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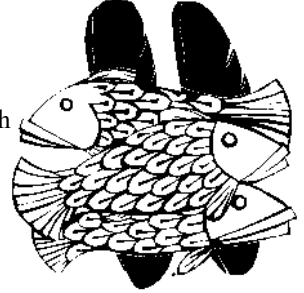
a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th July 2024

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ feeds us. Through the miraculous multiplication of loaves, and the fishes, he feeds the hungry people just as he feeds us daily with his gospel and the eucharist. There was plenty left over. We too have so much to give others because of the superabundance of Christ's generosity. We must give generously for the unity of the spirit given to us.



July, the month of the Most Precious Blood ends this week. Have you a devotional book? There's a few left at the back of Church.

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

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

Holidays are upon us. Vacation or stay-cation, be sure to go to Mass whilst you are on holiday; and tell the priest that you belong to MPB - he will have heard of us!

Deacon awareness day a few Sunday ago. 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!*

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.

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

The Nuns at Tyburn have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24/seven. Have you ever visited them? Their convent is just up Bayswater Road from Marble Arch.

Word Alive! for August and for September are available at the back. Summer reading?

Summer reading. Need something for the beach? Or maybe for your iPod on the train, or on the way to work? Download podcasts from good Catholic websites. Google search for *Scott Hahn, Called to Communion* or *Catholic Answers*.

Catholic Mass app is a free app which helps locate Catholic Churches wherever you are in the world. Download it today to be sure to find a Sunday Mass whilst you are away. *Seven days without Mass makes one weak!*

Bless your holiday accommodation whilst away; ask God's blessing on your journey to keep you and your family safe; thank him for a safe return.

Sides-people at MPB welcome folk to Mass, hand out Mass sheets, take the collection, organise the offering of the gifts (bread and wine) and help maintain an orderly queue for Holy Communion. Would you like to be a sides- person?



Once you start looking for them, you'll find them all over the Place: *Pelican in its piety*.

So why have Catholics been using pelicans so often in Christian art? It all goes back to a medieval misunderstanding.

In Europe and Asia, there was a widespread belief that pelican mothers had a unique relationship with their young. In one version, pelicans would kill their young and then bring them back to life with their blood. In the more widespread version, pelicans were so devoted to caring for their young that, if there was no food, they would peck at their own breast and feed their blood to their children.

This idea was spread in folktales and even in medieval books about animals. This supposed feature of pelican life – called a “pelican in her piety” – was seen as a perfect symbol of

Christ's sacrifice on the cross and the Eucharist: just as the pelican would give its blood to save its children, so Christ poured out his blood on the cross to save us from our sins and offers his blood to us in the Eucharist as a spiritual drink.

This analogy was not only reflected in catholic art, but also in catholic music. St. Thomas Aquinas' famous hymn *Adoro te devote* contains the line: “Lord Jesus, Good Pelican / wash my filthiness and clean me with your blood / One drop of which can free / the entire world of all its sins.”

Of course, today we know that pelicans do not offer their blood to their young. Nonetheless, the pelican has remained a beautiful symbol of the loving sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ and a great image for the Church of the Most Precious Blood.



What's a *foundation* Mass?

Each Mass can have an intention, which is the recipient of the Grace from that Mass. Grace is a free gift of God, so can not be bought. The money given is an offering to the priest for his food that day. A *Foundation Mass* is Mass with a particular intention which has been requested over a period of time. They were often set up at the foundation of a Parish, hence *foundation*, and were set up in perpetuity (until the end of time). The maxim period now is 25 years. In practice that means that Holy Mass will be offered in this parish on the designated day for 25 years from the time it's set up. Most here at MPB were set up when the Parish was founded in the 1890s, so there's room for more! There's a list in the Sacristy; Mass will be offered for them, until the Lord returns.



The Holidays are upon us! Most schools have ended, so families will be heading off. If you are lucky enough to get away, either visiting friends or family, or going abroad. When you go to Mass, take our greetings from Most Precious Blood. Tell the priest you are from the Ordinariate Church. If you are going outside the UK, it's easy to tell a Catholic Church, if however you are having a stay-cation make sure it's a *Roman Catholic* Church.



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners
<i>Mon 29th Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>		
<i>Tue 30th (St Peter Chrysologus)</i>	13.05	Sonny Brown ✕ d.2011
<i>Wed 31st St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	13.05	John Albertini ✕
<i>Thurs 1st St Alphonsus Ligouri</i>		
<i>Fri 2nd (St Eusebius of Vercelli)</i>		
<i>Sat 3rd feria</i>		
Next Sunday 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Exodus 16:2-4.12-15 Ephesians 4:17.20-24 John 6:24-35

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 August 2024: For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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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