



# 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*



### 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th July 2022

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that God is as near to us as our own hearts. If we wish to become like Christ then we will serve all people without distinction of race, colour or creed. We will become reconcilers and love God with all our hearts. In this way we become the Good Samaritans of a wounded world. Love your neighbour as yourself.



**The Most Precious Blood** of Jesus is the devotion for July. *Louder still and louder, praise the Precious Blood.*

**As covid infection increase** a reminder that we still take precautions at MPB. The bread which is used at Mass and becomes the Blessed Sacrament is always protected from infection. During distribution of Holy Communion the ministers still sanitise and will now wear a face-covering.

**Post Mass Quiet** is an important part of Mass. Please maintain a prayerful space after Mass. Chat over coffee in the Long Room.

**A Welcome Team at Mass.** Thank you to those who have volunteered. Arrive 09.00 for the 09.30 or 10.30 for the 11.00

**Sea Sunday** is today when we support seafarers. More info on their work here [stellamaris.org.uk](http://stellamaris.org.uk) There is a second collection which can be made in church or here.

**Going away?** Whether you are having a vacation or a stay-cation this year, wherever you go, bless the place where you will stay. A blessing is printed overleaf.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage**, The Southwark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage is back. 19 - 26 August. £850. Further details available here

**St Joseph's School Play** is on Wednesday this week at 17.00 in school. Doors open at 16.30 with a chance to see some of this year's work on display. Come and see our wonderful children in our beautiful school.

**End of Year Mass** for the leavers from St Joseph's will be Wednesday week, 20th July, 10.00 in Church. *All welcome.*

**Leadership at St Joseph's** is now in place for next year. Thank you for your prayers. Miss Fulton will be Acting Headteacher, Miss White, newly appointed, will be acting Deputy Headteacher and Miss Hannam will continue as Assistant Headteacher and send-co. We hope they all have a good break ready to begin afresh in September. StJ opn

**The Children's Choir** are singing today for the last time before the summer. They have done a great job so far and we look forward to great things again in Sept. Will you join?

**The Young Adults Group** meet on Wednesday this week from 19.30 (by which we mean 19.45) in the Long Room. It will be the last before the summer. If you've not been before, come along if you're an adult and young.

**The Relics of St Bernadette** are in Britain in September & October. More info at here: [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)



**“Why do we use white wine at Mass?  
Doesn’t it spoil the symbolism of blood?”**

A question sometimes asked here at Most Precious Blood.

Although since Covid, Catholic Churches have not restored the chalice at Mass, you may have noticed that the cruet at the back of Church brought forward at the offertory for Mass contains white wine. So why white and not red wine? The only thing canonically required (Church law) is that it has to wine to be considered valid sacramental matter and the wine is to be natural and made from grapes (Canon 924 §3). Wine made from any fruit other than grapes, therefore, is considered invalid matter.

Also, for wine to be wine, it must contain alcohol. A minimum or maximum level of alcohol has never been specified, however, canon lawyers say it usually falls somewhere below 20%. Generally speaking, the alcohol content for most commercially produced wines is between 8% and 17%. Alcohol free wine cannot be used for Mass, however, mustum may be used, but it must have an alcohol content of less than 1%. Mustum is grape juice in which the fermentation process has begun, but has been suspended.

Nor may additives be used. Canon 924 §3 says the wine must not be corrupt, ie it is to be pure and natural. In some counties there are laws requiring additives to all commercial-

ly produced wines to act as an anti-oxidant which preserves the natural good condition of the wine and retards spoilage. Sulfides are added in such small amounts that the Holy See has said their presence is so small it does not corrupt the wine.

Any commercially produced wine (red, white or rose) may be used for sacramental wine so long as it falls within the parameters of being naturally made of grapes and having an alcohol content between 8% and 20%.

So red or white (or indeed rosé) wine may be used for Holy Mass.

There are some practical considerations in that when the purificator is used (the cloth the priest uses for the ablutions and cleaning the chalice afterward) can often get stained by the Precious Blood which might be difficult to remove. As the linen should always be well-laundered for Holy Mass, it would be unseemly to have anything less than clean white linen - red easily stains.

At the end of Mass the purificator is put in a bowl of clean water to soak for 24 hours, to make sure any part of the Precious Blood is removed, and the water is poured onto clean earth. In the sacristy there is a special sink (a sacrarium) with two plug holes: one goes to the common drain, the other to a soak-away deep below the foundations of the building. The purificator is wrung-out, left to dry, and then laundered in the normal way. Should the Precious Blood ever get split, say, on your jacket or shirt, you should do just the same at home. Never put Precious-Blood-stained materials in the common wash.

As Catholics we believe what Jesus said in the Bible: this is my Body; this is my Blood. By the authority of the Church, the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the very words of Jesus, the bread becomes his very Body, and the wine, become his very Blood.

So to the question, why white wine? It doesn’t mater what wine, as long as it is wine and of the finest and highest quality; and to the question, doesn’t it destroy the symbolism? There is no symbolism: it is Real Blood.

# QUIZ TIME!

## SUMMER QUIZ for MPB

*How much do you know about our parish?  
Test yourself with this quiz. Answers at the  
bottom of the page.*

1. Our church was built in 1892. Who was Queen of England at that time?
2. Who is the man wearing red robes, in the picture in the side-chapel on the left-hand side of the sanctuary?
3. When the Lessons are read at Mass, the reader uses the magnificent lectern, depicting a great bird. What sort of bird is it?
4. When Our Lord died on Calvary his mother, Our Lady, stood at one side of the Cross. Who stood on the other side? (You can see them both by the big cross to the left of the sanctuary)
5. Who is the saint, a young girl, wearing a red gown, on the right hand side near the church door?
6. Two candles are always burning in the Sanctuary; one red and one white. What's the red one called; and what does the white one indicate?
7. Why do we dip our hands in holy water as we enter the church?
8. London is one of the greatest cities in the world, and our church stands near London Bridge. What is the names of the great river that flows beneath the bridge and on down to the sea?
9. London is divided into two Catholic dioceses, one on the north bank of the river, and one on the south bank. What are they called?
10. We have an Archbishop whose name is said at every Mass. What is his name?

## Bless This House AND ALL WHO ENTER

*Blessing a hotel room or holiday home*

Almighty God, I ask you to send your angels to be with me/us in this place, and protect me/us from all assaults of the Evil one. Please forgive any wrong that has been perpetuated in this room, and grant those who offend you the grace of conversion. Dispel the powers of darkness which may be in this room and protect me/us this night, and those who will sleep here in the forthcoming nights. Jesus I trust in You!

✠ Lord, bless us we pray. May your holy angels dwell with us to keep us in peace, and may your blessings be upon us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**GET BOOSTED NOW**

**Pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine**

ANSWERS:  
1. Queen Victoria. 2. Cardinal – now Saint – John Henry Newman. He was born just across the river from us, near the Bank of England. 3. An eagle, the sign of St John the Evangelist. 4. St John the beloved disciple. 5. St Agnes. She is carrying a lamb because her name sounds like the Latin word for a lamb, "Agnus". 6. The Sanctuary Lamp; the Real Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. 7. To remind ourselves of our baptism. 8. The Thames. 9. Westminster (north side) and South-ropollitan Archbishop of Southwark.

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <b>15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon</i> 11th <b>St Benedict</b>		
<i>Tue</i> 12th <i>feria</i>	12.35	Ikhlas ✕
<i>Wed</i> 13th ( <i>St Henry</i> )	12.35	Zofia Oberc ✕
<i>Thurs</i> 14th ( <i>St Paul Camillus of Lellis</i> )	12.35	Eileen Healy ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Fri</i> 15th <i>St Bonaventure</i>	12.35	EWA successful operation
<i>Sat</i> 16th ( <i>of Our Lady of Mt Carmel</i> )	10.00†	Dee M ✕
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

**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: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

**Holy Father's Intention for July 2022: *Elderly*** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

### For your prayers:

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

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

*Peace:* In Ukraine

*Those who are Sick:* Mary, Monica, Betty, Karen, all those with Covid

*Recently Departed:* Baby Giacomo

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