



Ordariate 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th November 2023

In the gospel reading today, we hear that God gives talents to each one of us and they must be used in his name. We cannot relax our efforts but continually do all in our power to work as children of the light. A good wife is a blessing in the family. We should all be a blessing in the family of God. Work for the Lord!



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

Mass Intentions can be requested at any time using the envelopes at the back of church or on-line. Mass intention are on this newssheet.

A Foundation Mass can be set up for loved ones. Mass is offered on the chosen date for 25 years. Suggested offering £300. See FrC

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

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

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 was last week. It helps fund Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation - investing in Faith, Hope and Love. If you missed it, envelopes are at the back.

Synod Reflections from the Archbishop, who was a participant. A fuller reflection is at the back of Church, or on the archdiocese website.

The Organ Recital monthly series continues this Saturday at 12.30 with James Orford, organist of St Paul's Knightsbridge. Then next week, 2nd December, Stephen Disley, formally organist of Southwark CofE Cathedral. Full series on the parish website.

Lectors should have received an invitation to a recollection day on 2nd December. Please see May for more info.

Wear Red on Wednesday this week, and pray for those Christians around the world persecuted for believing in Jesus.

Red Wednesday is organised by *Aid to the Church in Need*, highlighting and supporting persecuted Christians. A special event at St George's Cathedral on Wednesday with the Apostolic Nuncio. 17.30 gather for the *Lighting Up*; 18.00 Mass; 19.15 #RedWed awards 19.45 reception All welcome. acnuk.org

Christ the King is next week and the last Sunday of the Christian Year. Come with your thanksgivings.

Youth Sunday next week with a retiring collection for youth work in the archdiocese.

Council Members are reminded we meet on Tuesday-week.



In 1963, the Catholic Church allowed cremation due to sanitation risks, overcrowded cemeteries, and financial reasons. Nevertheless, the burying the dead was preferred. However, there was an exception. It was not allowed if it were in disregard to the rituals, or it was meant to deny the resurrection of the body and the truth of the Gospel. And it was the preference that the funeral liturgies be performed before cremation.

In 1997 things changed again making some exceptions of allowing the funeral to be performed in the presence of the cremated remains in circumstances where a cremation must take place before the funeral rites. It was anticipated that the cremated remains be buried in the same manner as a whole body, which is in a sacred place.

In 2016, the day before All Souls Day, 2nd November, the Vatican issued definitive guidelines concerning cremation. "The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom be retained, but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons, which are contrary to Christian teaching. Many Catholics desire that their ashes be scattered in a place which is special to them or their loved one. However, ashes are not to be scattered on land, in the air, at sea, or in any other fashion. In addition, ashes are not to be exhibited in the home, made into jewellery, cremation diamonds, cremation art, or any other method of display. Cremated remains must be buried in cemeteries or other sacred locations, that encourage the Catholic community to pray for and remember the dead."

So, as Catholic we may be cremated, but we should prefer burial whenever possible. And human ashes must be buried, and not kept on the mantle-piece or in the loft! If you have anyone's ashes at home, see FrC and get them buried or placed in the columbarium.

Scattering, as commonly understood, is also not a good idea, such as on a football pitch, or in the River Thames. Scattering properly understood is to dig a hole and scatter the ashes into the hole, then fill-in the hole. Burial of ashes is to dig a hole and bury the ashes in a casket or box, then fill-in the hole.

Our dead relatives and friends will need their bodies again, hopefully, sometime soon.


Burial or Cremation?

During the month of Holy Souls, some thoughts about Cremation

The simple question: can Catholics be cremated? And the simple answer: yes, it changed in 2019 - but there are things we need to follow.

Archaeologists believe that cremation has been around since the stone ages and initially used in Europe. It was later a common method for the disposing of remains in Rome by 600 BC and in Greece by 800 BC. In early times, the Romans cremated their dead due to their belief that there is no afterlife. This was a strict contradiction to the belief of Christians. Subsequently, they associated cremation with the Pagan societies of Rome and Greece, which was one of their reasons for rejecting it.

Preferring burial to cremation is also biblical which teaches an extreme respect for the human body, both in life and in death. As Christians we believe in the resurrection of the body, therefore cremation did not fit with our belief that we will need our bodies again, when Jesus returns, as he promised.

 Aid to the Church in Need

#REDWEDNESDAY

BREAK THE SILENCE

ON CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

On the 22nd November St George's Cathedral, Southwark will host a special mass for #RW. Celebrant: The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain.

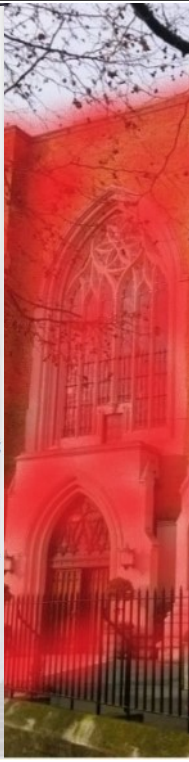
The Cathedral will be lit RED both inside and out.

PLEASE JOIN US!

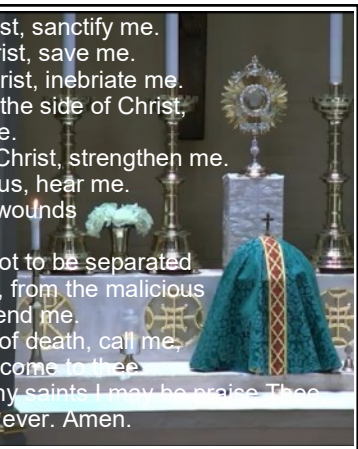
18:00 Holy Mass

19:15 #RW Award

19:45 ACN Reception



Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ,
wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds
hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated
from Thee, from the malicious
enemy, defend me.
At the hour of death, call me,
and bid me come to thee
That with Thy saints I may be praise Thee
forever and ever. Amen.



Fish on Fridays. Don't forget that Catholics should not eat meat on Fridays. We are invited to unite ourselves with the Lord on the day he died, and with each other in a common act.



FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS



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Have you filled out and returned one of these? Return it once completed to FrC who will locked it away till needed.



THE HAPPY DEATH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Prayer to St Joseph for a Happy Death

O Glorious St. Joseph, behold I choose thee today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Preserve and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervour in the service of God. Remove far from me every kind of sin; obtain for me that my death may not come upon me unawares, but that I may have time to confess my sins sacramentally and to bewail them with a most perfect understanding and a most sincere and perfect contrition, in order that I may breathe forth my soul into the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Ian Lovell <i>priest</i> ✠ <i>d.1978</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 20th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 21st Presentation of Our Lady</i>	13.05	Felix G Godinho ✠
<i>Wed 22nd St Cecelia</i>	13.05	John Murphy ✠ <i>recently</i>
<i>Thurs 23rd St Clement</i>	13.05	Dead Legion of Mary Members ✠
<i>Fri 24th St Andrew Dun-Lac et al</i>	13.05	Those named on the Altar ✠
<i>Sat 25th of Our Lady</i>	10.00†	Nancy & Eric Hamilton <i>foundation</i>
Next Sunday CHRIST THE KING	09.30 11.00	Stephen & April Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Ez 34:11-12.15-17 1Cor 15:20-26.28 Matt 25:31-46

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:

Becoming Catholic Stephen, Jules

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, Richard, Hermon, Alastair, Amaogechi Martina, Fr John

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

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