



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*



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th April 2024



In the gospel reading today, we hear that we preach a Christ Crucified. Christ gave himself in love to his Father in a way which we do not understand: this death shows forth the wisdom of God. Christ rose again from the dead. This great miracle on which our faith depends shows that we believe that the message of eternal life is contained in Christ's death and resurrection.

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 were 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.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 27th April still has a few places. It is being led by Bishop Philip, who was administrator at the Shrine before coming to Southwark. Sign up on the website today.

Mass times are all back to normal now. Why not commit to that during Eastertide?

Thank you again for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal recently. Last chance to pledge today: five and five.

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.

Priest Training Fund second collection next week, being Good Shepherd Sunday. There are some info packs at the back for you to take today.

Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. The Archbishop warmly invites you to join him 23rd - 30th August 2024. Details on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk.

Mass Intention requests are like busses, all at once, then none for ages! Intention requests can be made for a particular intention, personal or general, using the Mass Intention envelopes at the back, or on-line. There is no 'fee' however the tradition is that you might pay for the priest's food that day, *from the table for the table!* The Ritz or McD's?

How was it with no Mass sheets last week? (The photocopier is now repaired)





How to receive Holy Communion. As the younger members of our parish prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time, it is worth remembering what a special event this is, not just the first time, but every time we receive the Body of the Lord in Holy Communion. Never come to the Lord unprepared, or in a cavalier or casual fashion. Be aware that this is an encounter with the Living God who loves you and wants to have this encounter with you.

How we handle objects says a lot about how we regard them. The things we handle carefully are usually the things we hold in high esteem. When it comes to the Holy Communion, the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, this should be true all the more. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, in the form of Bread and Wine which is the Most Blessed Sacrament: we reserve the Blessed Sacrament in a secure Tabernacle, made of the finest materials; it is situated in a place of honour, in the centre of the sanctuary and we genuflect before it. When we receive the Lord in Holy Communion, we should receive him in the way we encounter a loved one: with reverence, care, gentleness and humility.

Catholics have been encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the tongue as a "sign of adoration that needs to be recovered." When we do so we know that we are before God himself and that he came to us and that we are undeserving. To receive the Blessed Sacrament on our tongue, is to signify our humility before the Lord and to recognise that it is God himself who feeds us.

Some Catholics feel more comfortable receiving the Blessed Sacrament in their hands: touching the Blessed Sacrament makes them feel more connected to Jesus Christ himself. It takes humility to accept the Lord, present and visible, in our own hands. The Fathers of the early Church recognised that our hands could be a "throne" for receiving Holy Communion - the Lord, the King of Kings. To make a throne for the Lord with our hands is to signify our total commitment to worship and to Christian service. Catholics who receive in the hand should ensure, above all, that their hands are clean as they prepare to literally touch the presence of Christ. St John Damascene counselled that they should put their hands "in the form of a cross." They should consume the Blessed Sacrament right away, and only move when they have done so, not as they walk away, or move to one side; checking there are no crumbs. To grab or pull the Blessed Sacrament into their hands, to swap it from one to the other, to manipulate it with their fingers, is a sign of great disrespect and could lead to accidentally dropping the Sacred Host. An even greater danger and sacrilege is the possibility of someone stealing a Host for trivial or even evil purposes. Sadly, this actually happens.

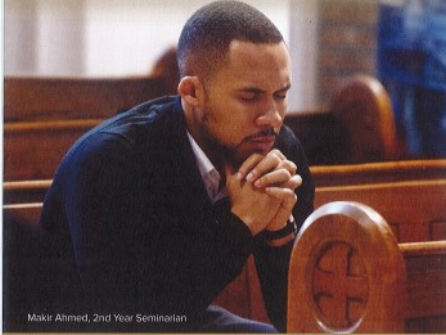
We also have the option of kneeling to receive Holy Communion. In many Catholic Churches this isn't possible for a variety of reasons. At MPB however this has become very popular which adds to the reverence and devotion in the encounter with the Living Lord Jesus when receiving him in Holy Communion. Again, the option to stand, which has a long tradition, is preferred by some, there is a large space for those who prefer to do so in the middle.

Some choose to receive the Lord on the tongue others in the hand; some kneel, some stand. However we receive Holy Communion, all of us should receive with great reverence and respect. For to receive our Lord in Holy Communion is the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity.

Alleluia

Priest Training Fund

Good Shepherd Sunday
Next weekend



Makr Ahmed, 2nd Year Seminarian

Please support our seminarians with a gift today as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders



Sunday 09.00 - 13.30
Tue - Fri 12.00 - 19.00



**Pilgrimage
to
Walsingham**

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

**Adult £40
Child £10**

**Sign up on
the website**



**"Those who sincerely say
'JESUS I TRUST IN YOU'
will find comfort in
all their anxieties and fears.**

Pope St. John Paul II

Alleluia!

Regina Coeli

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



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Ada Winifred ✠ d.1973 Parishioners
<i>Mon 15th of Eastertide</i>		
<i>Tue 16th of Eastertide</i>	13.05	
<i>Wed 17th of Eastertide</i>	13.05	
<i>Thurs 18th of Eastertide</i>	13.05	
<i>Fri 19th St Alphege</i>	13.05	
<i>Sat 20th of Eastertide</i>	10.30†	
Next Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	TN being received into Full Communion Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 2:14.36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

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: £582.12 (cash £168.43; card £122; standing orders £291.69) **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* Barry Hughes *priest*

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