



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*



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th July 2022

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ was welcomed by Mary and Martha in different ways. Martha was anxious to prepare a meal for him while Mary kept him company listening to all he had to say. We need to listen to Christ with love. It is love that opens our hearts to his message when he comes to share his life with ours. Christ is our welcome guest.



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.

Summer is here. How about some summer reading. FrC is always happy to suggest something to read or listen to, to inform and enhance your Catholic Faith.

Going away during the summer? Don't forget to go to Mass each Sunday (yes, that's *every* Sunday!). Give the priest our greetings from MPB, if you say it's an Ordinariate Parish, he'll know. Bring back their newsletter.

Dress appropriately in Church. A gentle reminder that in the summer, and with the warmer weather, to wear appropriate clothes. A rule-of-thumb: knees to elbows!

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

Lost or lapsed? The summer is a time when it's easy to fall away. Keep an eye out for each other. If there used to be someone sitting near you who you haven't seen for a while, enquire after them. It's nice to be wanted and it's nice to be missed.

Are you at Secondary School? FrC has a idea for next year. Give him your name to find out more.

St James the Great is celebrated next week. Spanish Place have invited us to their special celebratory Mass at 7pm. *All welcome.*

Hospital. If you have to go into Hospital, expected or not, you are required by law to expressly give permission for the Catholic Chaplin or Fr Christopher to visit. There are some forms at the back of Church.

St Joseph's School Mass on Wednesday this week, 10.00 in Church as we say farewell and bless our leavers. Parents especially invited.

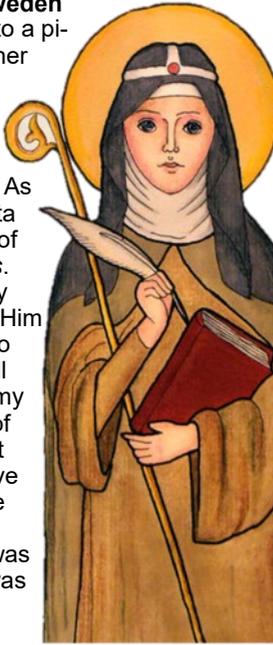
Receiving Holy Communion is four separate actions: kneel, receive, stand, walk away. Don't combine them into one!

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

The Relics of St Bernadette are in Britain in September & October. More info at here: www.stbernadette.org.uk

Saint Birgitta of Sweden

was born in 1303 into a pious family. Her mother died when she was ten and sent with her siblings to their aunt for further education and care. As a young child, Birgitta had a dream-vision of *The Man of Sorrows*. This dream was very vivid. Birgitta asked Him who had done that to Him. His answer: 'All those who despise my love.' The memory of this dream never left Birgitta and may have even left an indelible mark on her subconscious. Birgitta was married when she was 13 years old to Ulf Gudmarsson with whom she had eight children, four daughters and four sons, all of them survived infancy, and that was very rare at that time.



Birgitta became the Lady-in Waiting to the Queen of Sweden, and after her years of service at Court, Birgitta and Ulf made a pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela. On the return journey Ulf became dangerously ill in Arras. Birgitta feared for his death. A bishop appeared to her, promised that Ulf would recover and 'God had great things for her to do.' He told her that he was Denis, Patron of France. Ulf recovered and was able to continue his work as Lagman in the province of Närke until early in the year 1344, when he was very ill so Birgitta took him to the monks at Alvastra where he died. Birgitta remained near the abbey and she spent along hours in prayer by Ulf's grave. She said that she 'loved him like my own body.' She arranged her affairs among her children and various charities and prayed for guidance. She was 41 years old and in the abbey at Alvastra God called her 'be My Bride and My canal'. He gave her the task of founding new religious order, mainly for women. He said that the other orders had fallen into decay and this new order would be a vineyard whose wine would revivify the Church. He showed her how her abbey

church was to be built, gave directions concerning the clothing and prayers of the nuns, 60 in all, who needed priests as chaplains, 13 priests, 4 deacons and 8 lay brothers. These two communities were to be ruled by an abbess, who was to represent the Blessed Virgin Mary together with the Apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

King Magnus Eriksson donated a little palace and much land to the new monastery, but almost as soon she had begun altering the palace and organising the work, Christ appeared to her and asked her to go to Rome and wait there until she got the pope to return from France to Rome. She was to be there during the Holy Year 1350. Birgitta left Sweden at the end of 1349 never to return.

Although she had longed to become a nun, she never even saw the monastery in Vadstena, Sweden. In fact, nothing she set out to do was ever realised. She never had the pope return to Rome permanently, she never managed to make peace between France and England, she never saw any nun in the habit that Christ had shown her, and she never returned to Sweden but died, worn out old lady far from home in July 1373. She can be called the Patroness of Failures. In this she was like her Lord. He was also classed as failure as He hung on the Cross. Birgitta was a successful failure as she was canonized in 1391. Birgitta was the only woman ever to found a religious Order, *Ordo Sanctissimi Salvatoris*. It was never a double order but an order primarily for women with permanent chaplains, ruled by an abbess. The brothers had as their head, not a prior but a Confessor General who was responsible for the spiritual business of both convents.

The order spread swiftly throughout Europe with monasteries from Scandinavia right through Europe down to Italy. In modern times it has expanded into five different, juridically independent branches; Spain 1629, Rome 1911, U.S.A. 1970, Mexico at the change of the century. None of these foundations have brothers (except U.S.A. which has one male convent). The last Birgittine father died in Altomünster 1863. She is co-patron of Europe. Her feast day is on Saturday this week.



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.



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'The Smiling Pope' John Paul I will be beatified on 4th September. His was the shortest papacy in history, reigning for only 33 days. The first Pope to choose a double name: honouring his two predecessors. The last in the long line of Italian-born Popes. Popes StJPii, Bxvi and Francis have all called him "The smiling Pope"

“ The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a fundamental TRUTH. A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his HELP
Benedict XVI ”



The Flowers in Church always look beautiful. They are looked after by a faithful team of ladies (yes, they are all ladies!). Would you like to buy some flowers for something special: your wedding or baptism anniversary, or in memory of a loved one - or just for the sake of it. £20 would get you a very nice display. See *Maureen*.

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon 18th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 19th feria</i>	12.35	Holy Souls ✕
<i>Wed 20th (St Apollinaris)</i>	10.00. 12.35	St Joseph's School Y6 leavers Holy Souls ✕
<i>Thurs 21st (St Laurence of Brindisi)</i>	12.35	Holy Souls ✕
<i>Fri 22nd St Mary Magdalen</i>	12.35	Holy Souls ✕
<i>Sat 23rd St Bridget of Sweden</i>	10.00†	Holy Souls ✕
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Next Week's Readings Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-24 Luke 11:1-13

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: Y6 leavers

Peace: In Ukraine

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

Recently Departed: Francis Capener *priest*, Anthony Logan *priest*

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