



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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th April 2024



In the gospel reading today, we hear that our faith is the victory over the world. We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. It is this faith that Jesus is the Son of God which helps us to overcome the world with all its temptations and doubts. We have not seen, yet we believe. We acknowledge that Christ is our Lord and our God.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Many graces are attached to those who pray in front of the image of the Divine Mercy, and have it in the homes. Do you?

A Plenary Indulgence today, to those who say an *Our Father*, *Creed*, and a prayer to the Merciful Jesus (Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!) in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, or honouring the Divine Mercy. Also pray for the Pope's intention, receive Holy Communion and make a Confession twenty days before or after today.

Vidi Aquam, (Waters of Life), replaces the Rite of Confession at the Solemn Mass during Eastertide; confession is a renewal of our Baptism.

The Easter Lilies in Church today are all in memory of loved ones who through the Resurrection of Jesus are in fact, alive! Their names are on the Altar.

Thank you for your generous Easter Offering. There are some envelopes at the back if you missed the chance or were away last week.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 27th April still has a few places. It is being led by Bishop Philip, who was here at MPB at the beginning of Lent. Sign up on the website today.

Mass times are all back to normal now. If you came as an 'extra' during Lent, why not commit to that during Eastertide?

Thank you again for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal recently. If you missed it, presentations are on the website (/giving); and if you forgot the pledge, please complete one today - they are available at the back of Church. Once again, thank you! Please keep our parish in your prayers.

The Archbishop sent a Pastoral Message on Assisted Suicide, which is being promoted by various groups through changes in the Law. He asks we inform ourselves of the issues and write to our Member of Parliament.

The Annunciation is nine months before Christmas, but this year 25 March was Holy Monday, so it's celebrated tomorrow.





Resurrection at Cookham Churchyard,
by Sir Stanley Spence 1927

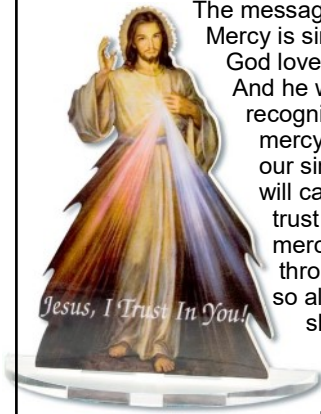
This painting hangs in Tate Britain and was painted between 1924 and 1927. This biblically inspired painting, is of the dead rising at yjhe General Resurrection. The buried residents of Cookham are rising out of their graves of Holy Trinity Churchyard, at the end of the age; Christ sits enthroned in the porch holding three babies, with the God the Father standing behind them. A wife dusts off the soil from her husband's back. The naked person in the centre is Spencer, leaning on a grave-stone. Stanley shows the physicality of the resurrection. They are touching each other.

In John's gospel, Jesus said "the hour is coming indeed, it is already here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live; when all in the graves will come out, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment." *John 5.25-29*. This too is the vision of the resurrection in Daniel, Ezekiel and Isaiah: all the dead who are to be raised physically coming into the presence of God and in the New Testament, in the presence of Jesus. Indeed, the dying thief next to Jesus on the cross is told, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. But this place of rest is not the final destination in the New Testament. When Jesus says there 'are many dwelling-places

in my father's house in John's Gospel *John 14.2*, the Greek word *monai* refers to a temporary stopping place on a journey. What the New Testament points to is a new life that comes after that life after death. At the end of the age, all who have died will be bodily raised and come to judgment before God. After this, those who have believed in Christ will not enter into an ethereal heavenly silence, but God will – as we hear in Revelation – create a new heaven and a new earth, which the redeemed shall enjoy in the intimate of presence of God himself. In this new creation there will be no more suffering, no more death, no more crying. We will be given new bodies, we will put on immortality. Jesus is the first fruits of this resurrection, and we too will come to enjoy this new physicality free from pain, suffering and death.

The resurrection that awaits is undoubtedly mysterious – just as the risen Christ was an unsettling presence – where now we see acts of love, mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation – these are the signs of what awaits all of creation as it years for that time when God will be with his people. The Kingdom of God has drawn near, says Jesus, so let us praise God for the times we see that new life bursting through, in our relationships, in our communities, in our own frail bodies, for 'if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!'

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And he wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others so all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind by remembering ABC:

A- Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B- Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C- Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of St Faustina* are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

Alleluia!

Regina Cœli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As He promised has aris'n, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the whole world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we pray, that through his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may come to know the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

HE IS RISEN hallelujah



**Pilgrimage
to
Walsingham**

**Sat 27 April
led by
Bishop
Philip Moger**

**Adult £40
Child £10**

**Sign up on
the website**

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>Divine Mercy</i> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Doris Pearson ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon</i> 8th ANNUNCIATION		
<i>Tue</i> 9th <i>of Eastertide</i>	13.05	Irma Witkowski ✕ <i>month's mind</i>
<i>Wed</i> 10th <i>of Eastertide</i>	13.05	Geoffrey Kirk ✕ <i>d.2020</i>
<i>Thurs</i> 11th <i>St Stanislaus</i>	13.05	Reg Blake ✕ <i>d.1982</i>
<i>Fri</i> 12th <i>of Eastertide</i>	13.05	Jules Emmanuel Balandres <i>foundation</i>
<i>Sat</i> 13th (<i>Pope St Martin I</i>)	10.30†	Holy Souls ✕
Next Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Ada Winifred ✕ <i>d.1973</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 3:13-15.17-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

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

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

Last week: £1,540.98 (*cash £788.29; card £461; standing orders £291.69*)

Good Friday **£239.43** (*cash £117.43; card £122*)

Flowers **£327.00** (*cash £227*)

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 April 2024: For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

For your prayers:

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, King Charles

Recently Departed: Bryan Parry, David Standley *priest*

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