



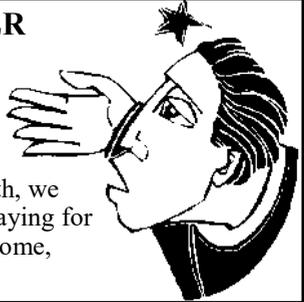
# Ordinariate and Parish Church MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29th May 2022



**In the gospel reading** today, we hear the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus to the Father before his ascension. Now that he has ascended into heaven, we await his second coming and like St Stephen, in faith, we see him standing at the right hand of God, where he is constantly praying for us. We too join him in our prayers that soon we may be with him. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Mary's month of May!** Rosary last time today being the final Sunday in of May. 10.40

**Pentecost** is next Sunday, the last day of Eastertide and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**Wear something Red** next Sunday. A little bit of fun to celebrate. *Veni Spiritus Sanctus!*

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations begin on Thursday. Amongst all the goings-on, pray for Her Majesty, the Queen.

**Bank Holidays** this week on Thursday and Friday. Mass will be at the earlier time, 10.00

**The London Bridge Attack** was five years ago on Friday. Mass will be offered for all victims and especially the five killed, who were all Catholics.

**World Communications Day** - a second collection today.

**Our Junior Choir** is going from strength to strength. We still have room for children in Years 3 to 6 can sign up on the website /choir.

**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 been of great comfort to those who are housebound or poorly.

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

**A Welcome Team at Mass.** Would you be part of a team to facilitate the smooth running at Mass. There is always lots of preparation before and during Mass. See FrC

**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](#).

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





# CATHOLICS

## COME HOME

During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been restrictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practice their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming. People are now beginning to return to more regular patterns of parish life

### **Longing for our Lord**

Attentive to the experience of the pandemic we lived our faith through limitations. We have heard of the longing which some express as a “homesickness”. We want to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We yearn to celebrate the sacraments together, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We desire to be nourished by our Lord in Holy Communion. The live streaming of the Mass and the remarkable response of our Catholic communities to those in need, have provided comfort, sustenance and resilience.

### **The Eucharist, source and summit**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. Many people have said to us that they have appreciated the noble simplicity of the Mass at this time, which has allowed the mystery and majesty of our Lord’s sacrificial love to shine through.

The central appeal of the Mass, its beauty and its transcendence, raises our minds and hearts to God in an unambiguous and compelling manner. Our Lord Jesus invites us to receive anew the gift of Sunday as the preeminent day, the day of the Resurrection, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Here we stand together before our heavenly Father, offering our thanksgiving and prayer, through our Saviour in the Holy Spirit. Here we receive Christ in his Word. Here we are nourished by Christ in his precious Body and Blood. This is our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength.

### **The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist**

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God’s holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ’s love.

We recognise that, even now, for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is not over! The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

### **Responding to the Gift**

We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass.

The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the “first day of the week,” and devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on, renewing our gratitude and our hope. When we say “Amen” to Christ in receiving his Body and Blood, we express the love of God which is deep within us, and at the end of Mass, when we are sent forth, we express our love for our neighbour, especially those in need. These two dimensions reveal the full meaning of our faith. We are gathered together and sent out, we pray and are fed, we worship and we adore; these are intrinsic to our lives as those baptised into Christ.

*The Bishops of  
England & Wales*



Celebrations begin on Thursday this week  
"Long may she reign over us"  
prayer clearly works

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**

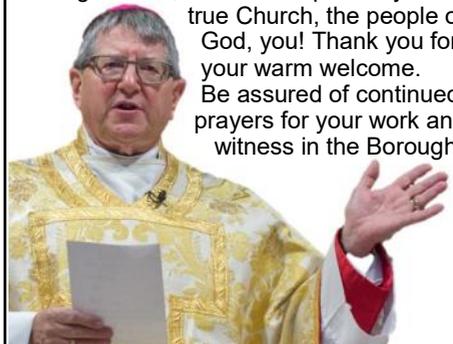
Saturday 9th July 15.00  
St George's Cathedral

All family members welcome  
more details email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)



Alleluia

A message from Mgr Newton  
Last Sunday was the first Sunday Mass I  
have attended since the consecration. It  
was wonderful to see the church building  
looking so nice, but more importantly the  
true Church, the people of  
God, you! Thank you for  
your warm welcome.  
Be assured of continued  
prayers for your work and  
witness in the Borough.



Pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine

## This Week: Mass & intentions

| Day   | Time                  | Intention   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| <b>This Sunday</b><br><b>7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> | 09.30<br><b>11.00</b> | Peter Pearson ✕ <i>d.2008</i><br>Parishioners       |
| <i>Mon 30th feria of Eastertide</i>               |                       |   |
| <i>Tue 31st Visitation of the BVM</i>             | 12.35                 | James Finn <i>foundation</i>                        |
| <i>Wed 1st St Justin</i>                          | 12.35                 | Michael Daly ✕ <i>years mind</i>                    |
| <i>Thurs 2nd feria of Easter</i>                  | 10.00                 | HM the Queen  |
| <i>Fri 3rd St Charles Lwanga et al</i>            | 10.00                 | Those killed in London Bridge Attack                |
| <i>Sat 4th feria of Eastertide</i>                | 10.00†                | FrC - <i>anniversary of ordination</i>              |
| <b>Next Sunday</b><br><b>PENTECOST</b>            | 09.30<br><b>11.00</b> | George Harrington <i>foundation</i><br>Parishioners |

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13 John 20:19-23

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

† **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 June 2022: Families** We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

### 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:* Gordon Thompson *priest*

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*YouTube:* youtube.com/preciousbloodlondonbridge

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