



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*



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
31st July 2022

In the gospel reading today, we hear that there is more to life than wealth and riches. We tend to look for material security in this world until it becomes an obsession with us. Yet we cannot take our riches with us when we die. We need to live the life of grace as people who have died to the things of this world in order to live for the spiritual riches of a life given to Christ. In this we will get our priorities right and our lives will be full of true happiness and meaning.



The Most Precious Blood of Jesus is the devotion for July. *Grace and life eternal, in that blood I find; blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.*

Covid precautions still take place at MPB inc during distribution of Holy Communion the ministers sanitise and wear a face-covering.

Sunday Mass at 09.30 & 11.00 will continue through the summer, however from this week they will be said not sung.

Advanced warning - no daily Mass during August. Sundays remain unchanged but Mass on weekdays is suspended.

Administrator need for the Archdiocese Evangelisation Team. More info or visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy

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. Tell the priest MPB is in the care of the Ordinariate. He will have heard of us!

Lourdes Pilgrimage, The Southwark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage is 19 - 26 August. £850. Further details available [here](#)

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!

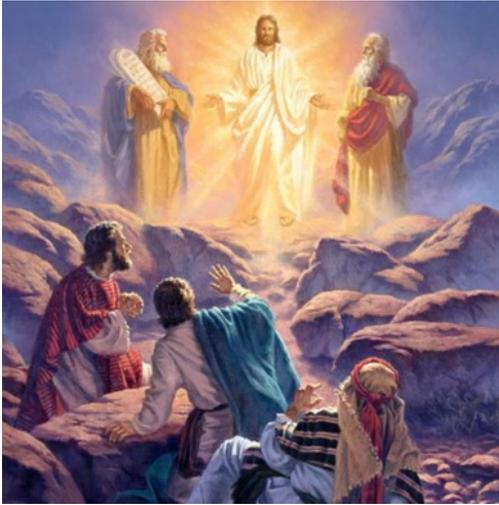
Lost or lapsed? Keep an eye out for each other. If there used to be someone sitting near you who you haven't seen for a while, enquire after them. It's nice to be wanted and it's nice to be missed.

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

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

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

Did you know, seven days without prayer makes one weak?



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Transfiguration of the Lord St Luke the Evangelist highlights in particular the fact that Jesus was transfigured while he was praying. Jesus experienced a profound relationship with the Father during a sort of spiritual retreat which he made on a high mountain in the company of Peter, James and John, the three disciples ever present at the moments of the Teacher's divine manifestation (Lk 5:10; 8:51; 9:28).

The Lord, who had just foretold his death and Resurrection (9:22), granted the disciples a foretaste of his glory. And the heavenly Father's voice rang out in the Transfiguration, as in the baptism: "this is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (9:35). Moreover the presence of Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, is particularly significant: the whole history of the Covenant is oriented to him, Christ, who makes a new "exodus" (9:31), not toward the promised land, as in the time of Moses, but toward Heaven.

Peter's words "Master, it is well that we are here" represent the impossible attempt to put this mystical experience on hold. St Augustine commented: "[Peter]... on the mountain... had Christ as the food of his soul. Why should he have to go down to return to his hard work and sorrows while up there he was filled with

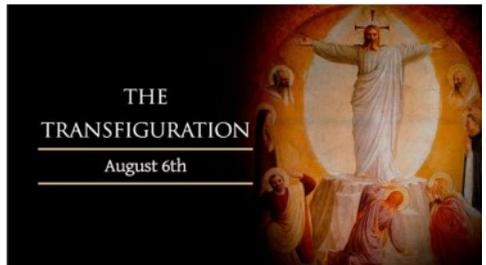
sentiments of holy love for God and which thus inspired in him a holy conduct?" (*Sermon 78,3: pl 38, 491*).

In meditating on this passage of the Gospel, we can learn a very important lesson from it: first of all, the primacy of prayer, without which the entire commitment to the apostolate and to charity is reduced to activism. In Lent we learn to give the right time to prayer, both personal and of the community, which gives rest to our spiritual life. Moreover, prayer does not mean isolating oneself from the world and from its contradictions, as Peter wanted to do on Mount Tabor; rather, prayer leads back to the journey and to action. "The Christian life", I wrote in my Message for this Lent, "consists in continuously scaling the mountain to meet God and then coming back down, bearing the love and strength drawn from him, so as to serve our brothers and sisters with God's own love" (n. 3).

Dear brothers and sisters, I hear this word of God as addressed to me in particular at this moment of my life. Thank you! The Lord is calling me "to scale the mountain", to devote myself even more to prayer and meditation. But this does not mean abandoning the Church; indeed, if God asks me this it is precisely so that I may continue to serve her with the same dedication and the same love with which I have tried to do so until now, but in a way more suited to my age and strength.

Let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary: may she help everyone always to follow the Lord Jesus, in prayer and in active charity.

*Pope Benedict XVI
Rome, 4 March 2013*



What Catholics Believe

Which of these is true for Catholics?

- ✘ Catholics worship Mary
- ✘ Catholicism is not Christianity
- ✘ The Ordinariate is a half-way-house
- ✘ Do what you like and then go to Confession
- ✘ Catholics don't accept all the Bible
- ✘ The Pope is infallible so cannot say anything wrong
- ✘ What goes on at Mass is like magic, because the bread magics into flesh
- ✘ Once married, a Catholic cannot marry again
- ✘ Cradle Catholics are born Catholics
- ✘ Every Catholic goes to Heaven
- ✘ Celibacy caused the abuse crisis
- ✘ Unless you hear the Gospel at Mass you can't receive Holy Communion
- ✘ Abortion is ok in some situations
- ✘ Catholics oppose science
- ✘ Once a Catholic always a Catholic

Which is true? None of the above!



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More info:

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Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✘ Feed the hungry
- ✘ Give drink to the thirsty
- ✘ Shelter the homeless
- ✘ Clothe the naked
- ✘ Care for the sick
- ✘ Visit the imprisoned
- ✘ Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ✘ To admonish the sinner
- ✘ To instruct the ignorant
- ✘ To counsel the doubtful
- ✘ To comfort the sorrowful
- ✘ To bear wrongs patiently
- ✘ To forgive all injuries
- ✘ To pray for the living and the dead

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Thanks to OLW for recent job Parishioners
<i>Mon 1st St Alphonsus Liguori</i>		
<i>Tue 2nd feria</i>		
<i>Wed 3rd feria</i>		
<i>Thurs 4th St John Vianney</i>		
<i>Fri 5th (St Mary Major)</i>		
<i>Sat 6th Transfiguration</i>		
Next Sunday 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Herman Spencer <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19 Luke 12:32-48

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 August 2022: *Small Businesses*

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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*, John Hartley *priest*

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