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



THIRTY-THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME

17th November 2024

In the gospel reading today, we hear that the Son of Man is coming in power and glory. Christ has died once, and for all. We await the second coming when he will gather his chosen ones from the four corners of the earth. On that day we will understand God's plan for our salvation and we will praise him for his compassion and mercy towards us.



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.

Assisted Suicide Bill goes to a second vote next week in parliament. Please see what you can do to maintain humanity.
www.righttolife.org.uk

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

The Bishops have issued a statement on the Assisted Suicide Bill which has a second reading next week. *See over leaf.*

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre have lots of resources and information on life issues.
www.bioethics.org.uk

Write to your MP. It's a free vote (ie not party, or political) so they want to hear what you have to say. Many MPs are still undecided. So write!

Interested in becoming a Catholic, or being confirmed? It's the only way of being authentically human. Have a word with FrC today. Preparation begins soon.

The New Lectionaries come into use in two weeks. Thank you to those who donated them. There is one left. Any offers? /lectionary.

Adoration each Friday here at MPB 19.00-20.00. For the Year of Jubilee, the Holy Father has invited all Catholics to spend time with the Lord before the Most Blessed Sacrament. *Come let us adore Him!*

The Young Adults Group meet on Thursday this week, 19.30. The Communion of Saints and our intercession for the Holy Souls.

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

People at MPB are so generous! A recent GiftAid claim has been possible because so many have Gift Aided their gift. *Thank you!*

Do you Gift Aid? Only 40pc of us do. If we double that, we can claim double!

#RedWednesday is this week. Wear red, and when people ask why, tell them it's to break the silence on Christian persecution around the world. #notinthedia

Christ the King is next week, the last Sunday of the Christian year. Mass will conclude with Benediction. Come prepared with something you want to give thanks for.



Catholic Bishops' Statement on the Bill on assisted suicide

Be compassionate. As Catholic Bishops in England and Wales, and in Scotland, we believe that genuine compassion is under threat because of the attempts in Parliament to legalise assisted suicide. 'Compassion' means to enter into and share the suffering of another person. It means never giving up on anyone or abandoning them. It means loving them to the natural end of their life, even if and when they struggle to find meaning and purpose. Compassion means accompanying people, especially during sickness, disability, and old age. This kind of genuine compassion is witnessed through the care and respect we show to people with terminal illness as they complete their journey in this life.

We appeal to those who share our Catholic belief in human dignity and sanctity of life, including fellow Christians, other religious people, and people of reason and good will, to join with us in defending the weakest and most vulnerable who are at risk through this proposed legislation.

Life is a gift to be protected, especially when threatened by sickness and death. Palliative care, with expert pain relief, and good human, spiritual, and pastoral support, is the right and best way to care for people towards the end of life. More adequate funding and resources for hospices and palliative care teams authentically serve and honour our shared human dignity. In the discussion around assisted suicide, so much is made of freedom of choice and autonomy; but autonomy is not absolute and must always be placed within the context of the common good of society as a whole. People who are suffering need to know they are loved and valued. They need compassionate care, not assistance to end their lives.

Assisted suicide raises serious issues of principle. The time given for Parliament to consider the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which will permit assisted suicide is woefully inadequate. Although the Bill indicates safeguards will be in place, the experience of other countries

where assisted suicide has been introduced shows that such promised safeguards are soon forgotten. In Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, and parts of the USA, the criteria for assisted suicide have been expanded significantly, in law or in practice, often to include people with mental illness and others who have no terminal diagnosis. It is not always easy to predict the length of time a person with a terminal illness has to live, making this Bill unworkable.

We are alarmed by the impact that legalisation will have on the most vulnerable members of our society. The option to end life can quickly, and subtly, be experienced as a duty to die. Some may well feel their continued existence is a burden to others, and, implicitly or explicitly, be pressured into assisted suicide. This includes people who are elderly, infirm, and living with disabilities. The protection of such people is the foundation of civilised society. It is at the heart of good government.

We are also concerned that this Bill will fundamentally damage the relationship between medical practitioners and their patients. It will potentially lead to pressure on medical staff to recommend or facilitate such procedures. Will the right to conscientious objection for individuals and institutions be guaranteed? The impact on hospices, care homes, and those who work in social and community care cannot be underestimated. It will radically alter the ethos of trust and support which underpins our service to those in need and their families.

We urge all people of good will to oppose this legislation and, instead, to advocate for better funded palliative care which is consistently available to everyone in need in England, Wales, and Scotland. Please inform yourself and others about this issue and contact your Member of Parliament to make your opposition known, asking him or her to oppose or not support the Bill.

As Catholic Bishops, we call upon all Catholics, and invite all those who share our Christian faith, to turn in prayer to God our Father. Please pray that the dignity of human life will be protected and defended. On the cross, Christ united Himself to every form of human suffering and every person who suffers. In Him, life is changed, not ended. He shows us, in His own crucified and risen body, that love is always stronger than death.

Prayer to St Joseph for a Happy Death

O Glorious St. Joseph, behold I choose thee today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Preserve and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervour in the service of God. Remove far from me every kind of sin; obtain for me that my death may not come upon me unawares, but that I may have time to confess my sins sacramentally and to bewail them with a most perfect understanding and a most sincere and perfect contrition, in order that I may breathe forth my soul into the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen



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

#REDWEDNESDAY


BREAK THE SILENCE

ON CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

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

Most Precious Blood, Borough SE1
preciousblood.org.uk/holysouls

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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!

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	09.30 11.00	James Moan <i>foundation protem</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 18th (Basilicas, Sts Peter & Paul)</i>		
<i>Tue 19th feria</i>	13.05	Sarah Jane Cotton <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 20th feria</i>	13.05	Preciousa Godinho ✕
<i>Thurs 21st Presentation of Our Lady</i>	13.05	Felix Godinho ✕
<i>Fri 22nd St Cecelia</i>	13.05	November dead ✕
<i>Sat 23rd of Our Lady</i>	10.30†	Pieadade Godinho ✕
Next Sunday <i>CHRIST THE KING</i>	09.30 11.00	Nancy & Eric Hamilton <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Daniel 7: 13-14 Apocalypse 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

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: £998.35 (*cash £118.35; card £160.00; standing orders £720*);
£136.65 (*cash £36.65; card £100.00*) Archbishop's Appeal **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, Amaoagechi,

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

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YouTube: [youtube.com/preciousbloodlondonbridge](https://www.youtube.com/preciousbloodlondonbridge)

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