



# 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*



### TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd June 2024

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that we need not be afraid. Fear plays far too large a part in our lives. Love casts out fear and God's love endures forever. Fear is due to our lack of faith that God really cares for us. Christ may seem to be asleep but he is there always as the Son of the Father who has power to calm the stormiest troubles of our lives and he tells us: "Quiet now! Be calm!"



**The Sacred Heart of Jesus**, the devotion for June. Do you have an image of the Sacred Heart in your home? Jesus will bless and protect the homes where His Heart is revealed. Some images are at the back of Church, at a bargain price.

**Pray for Bishop David**, ordained yesterday and what a wonderful day! Thank you to those who supported him in the Novena, and all who were present.

**Sunday Missal** order has been place! They are not yet printed, but will be available after 14th October.

**The Lectionaries** for use at Mass have also need to be ordered. Just one left. Would you like to sponsor it in memory of someone? See website /lectionary

**Accommodation** sought by a young family to stay in the parish. See FrC for info

**In Case of Emergency** cards were very popular, there are more at the back of Church.

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

**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](http://strive21.com)

**The General Election** is 4th July. Cardinal Nichols encourages all Catholics in England & Wales to engage and take part, as part of our Catholic social responsibility. Inform your decision making and vote for the most Catholic candidate.

**A Year of Jubilee for 2025** was announced by Pope Francis recently. There are many Graces. He also asks for more Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. More to follow...

**Children are not the church** of tomorrow but the Church of today! And it's great that we have so many, and young families. Don't forget Mass is relayed to the Long Room should they become restless!

**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!

**Saints Peter and Paul** are celebrated next Sunday. Their day is 29th June, so being a Saturday they are transferred to the Sunday, so we can all celebrate these princes of the Apostles!

**Radio Maria, England** was set up very recently to promote, encourage and teach the Catholic Faith. Some members of the team are at Mass today who can answer your questions and show you how to 'tune in'.



St John the Baptist is the only saint for whom the Church celebrates both their birth and death - apart from Our Lord and Our Lady. Jesus said of him: "I tell you, of all those born of women, there is none greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "...yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (*Luke 7:28*).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (*John 3:30*).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptised the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptised by you" (*Matthew 3:14b*). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness" (*Matthew 3:15b*). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eter-

nal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself - both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity - total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil - all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

His Solemnity is tomorrow.



## Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

*A series of open meetings to discuss aspects of the Catholic Church*

**St Thomas Aquinas Church,  
Ham,**

**Tuesday 25th June**

**19.30**

**Monsignor Rod Strange**

Fr Rod has been a parish priest, a University chaplain and spent 17 years as Rector of the Beda College in Rome which trains men for priestly ordination. At present he is Rector of Mater Ecclesiae College, a pontifical institute, based at St Mary's University and professor of theology. Fr. Rod has written many books.

### Priestly Formation

There will be a mass in the Ordinariate rite at 7.00pm in the Church before the meeting for anyone who would like to come

***A meal and refreshments will be served***

**Travel - St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, Ham Street, Richmond TW10 7HT**

**Train to Richmond Station:  
District Line or South West  
trains from Waterloo.**

**Then get bus - 371 to Ham Street or  
65 to Ham Gate Avenue**

**All are welcome.**

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**Summer Fete** 

**St Peter's Residence**  
12-4pm Saturday 6th of July  
**Little Sisters of the Poor**  
2A Meadow Road London SW8 1QH

food and drinks, bric-a-brac, clothes, books, live entertainment, fun for children  
tombola, raffles, entrance £1, all for a great cause, registered charity No. 234434

### **An Offering to the Sacred Heart**

My God, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for Your favours, in reparation for my sins, and in humble supplication for my temporal and eternal welfare, for the needs of our holy Mother the Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the relief of the poor souls in purgatory. Amen.



**March for Life UK**  
Saturday 7th September  
LONDON

**ABORTION ISN'T HEALTHCARE  
HEALTHCARE DOESN'T KILL**

**SPREAD THE WORD**

2024 THEME  
**Abortion isn't Healthcare**

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <i>12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	09.30 11.00	Bishop David Waller Parishioners
<i>Mon 24th BIRTH, JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>		
<i>Tue 25th feria</i>	13.05	
<i>Wed 26th feria</i>	13.05	
<i>Thurs 27th (St Cyril of Alexandria)</i>	13.05	
<i>Fri 28th St Irenaeus</i>	13.05	Catherine Green <i>foundation</i>
<i>Sat 29th of Our Lady</i>	10.30†	Rob & Mariachiara <i>married today</i>
<b>Next Sunday</b> <i>SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL</i>	09.30 11.00	Parishioner killed in war ✕ Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 12:1-11 2 Peter 4:6-8.17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

**Sacrament of Confession.** Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55

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

**Last week: £1,002.12** (cash £97.12; card £185; standing orders £720)

*Day for Life* **£218.10** (cash £83.10; card £135)

**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 June 2024: For migrants fleeing their homes**

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**For your prayers:**

*Newly ordained:* Bishop David Waller

*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, Sharon

*Recently Departed:* John Hunwicke *priest*, David Boundy *priest*

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