



# 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



### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th August 2024



**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that Christ's blood is real drink! Christ gave his life for us on the cross. Blood is a sign of life and Christ shed it to the last drop. In the Mass we receive his life giving blood. We too give our lives to transform the world around us. Even though this may be a wicked age our lives should redeem it.

**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!

**Holiday Mass** - pick up the newsletter from the Church were you go whilst away, in any language will be fine.

**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*.

**Daphne is to be married to Bertrand** here at MPB on Friday this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married life together.

**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?

**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 Bartholomew

We do not have important information about Bartholomew. In fact, his name appears always and only within the lists of the Twelve and traditionally, is identified with Nathanael.

The identification of these two persons is probably due to the fact that Nathanael, in the scene of the vocation narrated by John's Gospel, is placed next to Philip, that is, in the place that Bartholomew has in the lists of the apostles referred to by the other Gospels. It was to this Nathanael that Philip had said that he had "found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth".

Nathanael posed a weighty prejudice to him: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?". This is important: it allows us to see that, according to the Jewish expectations, the Messiah could not come from such an obscure village, as was the case of Nazareth.

At the same time, however, it shows the freedom of God, who surprises our expectations, manifesting himself precisely there, where we least expect him. Moreover, we know that, in reality, Jesus was not exclusively "from Nazareth," but that he was born in Bethlehem. Nathanael's objection, therefore, had no value, as it was founded, as often happens, on incomplete information. His reply, presents a significant invitation to Nathanael: "Come and see". Our knowledge of Jesus is in need above all of a living experience: Another person's testimony is certainly important, as in general the whole of

our Christian life begins with the proclamation that comes to us from one or several witnesses. But we ourselves must be personally involved in an intimate and profound relationship with Jesus.

When Jesus sees Nathanael approaching, he says: "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him". This arouses Nathanael's curiosity, who: "How do you know me?" Jesus' answer at first is not understood. He said to him: "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree". It is difficult to know what he meant. Some say the fig tree is mentioned as the tree under which the doctors of the law sat to read and teach the Bible, and Jesus was identifying his occupation at the moment of his calling.

Anyway, what counts most in John's narration is the confession of faith that Nathanael professes at the end in a limpid way: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!" He is recognised both by his special relationship with God the Father, of whom he is the only-begotten Son, as well as by his relationship with the people of Israel, of whom he is called King, an attribution proper of the Messiah.

We must never lose sight of either of these two elements, since if we only proclaim the heavenly dimension of Jesus we run the risk of making him an ethereal and evanescent being, while if we only recognise his concrete role in history, we run the risk of neglecting his divine dimension, which is his proper description.

A tradition, beginning in the Middle Ages, gives the account of his death by flaying. However, suffice it to think of the famous scene of the Last Judgment in the Sistine Chapel, in which Michelangelo presented St. Bartholomew holding his own skin in his left hand, in which the artist left his self-portrait.

Concluding, we can say that the figure of St Bartholomew, despite the lack of information, tells us that adherence to Jesus can be lived and witnessed even without doing sensational works. Jesus is the extraordinary one, to whom each one of us is called to consecrate his life and death.

*Pope Benedict XVI  
5 Oct 2006*

# March for Life UK

Saturday 7th September  
LONDON



## SPREAD THE WORD

2024 THEME

### Abortion isn't Healthcare



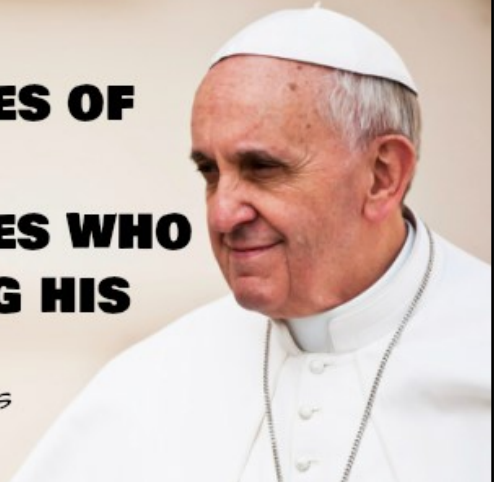
*St. Rose of Lima,*  
PRAY FOR US!



'Holiday' means holy day: the time given so you could keep a day holy. You might be going away, or maybe having a staycation at home, make this Summer a special holy-day and go to Mass each and every Sunday and holyday, wherever. Make sure it is a *Roman Catholic Church*.

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FORGIVING US;  
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TIRE OF SEEKING HIS  
MERCY**

- Pope Francis



## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <b>20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Hermon Spencer ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 19th (St John Eudes)</i>		
<i>Tue 20th St Bernard</i>		
<i>Wed 21st Pope St Pius X</i>		
<i>Thurs 22nd OL, Queen of Heaven</i>		
<i>Fri 23rd (St Rose of Lima)</i>	11.00	Daphne & Bertrand <i>to be married</i>
<i>Sat 24th St Bartholomew</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>21th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Paul Gibbons <i>priest ✕ d.2002</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Joshua 24:1-2.15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-96

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

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

**Last week: £939.73** (cash £77.73; card £142.00; standing orders £720) €5; **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, Amaogechi

*Recently Departed:*

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