



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*



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th November 2023

In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are waiting the second coming of Christ just as the ten bridesmaids waited for the bridegroom. We must always be ready when the shout goes up 'He is here'. We have no need to worry about those who have died before us as they too will rise from the dead with Christ in glory. The Bride groom is here!



Remembrance Sunday is today. The Solemn Mass at 11.00 will begin a little earlier so we can join the King and the Nation in two minutes silence for all those killed in any war of anytime.

November is the month of Holy Souls. The Church gives us this wonderful opportunity to pray for our relatives and friends who have died and may be in Purgatory. .

Names of loved-ones can be placed in the casket at the front, on the altar. You can also email names or use the website. They will be on the altar throughout November

Foundation Mass can be set up for loved ones. Mass is offered on the chosen date for 25 years. The suggested offering is £300.

Open Church, come and pray! The Church is open each day after Mass until late (normally 19.00). Visit the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Caritas invite support for those affected by war, flooding and earthquake at this time.

The Good Counsel Annual Ball is this Saturday, 18th November at the Royal Garden Hotel. The Young Adults Group have booked a table. Tickets include a 5-star three-course dinner with live music. It's a great event. Last chance today.

Children at Mass are a great blessing, indeed a sign how young we are! If they become restless, parents may become anxious, so we have installed speakers in the porch and the Long Room. You can escape and still listen.

Catholic Christmas Cards are available at the back of Church. There's no 'fees' in Church so make an offering.

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection is this week. It helps fund Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation - investing in Faith, Hope and Love.

Mass Intentions can be requested at any time using the envelopes at the back of church or on-line. They are listed in this newsheet.

Synod Reflections from the Archbishop, who, as you know, was a participant. A summary is overleaf; there are some fuller reflections at the back of Church, or on the archdiocese website.

The Organ Recital monthly series continues on 25th November at 12.30 with James Orford, organist of St Paul's Knightsbridge. The next will be 2nd December with Stephen Disley, formally organist of Southwark CofE Cathedral. Full series on the parish website.



**Some Reflections by from the Archbishop
in Light of the Synod on Synodality**
Summary

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I returned recently from the month-long Synod on Synodality in Rome, convened by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reflect on communion, participation, and mission in the Church's life. It was a remarkable journey, both engaging and exhausting, that led us forward on the way together – the Way who is the Lord Jesus himself, our Truth and our Life. (cf. Jn 14:6) I share with you a summary of my reflection on the Synod on Synodality. Please take a moment to read it in full at rcaos.org.uk.

Taking place against the backdrop of war, we prayed for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, Sudan and elsewhere. We heard harrowing first-hand accounts of war from delegates. For me, meeting people from across the Universal Church, and hearing their experiences, was the most enriching and stimulating part of the Synod.

Our Archdiocese took part in the preparatory synodal process, demonstrating a deep love for the Lord Jesus and his Church, and a desire to be more hospitable and evangelising. This is something we do together, recognising both the distinctiveness and complementarity of those who share Christ's priesthood through baptism and those who share it through ordination. I took to the Synod the passion and energy the Archdiocese showed for enacting the evangelising mission entrusted to us by Christ.

Sincere sharing of human experiences, sometimes charged with emotion, highlighted a perceived tension between truth and love for those who may struggle to accept or live to the Church's teaching. How can we better include people who feel unwelcome? We need a patient openness to receiving people's experience. There is a caution, however, in setting human experience against divine revelation,

received through Scripture and Tradition, as if it were somehow corrective of a now outdated deposit of faith. As Pope Francis reminded us, the Synod is not a parliament. Discernment is not a referendum on Church teaching, or a ballot where individuals vote according to what they believe the Holy Spirit is saying personally to them. Our faith is given to us through the Church in the Apostolic Tradition.

In his earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus was open to everyone. Through acts of healing and forgiveness, he never remained passive. He always offered a way forward. Not everyone could accept this – the rich young man (cf. Mk 10:17-22) left sorrowful. Others, like Zacchaeus (cf. Lk 19:1-10), transformed their lives. Christ never rejects us. He leaves us free to follow him or not.

We understand ourselves in the light of Christ's call to discipleship. The Gospel challenges us to accept Christ's invitation, finding in him a merciful and loving Saviour, especially as we face our own sinfulness. If we empty the Gospel of its challenge, adapting it to our own way of thinking, then we empty the Gospel of its power to save.

The Gospel teaches we cannot dislocate truth from love or love from truth. The Lord Jesus does, indeed, meet us where we are, but loves us too much to leave us there. The Church is called to welcome people with kindness and respect, sharing the truth and love of Christ and his Gospel. It is by encountering the Lord Jesus more deeply and personally that we grow in discipleship and service.

We continue to pray and discern what synodality means for our Archdiocese. I thank you all for your witness. We are one in faith, hope, and love, each of us with a unique part to play in loving Christ and serving him in others. May we share this responsibility passionately and joyfully in the harmony of the Holy Spirit. Be assured of my continued prayers and please pray for me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Wilson'.

*Most Rev John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark*



Supporting key areas of mission and ministry throughout South London and Kent



Faith, Hope and Love



Names-on-the-Altar-during-November

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2. _____
3. _____

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www.preciousblood.org.uk/holy-souls

The Month of Holy Souls

Mass at MPB on Fridays during November will be offered for the names in the casket on the Altar. Please put names in, or on, the special envelopes which are at the back of Church. They should include an 'offering'. The Diocese suggest £10, but you might want to offer more.

During November you are encouraged to visit the cemeteries and graves of loved one to gain for them an indulgence.

“ Faith teaches us that the fear of death gives way to the hope of eternity, which gives our lives their fullest meaning. The God who is love offers us the promise of the resurrection of His Son. ”

Pope Benedict XVI

The Month of Holy Souls

A good time to write or update your Will. It's the easiest thing to do, but also the most challenging. And no, it's not morbid. It's the Christian thing to do. Just as important in your Will, is your Testament. See / holysouls for more information.



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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 10.55	Beverly Cooper ✕ <i>d 2020</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 13th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 14th feria</i>	13.05	Virgin Godinho ✕
<i>Wed 15th (St Albert the Great)</i>	13.05	Eduard & Marija Brncic ✕
<i>Thurs 16th (St Gertrude)</i>	13.05	Berta Godinho ✕
<i>Fri 17th (St Hilda of Whitby)</i>	13.05	Those named on the altar ✕
<i>Sat 18th of Our Lady</i>	10.00†	Sara Jane Cotton <i>foundation</i>
Next Sunday 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Ian Lovell <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.1978</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14.18 Mark 13:24-32

Rosary Group each Friday in Church at 19.00

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55

† **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. 03330 509296

Holy Father's Intention for November 2023: *For the Pope.* We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Fr Bruce, Richard, Hermon, Justina, Paul, Kathie, Alastair, Norman, Amaogechi Martina, Fr John

Recently Departed: David Silk *priest*, Brian Cox, Francis Kemsley *priest*, Alan Cox, John Murphy

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