



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*



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st July 2024

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is the shepherd of his people. Christ came to save all people and he looks on them with pity, because they are like sheep without a shepherd. He teaches them the Good News that the people who have been dispersed like lost sheep, must be brought back to the fold. It is our vocation to remind others that Christ, through his blood, is the peace between us.



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.

A Pastoral Message from the Archbishop to Catholics from Nigeria, or with Nigerian Heritage, in the Archdiocese of Southwark, following his recent visit to Nigeria. Copies at the back of Church.

An Open Church policy is one we try to maintain here at MPB. Security is an issue, especially in a major capital city. FrC has commitments this week, so the Church will only be open for Holy Mass.

A Foundation Mass can be set up for loved ones. Mass is offered on the chosen date for 25 years. Suggested offering £300. See FrC

No public Mass on Saturday this week

August is holiday time, so as things slow-down: don't forget that there's no public Mass here at MPB during August, apart from Sunday at 09.30 & 11.00

Deacon awareness day last Sunday garnered some interest! It's one of the Sacred Orders of ministry which the Archbishop hopes to have in every parish. Is God calling you to be ordained a Deacon?

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

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

Going into Hospital? If you want a priest to visit and/or bring the sacraments, these days you need to give express permission. There are some forms at the back of church. Complete one before you go in.

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.

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.

Holy Water is available by the Sacristy. Don't drink it: it's full of salt. Put it in a stoup by your bed, or by the front door so you can make the sign of the Cross when you go to bed, get up, leave or return home. It's a reminder of your baptism.



St James' feast day is on Thursday this week.

In Spain, he is called *El Señor Santiago*, the patron saint of horsemen and soldiers, and his great shrine at Santiago de Compostela in that country has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries. He is one of those that Jesus called *Boanerges*, "son of thunder," the brother of John the Evangelist and the son of Zebedee the fisherman from Galilee.

James the Greater (as he is called to differentiate him from the other St James, the Less) and his brother John were apparently partners with those other two brothers, Peter and Andrew and lived in Bethsaida, on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. How and where James first met Jesus, we do not know; but there is an old legend that makes Salome, his mother, a sister of Mary, and if this were the case, he would have known Jesus from childhood.

Along with Peter and his brother John, James was part of the inner circle of Jesus, who witnessed the Transfiguration, were witnesses to certain of His miracles, like the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and accompanied Him to the Garden of Gethsemani. Like his brother, he was active in the work of evangelization after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

His prominence and his presence in Jerusalem must have been well known, for scarcely a dozen years after the Resurrection, he became involved in the political manoeuvrings of the day and was arrested and executed by King Herod Agrippa. This was followed by the arrest of Peter also, so his death must have been part of a purge of Christian leaders by Agrippa, who saw the new Christian movement as a threat to Judaism.

Jesus had foretold this kind of fate when He prophesied that James and his brother John would "drink of the same chalice" of suffering

as Himself. The two brothers had asked to be seated at the right of Jesus and at His left in His kingdom, and Jesus told them that they would be with Him in a far different way than they expected.

James' death is the only biblical record we have of the death of one of the Apostles, and he was the first of that chosen band to give his life for his Master.

Jesus instructed them to go the four corners of the world proclaiming the Gospel. James took him at his word and went as far to the west of the known world, now one of the main Catholic Pilgrimage sites.

This week many pilgrims on the *Camino de Santiago* (the Route of St James) aim to reach Santiago de Compostela for 25th July, St James' Day. When St James' Day falls on a Sunday, it will be considered a 'holy' or 'xacobeo' year; the next will be in 2021.

St James' Festival celebrations in Santiago combine both religious and traditional elements filling the city's old town and its main squares. One of the most iconic events is the firework display on St James' Day eve. On 24th July at midnight, locals and visitors gather at the *Praza do Obradoiro* for the traditional fireworks and display projected on the facade of Santiago Cathedral.

On St James' Day, Santiago Cathedral hosts its Solemn Mass, usually attended by the King or a member of the Spanish Royal family and one of the special dates when the botafumeiro (the large swinging censer) is used.

St James, pray for us!





QUESTIONS

What's The Difference?

Solemnity, feast, memoria, feria, what's the difference in these liturgical days?.

Each day has a liturgical title: a season or a saint. Each is ranked and given a 'status'. It shows not only the importance of the day or saint, it also shows which should be kept with greater importance over another. If a saint's fell on a Sunday, Sunday is more important. The different font-type on the Mass schedule show which is which. All Sundays are Solemnities. A *feria* is day where there is no commemoration, so green vestments are used at Mass.

SUNDAY (all)

St James

St Joachim & Anne
(St Charbel Makhlouf)
(of Our Lady)
feria

SOLEMNITY

Feast

Memoria
(Optional Memoria)
(a votive on a 'free' day)
a 'free' day

DEVOTION
TO THE
PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF CHRIST

BY
MICHAEL
WOODGATE



Copies at the back of Church

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

July MONTH OF THE
MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF
OUR LORD

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners
<i>Mon</i> 22nd St Mary Magdalene		
<i>Tue</i> 23rd St Bridget of Sweden	13.05	Wenche Sutherland ✕ d.2014
<i>Wed</i> 24th (<i>St Charbel Makhlouf</i>)	13.05	
<i>Thurs</i> 25th St James the Great	13.05	
<i>Fri</i> 26th <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>	13.05	
<i>Sat</i> 27th <i>feria</i>		
Next Sunday 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings 2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:12-15

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55

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

Last week: £tbc (*cash £tbc; card £tbc; standing orders £720*)

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, Fr Timothy Ezat

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

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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