



# Ordinariate and Parish Church

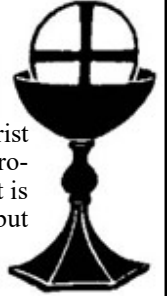
## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark  
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



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7th July 2024



**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that we share in the priesthood of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Every time we eat his body and drink his blood we proclaim the power of his death and resurrection until he comes again. The eucharist is our commitment to God in Christ. It is a memorial not only of a past event but something which effectively flows into our daily life. You are a priest for ever.

**A double celebration** today, our dedication festival and the first Sunday of the month of the Most Precious Blood.

**July** is the month of the Most Precious Blood. There are some devotional books at the back of Church, to aid devotion to our dedication.

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

**In Case of Emergency** cards are available at the back of Church.

**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)

**A Year of Jubilee in 2025** entitled '*Pilgrims of Hope*'. The Holy Father asks for more Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To follow...

**Going away?** Don't forget to plan where you'll go to Mass on Sunday; and to bless the place where you stay when you arrive.

**Warmer weather** means fewer clothes! A gentle reminder to dress *appropriately* in Church for Holy Mass.

**The white Light** which burns on the altar honours the very presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. It's a strange thing, but it never stands upright. You watch! Do you bow low and genuflect in the presence of Jesus when you enter and leave Church?

**Genuflect?** what...why? Jesus is present in the Tabernacle, so we should always honour him as we enter and leave Church. How do you genuflect? It means 'to bend the knee'. Touch the ground with your right knee, where your foot was. Easy!

**Keeping the eucharistic fast.** Catholics should not eat or drink anything for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. It's the simplest way of preparing to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament— an hour!

**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 part of life in a city. If you move away please let FrC know. He can give you a good-church-guide.

**Sea Sunday** is next weekend. There will be a second collection for *Stella Maris*

**The Sacred Silence** at Mass is an opportunity for God to get a Word in our over noisy lives. Silences are after the homily and after Holy Communion, let God speak to us as he feeds us with his Word and Sacrament.

**Scam warning!** Repots have come of people taking photos of parishioners using the Pay Stations to capture card details. *Be alert!*



### **The Most Precious Blood**

I would like to consider the word of God and reflect on the mystery of the Most Precious Blood. For that mystery leads us to see the unity between Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, the Eucharistic sacrifice which he has given to his Church, and his eternal priesthood, whereby, seated at the right hand of the Father, he makes unceasing intercession for us, the members of his mystical body.

Let us begin with the sacrifice of the Cross. The outpouring of Christ's blood is the source of the Church's life. St John sees in the water and blood which flowed from our Lord's body the wellspring of that divine life which is bestowed by the Holy Spirit and communicated to us in the sacraments. Our Lord's own words at the Last Supper, when he instituted the Eucharist as the sacrament of his body, given up for us, and his blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant shed for the forgiveness of sins

Faithful to Christ's command to "do this in memory of me", the Church in every time and place celebrates the Eucharist until the Lord returns in glory, rejoicing in his sacramental presence and drawing upon the power of his saving sacrifice for the redemption of the world. The reality of the Eucharistic sacrifice has always been at the heart of Catholic faith; called into question in the sixteenth century, it was solemnly reaffirmed at the Council of Trent against the backdrop of our justification in Christ. Here in England, there were many who staunchly defended the Mass, often at great cost, giving rise to that devotion to the Most

Holy Eucharist which has been a hallmark of Catholicism in these lands.

We see this aspect of the mystery of Christ's precious blood represented, most eloquently, by the martyrs of every age, who drank from the cup which Christ himself drank, and whose own blood, shed in union with his sacrifice, gives new life to the Church. It is also reflected in our brothers and sisters throughout the world who even now are suffering discrimination and persecution for their Christian faith. Yet it is also present, often hidden in the suffering of all those individual Christians who daily unite their sacrifices to those of the Lord for the sanctification of the Church and the redemption of the world.

How much contemporary society needs this witness! How much we need, in the Church and in society, witnesses of the beauty of holiness, witnesses of the splendour of truth, witnesses of the joy and freedom born of a living relationship with Christ! One of the greatest challenges facing us today is how to speak convincingly of the wisdom and liberating power of God's word to a world which all too often sees the Gospel as a constriction of human freedom, instead of the truth which liberates our minds and enlightens our efforts to live wisely and well, both as individuals and as members of society.

Dear friends, in the Most Precious Blood, I invite you once more to look to Christ, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection. I ask you to unite yourselves ever more fully to the Lord, sharing in his sacrifice on the Cross and offering him that "spiritual worship" which embraces every aspect of our lives and finds expression in our efforts to contribute to the coming of his Kingdom. I pray that, in doing so, you may join the ranks of faithful believers throughout the long Christian history of this land in building a society truly worthy of man, worthy of your nation's highest traditions.

*Extracts from the Homily preached by  
Pope Benedict XVI  
Westminster Cathedral  
18 September 2010*

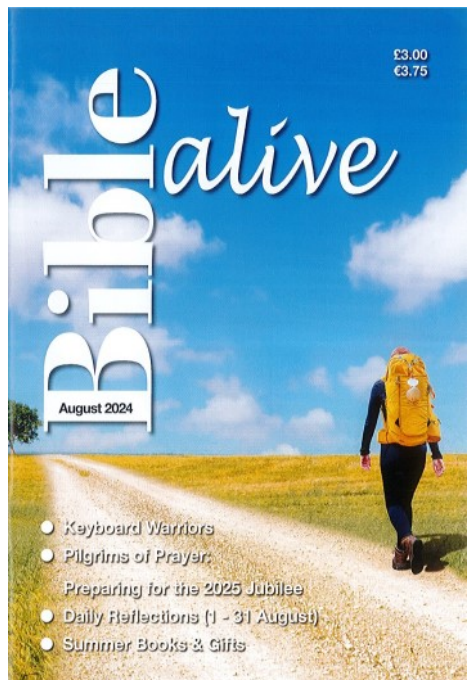


“ Since the beginning of Christianity, the mystery of love, of the Blood of Christ has fascinated many people. God chose the sign of blood because no other sign can express so eloquently the supreme love of a life given for others. This gift of the Blood of Christ is renewed at every celebration of the Eucharist when together with the Body of Christ, is made really present at the words of consecration. ”

Pope Francis, 30 June 2018



Archbishop Peter Smith  
anoints the walls of MPB  
1 July 2019



- Keyboard Warriors
- Pilgrims of Prayer
- Preparing for the 2025 Jubilee
- Daily Reflections (1 - 31 August)
- Summer Books & Gifts

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <b><i>MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD - Dedication</i></b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Parishioners on War Plaque ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon 8th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 9th (St Augustine Zhao Rong et al)</i>	13.05	DG Abbot & Alphy
<i>Wed 10th feria</i>	13.05	Holy Souls ✕
<i>Thurs 11th <b>St Benedict</b></i>	13.05	November Holy Souls ✕
<i>Fri 12th feria</i>	13.05	Doreen Modlock ✕
<i>Sat 13th (of Our Lady)</i>	10.30†	Zofia Oberc ✕ <i>d.2007</i>
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b><i>15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i></b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Anna Gahurova ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Amos 7: 12-15      Ephesians 1:3-10      Mark 16:7-13

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

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

**Last week: £1,086.85** (cash £226.85; card £140; standing orders £720) + €135

**Peter's Pence** £151.60 (cash £66.60; card £85)

**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 July 2024: *For the pastoral care of the sick***

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**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:* Anna Gahurova

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