



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*



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th January 2024



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ teaches with authority. Christ is the greatest prophet of all time. He speaks to us today with the same authority as he did in his own native village at Capernaum. When we free ourselves from worrying about the wrong things, we become freer to serve the Lord who will himself put his words in our mouths. In this way we become his prophets.

Candlemas on Friday this week sees the end of the Christmas Season, the 40th day. Mass at 13.05 will have all the candle ceremonies - Jesus, a light to the nations.

Candlemas is a day for those in Consecrated Life. Pray for Religious and more vocations.

Candles will be blessed next Sunday. Thank you to those who have made intentions.

Candle Offerings can still be made. Would you like the lamp to burn by the Most Blessed Sacrament, by Our Lady, in the Sanctuary, or St John Henry for a particular month?

Walsingham Mass on Saturday this week, with spiritual pilgrimage - 10.30

Our Organ Recital series continues this week on Saturday 12.30. See website for the exciting programme.

Additional confession time. By popular demand there's a new slot to the schedule: Saturday 10.00 - or anytime at call!

Samir Bakhait a member of our local community died very prematurely recently. A welcome to those who have come especially. Prayers for him, his family and friends.

Lent is not far away, just over two weeks in fact! Put some thought into your Lent denials

Palm Crosses need returning soon to be burnt for the ash on Ash Wednesday.

Catholic Hospital Chaplain. Fr Gildas, the Catholic Chaplain at *St Thomas & Guys* asks families get in touch as soon as relations are admitted. chaplains@gstt.nhs.uk or gildasparry@rcaos.org.uk

Mass Intentions may be requested on the parish website. There is no 'fee', however you may make an offering. Suggested is £10.

Comings and goings are all part of parish life and it's always sad (for us) when people move. Send FrC a message, just so he knows you're ok. If anyone could do with a chat, tell him that too!

The Internet is full good things, and things which are not so good. If you struggle with certain sites, take a look at strive21.com

The Sacrament of Confirmation. A preparation course begins in February. See FrC or sign up on-line.

First Holy Communion. If your child is 7years old or over, see FrC asap.

Collections. As well as the machines at the back of Church, there's a QR code on the Mass sheet. Your device needs a first authorisation. We will still have the basket for those who prefer cash! Thank you for your continued generosity.

In Case of Emergency cards. Are still available at the back of church.



The Presentation of Jesus at the temple 40 days after his birth places before our eyes a special moment in the life of the Holy Family: Mary and Joseph, in accordance with Mosaic law, took the tiny Jesus to the temple of Jerusalem to offer him to the Lord. Simeon and Anna, inspired by God, recognized that Child as the long-awaited Messiah and prophesied about him. We are in the presence of a mystery, both simple and solemn, in which Holy Church celebrates Christ, the Anointed One of the Father, the firstborn of the new humanity.

"The Lord... will suddenly come to his temple" These words by Malachi communicated the full intensity of the desire that had given life to the expectation of the Jewish People down the centuries. "The angel of the Covenant" at last entered his house and submitted to the Law: he came to Jerusalem to enter God's house in an attitude of obedience.

The meaning of this act acquires a broader perspective in the passage from the Letter to the Hebrews, Christ, the mediator who unites God and man, abolishing distances, eliminating every division and tearing down every wall of separation, is presented to us here.

Christ comes as a new "merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people". Thus, we note that mediation with God no longer takes place in the holiness-separation of the ancient priesthood, but in liberating solidarity with human beings.

While yet a Child, he sets out on the path of obedience that he was to follow to the very end. The Letter to the Hebrews highlights this clearly when it says: "In the days of his earthly life Jesus offered up prayers and supplications... to him who was able to save him from death.... Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him"

The first person to be associated with Christ on the path of obedience, proven faith and shared suffering was his Mother, Mary. The Gospel text portrays her in the act of offering her Son: an unconditional offering that involves her in the first person.

Mary is the Mother of the One who is "the glory of his people Israel" and a "light for revelation to the Gentiles", but also "a sign that is spoken against". And in her immaculate soul, she herself was to be pierced by the sword of sorrow, thus showing that her role in the history of salvation did not end in the mystery of the Incarnation but was completed in loving and sorrowful participation in the death and Resurrection of her Son.

Bringing her Son to Jerusalem, the Virgin Mother offered him to God as a true Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. She held him out to Simeon and Anna as the proclamation of redemption; she presented him to all as a light for a safe journey on the path of truth and love. The words that came to the lips of the elderly Simeon: "My eyes have seen your salvation", are echoed in the heart of the prophetess Anna. These good and devout people, enveloped in Christ's light, were able to see in the Child Jesus "the consolation of Israel". So it was that their expectation was transformed into a light that illuminates history.

Simeon was the bearer of an ancient hope and the Spirit of the Lord spoke to his heart: for this reason he could contemplate the One whom numerous prophets and kings had desired to see: Christ, light of revelation for the Gentiles.

He recognised that Child as the Saviour, but he foresaw in the Spirit that the destinies of humanity would be played out around him and that he would have to suffer deeply from those who rejected him; he proclaimed the identity and mission of the Messiah with words that form one of the hymns of the newborn Church, radiant with the full communitarian and eschatological exultation of the fulfilment of the expectation of salvation. The enthusiasm was so great that to live and to die were one and the same, and the "light" and "glory" became a universal revelation.

Candle Intentions



£25

Lamp by the Blessed Sacrament

White light which burns by Blessed Sacrament

£25

Lamp hanging in the Sanctuary

Red light which hangs in the Sanctuary

£25

Lamp by Our Lady

Blue light which burns by Our Lady

£25

Lamp by St John Henry Newman

Red light which burns by St JHN

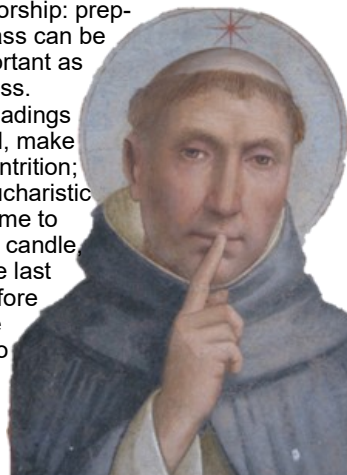
This is the full list of votive candles used in MPB during 2024, divided into months and the location. There are only a few left!

There's a list at the back, or
See *website*

www.preciousblood.org.uk/candles

Preparation, as any good cook, decorator, teacher, musician (delete where appropriate) will tell you, is just as important as the final performance. The same is true when it comes to worship: preparing for Mass can be just as important as being at Mass.

Read the readings before hand, make an act of contrition; keep the Eucharistic fast; be in time to pray, light a candle, and don't be last minute! Before Mass, invite the Lord into your heart. And keep some Silence



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I am Roman Catholic

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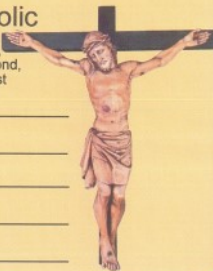
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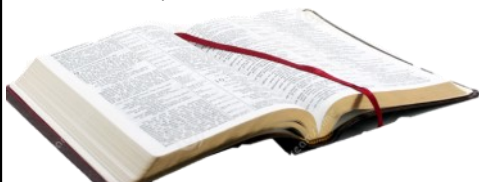
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A new translation at Mass for the readings from Advent 2024: the *English Standard Version: Catholic Edition*. If you don't have a bible, buy this: <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/new-catholic-bible-standard/>



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	FrC's intention (MW✠) Parishioners
<i>Mon 29th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 30th feria</i>	13.05	Patrick Green <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 31st St John Bosco</i>	13.05	Mária Volčeková
<i>Thurs 1st feria</i>	13.05	Tom ✠
<i>Fri 2nd Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)</i>	13.05	Blessing for Joe
<i>Sat 3rd Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore</i>	10.30†	
Next Sunday 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Job 7:1-4.6-7 1Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55 Saturday 10.00-10.25

† **Mass in the Ordinariate Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £744.04 (cash £132.04; card £259.00; standing orders £353.00) **Thank you!**

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 February 2024: For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

For your prayers:

Becoming Catholic Freya

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

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

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

Recently Departed: Peter Peterken *priest*, Trevor, Baby Charlotte 12wks, Samir Bakhait

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