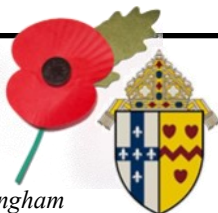




# The Parish of the MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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



## THIRTY-SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME

10th November 2024

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that the widow's offering of a penny is made out of love and out of the little she had to live on. We must never be afraid to give generously to God who will always provide for the future. All our gifts must be given lovingly and generously.



**Remembrance Sunday** is this week, when we pray for all those killed in the Great War, World War II and indeed any conflict of any time. Pray for peace.

**The Solemn Mass** this week, begins a little earlier to join the King and the Nation in the Act of Remembrance.

**November** is the month of Holy Souls. If you wish to remember any loved ones who have died, write their names on the envelopes at the back of church or go on-line. They will be on the altar and be remembered at Mass.

**The month of Holy Souls** is also a good time to update your own funeral rites. Don't put it with your will, but with your executors.

**Have you a will?** Strictly speaking it's a *Last Will & Testament*. November's a good time to update it, or prepare one. And don't forget the Testament part!

**Assisted Suicide Bill** has been in the headlines and being discussed in parliament. Please see what you can do to maintain humanity. [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk)

**The Archbishop and Cardinal Nichols** have issued letters on assisted suicide. Copies are on the parish website. /news

**Holy Hour** for the Dignity of the Human Person. The bishops of E&W invite all Catholics to join them for a Holy Hour. Wednesday this week, 17.30 here at MPB

**Interested in becoming a Catholic**, or being confirmed? Have a word with FrC today. Preparation begins soon.

**The New Lectionaries** come into use on the first Sunday of Advent. Thank you to those who donated them. There is one left. Any offers? /lectionary.

**Calling all sanitation facilitating operatives** (aka cleaners) come Saturday mornings for specialist induction tuition with a national expert (a Henry)- if you have 30mins or an hour or so...

**Archbishop's Appeal** *second* second collection today. See info packs at the back.

**Christmas Cards** are now available. They have a Christian theme, and show something of the joy of Jesus born for us.

**Holy Water** is available by the Sacristy to put by your bed, or by the front door, so you can make the sign of the Cross. It's a reminder of your baptism.

**People at MPB are so generous!** A recent GiftAid claim has been possible because so many of you have GftAided your gift. Thank you! The archdiocese is out-rolling a new accounting system, so those who use the contactless pay-stations will notice they now have menus.



## November is the month of Holy Souls.

Whilst we pray for all the Holy Souls, it's a good time to make a right preparation for our own death. We prepare for all eventualities in our life, death is inevitable, so it makes sense to at least think about what we want after our death. We prepare by living good Catholic lives, coming to the Sacraments, most especially Confession and Holy Communion. At this time of year we also should review our own funeral arrangements

Arranging a funeral can be a traumatic event for a bereaved family and relations. There is often the worry about doing what the dead person would want, and not really knowing. Family arguments often arise about doing what is best or right. You can give them peace of mind, knowing that what your funeral will be is what you wanted. Sometimes too, if your family is not Catholic, or have fallen away from the Faith, they might not know, or realise how important it is that you have a Catholic Funeral.

There are some simple forms at the back of church. Once completed give them to FrC who will file it in a secure place until it's needed. It might be that you have done so already. If you have already done one, does it need reviewing?

Have you written a will? Does it need updating? Many Catholic Solicitors offer a free service during November. You can also lodge it with a solicitor; or the Probate Office will lodge it for a one-off-fee, so you never need worry about it getting lost or mislaid! And don't forget to leave something to the Church. Rather than specify an amount, it's better to stipulate a percentage. The bible suggests 10%

There's also the question of whether to be buried or cremated. The Catholic Church's preference has always been to bury the

dead. The ban on cremation was to oppose the pagan practices that were considered to be anti-Christian. The Romans did not believe in an afterlife, so they cremated their dead. To be cremated was to show they denied the resurrection.

The body, in the Christian tradition is important, it is how we are baptised, chrismated and anointed.. And because we believe that the body is the home and temple of the Holy Spirit, it should be respected both whilst we are alive and when we are dead.

The Catholic Church's rejection of cremation was never intended to imply that someone who is cremated would never go to heaven. The church has never opposed the cremation of Catholics after disasters such as a plague, earthquakes or floods when mass casualties occurred, making individual burials very difficult or even impossible. Or it might be prohibitively expensive transporting a body half way around the world or a very great distance.

In 1963, while continuing to maintain a strong preference towards burial, the Catholic Church became more open to allowing cremation. Prior to 1997, cremations had to take place after the funeral Mass so the body could be present during the rite. Since then, the Vatican has granted permission to allow funeral Masses with the presence of the ashes.

The Church issued some new guidelines in November 2016 on what should happen to the cremated remains of a human person. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) has directed that all Human Ashes should be buried or placed in a columbarium in a Church. It has said that they are not to be kept in your home, either in store or on show; nor left at a Funeral Directors. Nor should they be buried in a private garden or separated.

We hope for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Church teaches that we will be reunited with our bodies. In other words, human remains, whether buried or cremated, should be honoured with dignity and respect, because we will need them again sometime, hopefully, soon.

**Remembrance Sunday** is this week. The 11am Mass will begin at 10.55 with the National act of Remembrance and two minutes silence.



*May they Rest in Peace*



Have you written a will? Does it need updating? It is the Catholic thing to do.

**Holy Mass** will be offered for those on the *Dead List* during November. Please put their names in the Envelopes which are available at the back of Church and place them in the casket on the altar.

**Names on the Altar during November**

November  
Month of the Holy Souls

Lord, for your faithful,  
life is changed, not ended

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**THE NEW LECTIONARY EXPLAINED**  
A brief introduction

CTS essentials

The new translation of the bible readings begins in a few weeks, the first Sunday of Advent, 1st December. There is a leaflet at the back of church, and a page with a few videos on the parish website. These explain and help understand the developments. Exciting times!

**ARCHBISHOP'S Appeal**

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## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <i>Reembrace</i> <b>32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>10.55</b>	Ethel Gosnell ✕ <i>d.2021</i> Parishioners & those killed in war
<i>Mon 11th St Martin of Tours</i>		
<i>Tue 12th St Josaphat</i>	13.05	Beverly Cooper ✕ <i>d.2020</i>
<i>Wed 13th feria</i>	13.05	James Moan <i>foundation</i>
<i>Thurs 14th feria</i>	13.05	Baltazar Almeida ✕
<i>Fri 15th (St Albert)</i>	13.05	November dead ✕
<i>Sat 16th of Our Lady</i>	10.30†	Elizabeth Almeida ✕
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	James Moan <i>foundation protem</i> Parishioners & those killed in war

**Next Week's Readings** Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14.18 Mark 13:24-32

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

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

**Last week: £956.98** (*cash £65.98; card £180; standing orders £720*);

Gift aid £15,911.25 (*a recent claim for 2024*)

**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 November 2024: *For anyone who has lost a child***

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**Live-streaming** is done regularly for the Solemn Mass. The earlier Mass on Sunday and weekdays are not live-streamed.

**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,

*Recently Departed:* Jeremiah Cronin *priest*, John Brownsell *priest*,  
Jake Dicto *priest*, Michael Kiernan, John

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