



# 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



### NINETEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th August 2024



**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that Christ is the living bread come down from heaven and anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Just as the prophet Elijah was strengthened by the food given to him by God, so we too are helped by the Mass to continue in our pilgrimage back to the Father. Through the eucharist we are reminded that if we are to follow Christ we must love as he loved us.

**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

**Holiday time!** 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!

**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.

**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*.

**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?

**Summer movies;** summer watching - some ideas of some Catholic themed entertainment this summer. See overleaf.

**The Angelus Bell** rings each day as a reminder of the Annunciation – and a call to thank God for the Incarnation: for coming in Jesus. Do you know it by heart?

**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.

**Mass Intentions** can be requested at any time using the envelopes at the back. You may request a specific date, although the Solemn Mass each Sunday is always for you, the parishioners.

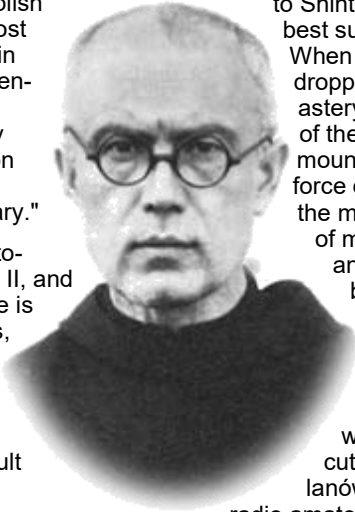
**St Maximilian Kolbe** was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar most famous for volunteering to die in place of a stranger at the concentration camp. He was born Rajmund Kolbe on 8th January 1894; and died at Auschwitz on 14 August 1941. He was an "Apostle of Consecration to Mary."

He was canonised on 10th October 1982 by Pope St John Paul II, and declared a martyr of charity. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners and the pro-life movement. Pope St John Paul II declared him the "The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century".

In 1907 Kolbe and his elder brother Francis decided to join the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910 he was allowed to enter the novitiate and professed his first vows in 1911, adopting the name Maximilian, and the final vows in 1914, in Rome, adopting the names Maximilian Maria.

In 1912 he was sent to Kraków, then Rome, where he studied philosophy, theology, mathematics, and physics, gaining a doctorate in philosophy in 1915 at the Pontifical Gregorian University, and the doctorate in theology in 1919 at the Pontifical University of St Bonaventure. He organised the Militia Immaculata or *Army of Mary*, to work for conversion of sinners and the enemies of the Catholic Church through the intercession of the Virgin Mary. The Friars published catechetical and devotional tracts, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 230,000 and a monthly magazine which had a circulation of over one million.

In 1918 Kolbe was ordained a priest and in 1919 returned to the newly independent Poland; he actively promoted veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, founding and supervising the monastery near Warsaw, a seminary, a radio station. Between 1930 and 1936 he took a series of missions to Japan, where he founded a monastery at the outskirts of Nagasaki, a Japanese paper and a seminary. The monastery he founded remains prominent in the Catholic Church in Japan. Kolbe built the monastery on a mountain side that, according



to Shinto beliefs, was not the side best suited to be in tune with nature. When in 1945 the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Kolbe's monastery was saved because the blast of the bomb hit the other side of the mountain, which took the main force of the blast. Had Kolbe built the monastery on the preferred side of mountain as advised, his work and all the friars would have been destroyed.

During the Second World War he provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from Nazi persecution in his friary in Niepokalanów. He was also active as a radio amateur, with Polish call letters SP3RN, vilifying Nazi activities through his reports.

On 17 February 1941 he was arrested by the Gestapo and imprisoned in the Pawiak prison, and on 25 May transferred to Auschwitz.

In July 1941 a man from Kolbe's barracks vanished. SS-Hauptsturmführer Karl Fritzsch, the deputy camp commander, picked 10 men from the same barracks to be starved to death in the notorious Block 13 to deter further escape attempts. (The man who had disappeared was found drowned in the camp latrine.) One of the men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, lamenting his family, and Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

During the time in the cell he led the men in songs and prayer. After 10 days of dehydration and starvation only Kolbe and three others were still alive. He was given an injection of carbolic acid.

Father Kolbe was beatified as a confessor by Pope BI Paul VI in 1971 and canonised by Pope St John Paul II on 10th October 1982 in the presence of Franciszek Gajowniczek. The Pope declared St Maximilian Kolbe a martyr.

His feast is on Wednesday this week.



Catholic Movies to watch this summer

**Blue (1992)**

Directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski: This film is part of a trilogy, the other two being White and Red. Beautifully photographed and supremely intelligent, it tells of a woman (Juliette Binoche) who, after losing her husband and child, attempts to withdraw from life. But suffering and truth bring her back, with greater understanding, to a more meaningful existence.

**The Age of Innocence (1993)**

Here Scorsese transforms Edith Wharton's satire on New York during the Gilded Age into a compassionate tale of love and sacrifice. Stars Daniel Day-Lewis & Michelle Pfeiffer.

**Angels with Dirty Faces (1938)**

Good gangster Cagney, at the request of his old pal, the priest Pat O'Brien, pretends he's yellow so as to warn the Dead End Kids against a macho life of crime.

**The Assisi Underground (1984)**

Father Ruffino (Ben Cross), one of the "Righteous Gentiles," shelters Italian Jews and transports them. This is a true story.

**Au Revoir, Les Enfants (1987)**

Tells the story of several Jewish boys being hidden in a French Catholic boarding school during World War II. Not sentimental!

**Babette's Feast (1987)**

A delightful story of two Danish spinsters suspicious of their hired cook who prepares a sumptuous banquet. The film leads into a eucharistic celebration, consisting of an enormous sacrifice for those unworthy of the price.

**Bachelor Mother (1939)**

A '30s comedy with Ginger Rogers mistaken as the mother of an abandoned baby and accepts this role in order to keep her job. David Niven, playboy heir to the department store where Ginger works, begins by preaching to the "fallen" Ginger, only later to assume the fatherhood of the child.

**Bicycle Thieves (1947)**

A great "Neo-realist" films, it tells the all-too-human story of a family, who suffer unemployment in post-war Italy. A simple story movingly told that it evokes sympathy that the Church and our Lord desire.

If you have a SmartPhone or a Tablet download and listen to one of these **Catholic Pod-casts**



## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <b>19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Hermon Spencer <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
Mon 12th ( <i>St Jane Frances de Chantel</i> )		
Tue 13th ( <i>Sts Pontain &amp; Hippolytus</i> )		
Wed 14th <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>		
Thurs 15th <b>ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b>		
Fri 16th ( <i>St Stephen of Hungry</i> )		
Sat 17th <i>feria</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Spencer family ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Proverbs 9:1-6      Ephesians 5:15-20      John 6:51-58

**Sacrament of Confession.** *by appointment in August*

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

**Last week: £1,003.02** (*cash £68.02; card £215.00; standing orders £720*) **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 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:**

*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, Amaogetchi

*Recently Departed:*

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