



# 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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ★

1st May 2022

**In the gospel reading** today, we hear that we are witnesses to the resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives us courage to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. He is the lamb to whom all praise, honour, glory and power must be given for ever and ever. We will suffer opposition and misunderstanding because of our belief but Christ is always with us once we dare to follow him.



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

**Continue to pray** for all confirmed recently. They and you, are invited to Mass with the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral, Sat 21st May, 12.30

**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. Which means we need collectors - any volunteers? Thank you for your generosity!

**St Joseph's Headteacher.** Commit our school to your prayers, that God will raise up a good a faithful worker in his vineyard.

**School Readers** required. Can you give an hour a week to go into our school and listen to the children read? Contact Mrs Fulton, our Deputy Headteacher

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

**Home Communion.** Do you, or do you know of anyone, who would like to receive Holy Communion at Home? See FrC

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

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

**Sacristy re-decorating** begins on Tuesday. Help today or tomorrow would be much appreciated. *See FrC*

**The Pastoral & Finance Council** has been reinstated post-Covid. If you are invited or nominated, please be supportive.

**Priest Training Fund** - a second collection next week on Good Shepherd Sunday. Your generous support and prayers are very much appreciated.

**Liberty update.** Hear about the archeologically dig and the development on Southwark Street, just opposite the Hop Exchange, on Tuesday 6-7.30pm at the Boot & Flogger.





In this month of May, Mary's month, here are just a few reasons why she should be the "queen" of your heart:

### **Many of the greatest saints devoted their hearts to Mary.**

There countless saints who devoted themselves to the Blessed Mother, but here are just a few examples: St. Louis de Montfort wrote many books in honour of the Blessed Mother, including *True Devotion to Mary*, *The Secret of the Rosary*, and *The Secret of Mary*. He said, "The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them." St Therese of Lisieux, another doctor of the Church, said, "In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." St Padre Pio, a Franciscan priest and mystic, who also had the gift of the stigmata, said, "Let us bind ourselves tightly to the Sorrowful Heart of our Heavenly Mother and reflect on its boundless grief and how precious is our soul."

### **Jesus gave her to us as our mother**

At the foot of the cross, Jesus put his mother into the hands of St John. "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." Jn 19:26-27 St John represents the entire human race; therefore, Mary is our spiritual mother as well.

### **She is the "Mediatrice of All Graces"**

The Second Vatican Council said, "In suffering with Him as He died on the cross, she cooperated in the work of the Saviour, in an altogether singular way, by obedience, faith, hope, and burning love, to restore supernatural life to souls. As a result, she is our Mother in the order of grace." *LG,61-62*). In his encyclical *Adiutricem*, Pope Leo XIII explained that the power "put into her hands is all but unlimited." In Pope Pius X's encyclical, *Ad*

*Diem Illum Laetissimum*, he said that Mary is the "Dispensatrix of all the gifts that Our Saviour purchased for us by His Death and by His Blood." He also quotes St. Bernardine of Sienna, saying that Mary "is the neck of Our Head, by which He communicates to His mystical body all spiritual gifts." How incredible are the graces we can receive from our most Holy and Blessed Mother!

### **She leads us to Jesus**

When we are devoted to Mary, our love for Jesus increases because her greatest desire is to lead us to Him. St Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *True Devotion to Mary*: "All our perfection consists in being conformed, united, and consecrated to Jesus Christ; and therefore, the most perfect of all devotions is, without any doubt, that which the most perfectly conforms, unites, and consecrates us to Jesus Christ. Now, Mary being the most conformed of all creatures to Jesus Christ, it follows that, of all devotions, that which most consecrates and conforms the soul to our Lord is devotion to His holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more is it consecrated to Jesus."

### **She is our perfect pathway to holiness**

As St. Louis de Montfort said above, "all our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ." Mary's ability to bring us closer to her Son draws us to greater holiness, because she was completely sinless. Pope Paul VI said in *Lumen Gentium*, "But while in the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she is without spot or wrinkle, the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues."

With all this said, there are many ways we can devote ourselves to the Blessed Mother. We can pray the Rosary, the Angelus, consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, or practice the Seven Sorrows Devotion or the Five First Saturdays devotion. The list goes on!

Why not make a resolution to begin one of these devotions in May? It will certainly change your life.

## Please support our priests of the future with a gift

### Priest Training Fund

Good Shepherd Sunday

A Second Collection next week



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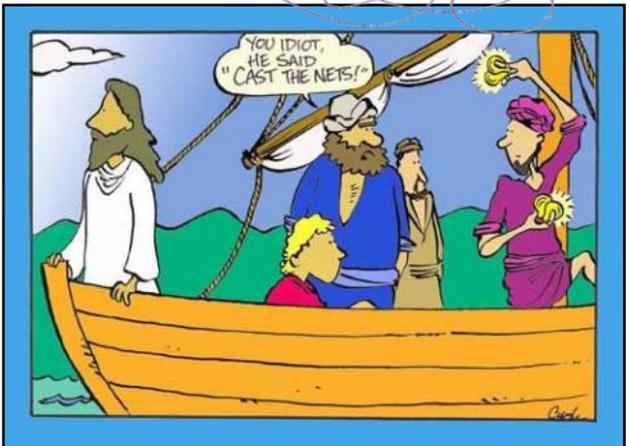
**Do you tune in to EWTN?** *Eternal Word Television Network.* It's a TV and radio station which is reliably Catholic. Get the App Sky Ch 588 or iRadio, 'EWTN Live'.



## Pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine

“ Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her “yes” she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us.

Spe Salvi, BXVI ”



## Ordinarate 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

## This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day   | Time                  | Intention                                       |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| <b>This Sunday</b><br><b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>   | 09.30<br><b>11.00</b> | Parishioners                                    |
| <i>Mon</i> 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i>                 |                       |   |
| <i>Tue</i> 3rd <b><i>Sts Philip &amp; James</i></b> | 12.35                 |   |
| <i>Wed</i> 4th <b><i>English Martyrs</i></b>        | 12.35                 | Charlie Joe Coggins ✕ <i>d2019</i>              |
| <i>Thurs</i> 5th <i>feria of Eastertide</i>         | 12.35                 | Intentions of J Purle                           |
| <i>Fri</i> 6th <i>feria of Eastertide</i>           | 12.35                 | May - <i>a significant birthday!</i>            |
| <i>Sat</i> 7th <i>feria of Eastertide</i>           | 10.00†                | A private thanksgiving                          |
| <b>Next Sunday</b><br><b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>   | 09.30<br><b>11.00</b> | All called to priestly ministry<br>Parishioners |

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 13:14.43-52 Apocalypse 7:9.14-17 John 10:27-30

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

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

† **Mass in the Ordinarate 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 May 2022: Faith-Filled Young People.**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

**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:* Michael Peters *priest*, Denis Paul, *priest*, Michael Baldry *deacon*

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