



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*



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22nd May 2022

In the gospel reading today, we hear that the Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the name of Christ to teach us a new life. We are not to obey rules and regulations as something external but rather we keep God's law through a real conversion of heart. Then the peace of Christ which the world cannot give will come to us as his gift. Peace I give you.



Mary's month of May! Rosary each Sunday morning at 10.40 during May. Come, join in.

Bring an image of your National Shrine to Our Lady's altar this month.

Ascension Day is Thursday this week. Mass at 10.00 12.35 & 18.30† St Joseph's are joining the 10.00 so parents are especially welcome.

A Novena to the Holy Spirit starts n Thursday, there are some leaflets at the back.

World Communications Day -a second Collection next week.

Returning to Mass in real life. The Bishops are encouraging us to return and will lift the suspension at Pentecost. It's not about *having* to, but *wanting* to be at Mass each Sunday.

Live Stream Mass will continue from MPB. It has of great comfort to those who are housebound or poorly.

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

First Holy Communion will be 19th June. Parents are asked to sign up on the [website](#).

Our Junior Choir is getting established again. We are having another recruitment. Children in Years 3 to 6 can sign up on the [website /choir](#). Come and see!

School Readers required. Thank you to those who have volunteered! Can you give an hour a week to go into our school? Contact Mrs Fulton, Deputy Headteacher

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

Pope St John Paul II came to St George's Cathedral 40 years ago on Saturday . Were you there? There's an exhibition!

Mass for the Sick on the anniversary of StJpii's visit. This Saturday 12.30 at St George's with the Archbishop. All welcome, sick or not!

The Pastoral & Finance Council has been reinstated post-Covid. Are you interested?





This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We are still within the fifty days of the Easter season which will end in two weeks on the Solemnity of Pentecost. The feast of Christ's Ascension into heaven is the culmination of His glorification at Easter. On the feast of the Ascension, an integral part of the Easter Mystery, we prepare for Pentecost, like the Apostles to whom Christ promised, at the moment before His Ascension, that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

We should not think of the Ascension of Jesus as His definitive departure from His disciples or from this world. Though He will no longer be physically present, the Risen Jesus begins a new kind of presence with them and also with us. It is an invisible presence through the Holy Spirit, a presence not limited by geography or space. It is His presence in the Church and in the sacraments. He has not abandoned us. In the glory of the Father, the Risen Jesus supports, guides, and intercedes for us. From His throne of glory, Jesus sends us, His Body the Church, to evangelise the world.

Since Christ, the Head of the Church, reigns in glory at the right hand of the Father, we live in hope. Christ entered heaven as our Head. Pope Saint Leo the Great taught that at the Ascension of Jesus "the glory of the Head became the hope of the Body." Christ's victory is ours. In ascending to heaven, Jesus opened for us the way to our blessed homeland and has given us the greatest hope for our journey on earth.

Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, wrote: "In Christ ascended into Heaven, the human being has entered into intimacy with God in a new and unheard-of way; man henceforth finds room in God forever. 'Heaven': this word Heaven does not indicate a place above the stars but something far more daring and sublime: it indicates Christ himself, the divine Person who welcomes humanity fully and forever, the One in whom God and man are inseparably united forever.... We draw close to Heaven, indeed, we enter Heaven to the extent that we draw close to Jesus and enter into communion with him.

On the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Church invites us to be in profound communion with Jesus. He is not distant from us. He did not ascend to some far-off galaxy or enter into outer space. He entered with His glorified body into God's presence. Thanks to His being with the Father, He is close to each one of us forever. He is invisibly present in our life. He is always close to us, though we are free to turn away from Him.

On the feast of the Ascension, it is good to remember that Jesus takes humanity with Him into glory. We see this beautiful truth first and foremost in His Mother. Her Assumption into heaven is the first-fruits of our ascension into glory. During this month of May, we honour Mary in a special way. May Mary, the Queen of Heaven, help us to share her joy that her Son has triumphed over sin and death and has been exalted at the right hand of the Father!"

The Collect for Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS



Donate £10 to support Eastern Christians
SMS text: DAYOFFPRAYER to 70450
(texts cost £10 plus your standard network charge)
Or donate at: www.facecharity.org

Heavenly Father, we pray today for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. By your heavenly grace, strengthen the faith and hope of Eastern Christians. May they be blessed with peace and prosperity in their lands. And may we be inspired by their devotion and witness to the Gospel, by their love and compassion for all in their communities, and by their courage, endurance and self-sacrifice against oppression. Through their charity, tolerance and friendship, bring peace and reconciliation to those troubled lands, where Christianity was born and first spread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Are you celebrating your
1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th
or any special
Wedding Anniversary?

The Archbishop
invites you to
Mass for Anniversaries of Marriage

Saturday 9th July 15.00
St George's Cathedral

All family members welcome
more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk



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BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES FESTIVAL

Friday 3 June 2022
12- 9pm

Red Cross Garden
Marlborough Sports Garden
Crossbones Graveyard
SE1

FREE!

Holy Spirit

Novena

Pray a Novena (nine days of prayer) to the Holy Spirit from Thursday this week till Pentecost. *Copies at the back of Church*

Pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Eastern Christians Parishioners
<i>Mon</i> 23rd <i>feria of Eastertide</i>		
<i>Tue</i> 24th <i>feria of Eastertide</i>	12.35	
<i>Wed</i> 25th <i>feria of Eastertide</i>	12.35	
<i>Thurs</i> 26th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	10.00 12.35 18.30†	
<i>Fri</i> 27th St Augustine of Canterbury	12.35	
<i>Sat</i> 28th <i>feria of Eastertide</i>	10.00†	
Next Sunday 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 7: 55-60 Appse 22:12-14,16-17, 20 John 17:20-26

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.00-12.25

† **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 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

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, Karen, all those with Covid

Recently Departed: Michael Baldry *deacon*, Mark Hewetson, Gordon Thompson *priest*

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