



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*



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th September 2024

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak. The power of Christ helps us to understand the Gospel and to speak its message. It is God who chooses people like us to be heirs to his kingdom. When we are down hearted, we must learn not to be afraid. Our God is faithful to his promises.



Daily Mass at MPB has resumed. Why not make an effort to be at Mass, daily?

What are your thoughts on our summer Mass schedule. It goes very quiet in the city even on Sundays! We'll have a review during September for next year.

Do you read this on-line or the printed version? The photocopier is over ten years old and we are told parts are no longer available, so are advised to think about a replacement. The quote is £4,876. Would anyone like to buy this for the parish? Or maybe you know other avenues to explore?

Our Lady of Walsingham on 24 September has been elevated to a Feast in England & Wales, for the first time this year. Give thanks with a novena from 15 September, next Sunday. Booklets are at the back OLW opn!

Our choir has returned! It's good they are hear to help and encourage us to sing the various parts of the Mass. If you don't know the hymns or Mass setting would you like to arrive early, say 10.30 for a masterclass and familiarisation? *He who sings, prays twice.*

Take the Mass sheet home. Re-read the readings, learn the hymns. Pass it to a friend.

The front garden has been weeded and tidied! Thank you to the temporary gardener, and to Judy who used to take care of the plants. Would anyone like to take this on?

We give thanks after the Harvest on the last Sunday in September and support the Manna Centre. There's a lost of their 'needs' on the notice board and over leaf.

The Young Adults' Group resume meeting on 19th Sept. Future dates are 17th Oct, 21st Nov and 19th Dec 19.30 in the Long Room.

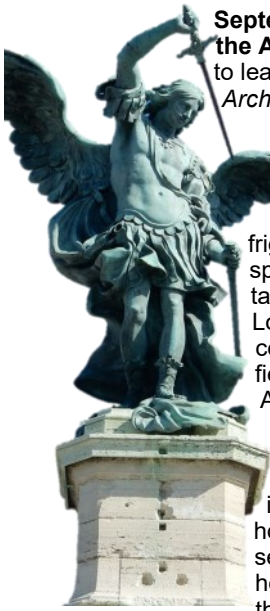
September is the month of the archangels. Do you know the St Michael Prayer by heart?

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is next week, so called after Pope Francis' Apostolic exhortation '*Joy in the Gospel*'. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

Mass Intentions can be requested at any time using the envelopes, or on-line. Every effort is made if you request a specific date. The earlier you make the request the more likely the date. The 11am Mass each Sunday is always for you, the parishioners.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on Friday this week. Do you have a crucifix in a place of honour in your home? We are blessed to have a relic of the *True Cross*, which will be available for veneration at Mass.

Lost or lapsed? Have a look around you today. Is there anyone who sits near you who you've not seen post summer? Give them a call, pop round, tell them we miss them.



September is the month of the Angels, and a good time to learn the *St Michael the Archangel Prayer*.

Pope Leo XIII wrote the St Michael prayer, in 1884, after seeing a frightening vision: evil spirits, trying to fulfil Satan's boast to destroy our Lord's Church within a century, were engaging in fierce attacks against it. Although the Pope Leo also saw St Michael casting Satan and his demons back into Hell in his vision, he was so horrified by what he had seen he felt compelled to help defend our faith in this struggle.

In the St Michael prayer he challenges "the father of lies" as Jesus calls the devil in John's Gospel (8:44), by enlisting the help of a very special Archangel:

St. Michael joins the fight between Christ and Satan for our souls! "...there was a great battle in heaven; Michael and his angels fought with the dragon...and that great dragon...who is called the devil and Satan, who seduces the whole world...was cast unto the earth, and his angels [the demons] were thrown down with him." (Ap 12:7). St Michael's very name (in Hebrew, Micha'el meaning "Who is like unto God?") denotes the war cry uttered in that battle. When we talk about Satan or the devil he is also referring to his "army" of fallen angels, the evil spirits referred to in the Saint Michael prayer

'Angel' is their job description. Angel means messenger. They are creatures created by God -just like us- but with a specific task of being messengers. But unlike us, they do not have bodies: they are pure spirit. Archangels are those chief angels, like an Archbishop is a chief Bishop. So as angels bring messages, Archangels bring important messages and protect the Church.

As a special patron and protector of the Church, St Michael has been assigned to

fight against Satan; to protect faithful souls from him, especially at their death; to champion God's people; and, further along this line, to escort them to their judgment.

Pope Leo XIII saw to it that the St Michael prayer was recited after every low Mass throughout the world. (The 'Low Mass', was old way of saying 'said Mass'.) This prayer is not said at Mass today, but in 1994 Pope St John Paul II urged the faithful keep to reciting it.

Although we tend to downplay the notion of the devil as being too quaint or outmoded today, he does indeed exist and not just as a symbol of evil, or as character in a fairy-tale to frighten us. We shouldn't assume the devil is just some cartoon figure or a myth of the past, or (as some think) pre-Vatican II. One of the best tricks of the father of lies is get you to think he doesn't exist, or that there is no such things as evil. He wants us to exchange lies for truth, and truth for falsehood.

Satan was unable to destroy the Catholic Church in the 20th century, but certainly our faith withstood terrible onslaughts just from Hitler and Stalin alone. We are still engaged in that war that has gone for all of human history, in one form or another, between God and the devil.

Each of us has had our own battles against the dark side trying to turn us away from eternal life with our Creator. Satan's idea for our eternal life is one spent with him in hatred and misery and he's after as many souls as he can get!

St Peter warns "be sober and watch, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, goes about seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). "The evil spirits who roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls" mentioned in the St Michael prayer have surely been busy, but in asking for help we can fight back against them daily.

As St. Paul put it, we fight "not against flesh and blood but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness" (Eph 6:12). With God's help in prayer they can all be overcome.

St Michael, pray for us!

MANNA DAY CENTRE
Harvest Festival list 2024
 Needs in order of priority
 (Most important items in bold type)

FOOD	DRINKS
Sugar	Coffee
Tomatoes (Tinned)	Dilutable drinks
Vegetables (Tinned)	Tea
Pasta	TOILETRIES
Rice	Bodywash
Pasta Sauces	Soap
Baked Beans	Deodorants
Meat (Tinned)	Shaving Foam
Corned beef	Shampoo
Chopped ham	Disposable razors
Luncheon meats	Toothpaste
Fish	Toothbrushes
Tinned Food	MEN'S CLOTHING
Soup	Jeans (Waist 30-38)
Stewed steak	Socks
Hot Dogs	Jogging bottoms
Fruit	Trainers
Rice pudding	Fleeces / Hoodies
Non-Tinned Food	T-shirts
Curry Sauces	Shoes
Porridge oats	Underwear
Breakfast cereals	Trousers (Waist 30-38)
Tomato sauce	Coats
Jelly	MISCELLANEOUS
Cooking oil	Toilet Rolls
Biscuits	Tea Mugs
	Novels
	Oyster cards
	(Unregistered preferably)



Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

“ Faith is the art of holding on to things your **reason** has once **accepted**, in spite of your **changing** moods. ”

CS Lewis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MOTHER MARY
 8 September




PRAY for US!
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Annual service for those harmed by abuse


Service of hope & healing

25 SEP
6.30PM

St George's Cathedral, London, SE1 7HY



Annual service of hope & healing for those who have been harmed by abuse and for those who work with or support the people who have been harmed.



Scan the QR code to find out more.

After the service, people will be invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence", as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for survivors and as a memorial for those lost to abuse.

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	09.30 11.00	Terry Kelly ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon 9th (St Peter Claver)</i>		
<i>Tue 10th feria</i>	13.05	Ann Harrington <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 11th feria</i>	13.05	Omar Annakie ✕ <i>year's mind</i>
<i>Thurs 12th (Most Holy Name of Mary)</i>	13.05	Sr Norma Lynch ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Fri 13th St John Chrysostom</i>	13.05	Christine Brooksby ✕ <i>d.2018</i>
<i>Sat 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10.30†	Francesca Burton ✕ <i>anniversary</i>
Next Sunday <i>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	09.30 11.00	Steve Powell ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Sacrament of Confession. Tue-Fri 12.30-12.55; Sat 10.00-10.25; *by appointment*

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

Last week: **£947.94** (*cash £72.94; card £155 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 September 2024: *For the cry of the Earth*

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Hermon, Amaogechi, Mason, Mary

Recently Departed: Renato Tenefrancia, Philip Dyson *priest*, Michael Cooley *priest*

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