**Pope St John Paul II** came to St George's Cathedral 40 years ago on 28th May. Put the date in your diary.

**Mass intentions** request can be made on-line or using the *Mass Offering* envelopes at the back of Church.

**Mass Sheets** are available online. There's a QR code to scan when you arrive for Mass.





### **The Divine Mercy**

St John, who was in the Upper Room with the other disciples on the evening of the first day after the Sabbath, tells us that Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you!" and he showed them his hands and his side; he showed them his wounds. And in this way they realized that it was not an apparition: it was truly him, the Lord, and they were filled with joy.

On the eighth day Jesus came once again into the Upper Room and showed his wounds to Thomas, so that he could touch them as he had wished to, in order to believe and thus become himself a witness to the Resurrection.

To us also, on this Sunday which St John Paul II wished to dedicate to Divine Mercy, the Lord shows us, through the Gospel, his wounds. They are wounds of mercy. It is true: the wounds of Jesus are wounds of mercy.

Jesus invites us to behold these wounds, to touch them as Thomas did, to heal our lack of belief. Above all, he invites us to enter into the mystery of these wounds, which is the mystery of his merciful love.

Through these wounds, as in a light-filled opening, we can see the entire mystery of Christ and of God: his Passion, his earthly life – filled with compassion for the weak and the sick – his incarnation in the womb of Mary. And we can retrace the whole history of salvation: the prophecies – especially about the Servant of the Lord, the Psalms, the Law and the Covenant; to the liberation from Egypt, to the first Passover and to the blood of the slaughtered lambs; and again from the Patriarchs to Abraham, and then all the way back to Abel, whose blood cried out from the earth. All of this we can see in the wounds of Jesus, crucified and risen; with Mary, in her Magnificat, we can perceive that, "His mercy extends

from generation to generation" Faced with the tragic events of human history we can feel crushed at times, asking ourselves, "Why?". Humanity's evil can appear in the world like an abyss, a great void: empty of love, empty of goodness, empty of life. And so we ask: how can we fill this abyss? For us it is impossible; only God can fill this emptiness that evil brings to our hearts and to human history. It is Jesus, God made man, who died on the Cross and who fills the abyss of sin with the depth of his mercy.

St Bernard, in one of his commentaries on the Canticle of Canticles, reflects precisely on the mystery of the Lord's wounds, using forceful and even bold expressions which we do well to repeat today. He says that "through these sacred wounds we can see the secret of [Christ's] heart, the great mystery of love, the sincerity of his mercy with which he visited us from on high".

Brothers and sisters, behold the way which God has opened for us to finally go out from our slavery to sin and death, and thus enter into the land of life and peace. Jesus, crucified and risen, is the way and his wounds are especially full of mercy.

The saints teach us that the world is changed beginning with the conversion of one's own heart, and that this happens through the mercy of God. And so, whether faced with my own sins or the great tragedies of the world, "my conscience would be distressed, but it would not be in turmoil, for I would recall the wounds of the Lord: 'he was wounded for our iniquities'. What sin is there so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ?"

Keeping our gaze on the wounds of the Risen Jesus, we can sing with the Church: "His love endures forever" eternal is his mercy. And with these words impressed on our hearts, let us go forth along the paths of history, led by the hand of our Lord and Saviour, our life and our hope.

*Pope Francis  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
2015*

## Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

A series of open meetings to discuss aspects of the Catholic Church

at

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham**

**TUESDAY**

**3rd May 2022**

**7.30pm**

**Dr Jean O'Callaghan**

on

**Deepening Prayer – guided  
by the Spiritual Exercises of  
St. Ignatius of Loyola.'**

There will be a Mass in the Ordinariate Use 19.00 in the Church, for anyone who would like to come

**A meal and refreshments  
will be served**

**Travel** - St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, Ham Street, Richmond TW10 7HT  
Train: Richmond Station: District Line or South West trains from Waterloo.  
Then get bus - 371 to Ham Street or 65 to Ham Gate Avenue

**All are welcome.**

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Alleluia

## Five facts about St George

**1. He's everyone's friend.** St George would be the most popular guy in the group chat if he were alive today. He's the patron saint of England, Georgia, Malta, Ethiopia, and Palestine, to name a few.

**2. He probably never visited England.**

There's a saying: "Never let the truth get in the way of a good story." The actual, historical truth is that he was born in what is now Turkey and probably never set foot in England.

**3. He wasn't England's first pick.** The first patron saint of England was St Edmund, aka Edmund the Martyr. He was eventually replaced in 1199, when King Richard I decided he liked St George better. Sorry, Ed.

**4. He (supposedly) had nine lives.** It is believed that St George was crushed between two spiked wheels and boiled in molten lead. Legend says neither killed him, but we're pretty sure he wound up flatter than a pancake.

**5. He shares his death date with William Shakespeare.** England's patron saint and England's greatest writer died on 23rd April.



Be what GOD wants  
you to BE  
and you will set  
the world on  
FIRE

*St Catherine of Siena*

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday <i>Divine Mercy</i></b> <b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Thanksgiving Parishioners
<i>Mon</i> 25th <b><i>St Mark</i></b>		
<i>Tue</i> 26th <b><i>ST GEORGE</i></b>	12.35	Holy Souls ✕
<i>Wed</i> 27th <i>in Eastertide</i>	12.35	Patrick <i>poorly</i>
<i>Thurs</i> 28th ( <i>St Peter Chanel</i> )	12.35	Dorothy Coyne ✕
<i>Fri</i> 29th <b><i>St Catherine of Siena</i></b>	12.35	Brian Cooper ✕ <i>d.2017</i>
<i>Sat</i> 30th ( <i>Pope St Pius V</i> )	10.00†	
<b>Next Sunday <i>Divine Mercy</i></b> <b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 5:27-32,40-42    Apocalypse 5:11-14    John 21:1-19

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

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

† **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 April 2022: *Health Care Workers.*** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

### For your prayers:

*In priestly formation:* Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn David Cherry, Fr Neil Scott

*Our candidates:* Andres, Denzel, David, Fidelis, Herman

*St Joseph's School:* Appointment of a new Headteacher

*Peace:* In Ukraine

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

*Recently Departed:* Gill James, Michael Peters *priest*, Denis Paul, *priest*, Michael Baldry *deacon*

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