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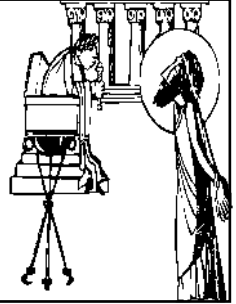
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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



JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

24th November 2024



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ's kingdom is not of this world. It is difficult for us to understand the manner in which Christ is King. His sovereignty will never pass away nor will his empire ever be destroyed, since his power comes from God and not from men. He has made us a line of kings to serve God until the end of time.

Christ is King! Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year as we celebrated Jesus Christ, the Universal King!

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude Mass today. New Year's eve is a good time to give thanks for the past year. For what are you grateful in 2024?

The Jerusalem Bible will be used for the last time today as next Sunday the Catholic Church in England & Wales moves to the English Standard Version of the Bible.

Printed Bible texts are also available for the last time today. We are encouraged to *proclaim* the Word of the Lord, rather than *read* it!

New Lectionary information and explanations are available on the parish website. There's also a CTS flyer at the back of Church.

Assisted Suicide Bill goes to a second vote this week. Please pray. www.righttolife.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 email today (it's probably too late to write)

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

Advent begins next week, the four weeks before Christmas. Although not a penitential season, it is a season of preparation. Prepare well for the birth of Jesus.

Advent Answers. After the 11am Mass during Advent FrC will hold a Q&A, and give a brief talk on any subject of your choosing. Is there something you've never quite understood, or agreed with in the Catholic Church. Now's your chance.

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!*

Catholic Youth Service, Southwark - a second collection today. More info at the back.

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

Do you Gift Aid? Only 40pc of us do. It might be you *think* you Gift Aid, but in fact, don't. Use the Pay Station to make sure, and select the options. It will double what we can claim!

Funeral Rites - have you prepared yours? Do they need updating? Have you written a Will, does it need updating? This might be your last chance as t'were...



by placing ourselves with conviction in the footsteps of that King who came not to be served but to serve and to bear witness to the truth.

Let us invoke the protection of Mary Most Holy. May the Virgin help each one of us to live this present time as we await the return of the Lord, as we decisively pray to God: “Your Kingdom come”, and as we carry out those works of light which bring us ever closer to Heaven, knowing that, in the tormented affairs of history, God continues to build His Kingdom of love.

Today the Church celebrates Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity comes at the end of the liturgical year and brings together the mystery of Jesus “firstborn from the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth”, extending our gaze towards the full realisation of the Kingdom of God, when God will be all in all. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem says: “We announce not only the first coming of Christ, but also a second which is much more beautiful than the first. The first, in fact, was a manifestation of suffering, the second brings the diadem of divine kingship....in the first, He was subject to the humiliation of the Cross, in the second He is surrounded and glorified by a host of angels”. All the mission of Jesus and the contents of His message consist in announcing the Kingdom of God and implementing it among men through signs and wonders. “But – as the Second Vatican Council reminds us – above all, the Kingdom is made manifest through the person of Christ, who established it through His death on the Cross and His Resurrection, whereby He showed Himself to be the Lord and Messiah, the High Priest for eternity. This Kingdom of God was entrusted to the Church, which is the “seed” and the “beginning”, and has the task of announcing it and spreading it amongst all peoples through the strength of the Holy Spirit. At the end of time, the Lord will deliver the Kingdom to God the Father and will present to Him all those who have lived according to the commandment of love.

We are all called to prolong God’s saving work by converting ourselves to the Gospel,

INRI is the latin acronym for *Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews* (Iesvs Nazarenvs Rex Ivdæorum). Although St John’s gospel refers to this as a ‘title’, St Mark and St Matthew both refer to it as an ‘accusation’. It was customary to set up over the heads of persons crucified the crime for which they suffered, and the name of the sufferer. The accusation on which Jesus had been condemned by Pilate was his claiming to be the King of the Jews. Ironically, the ‘crime’ for which Jesus was crucified is not a crime at all, but an absolutely true statement. Not only is Jesus King of the Jews, he is the King of all – the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He is King over all the universe and all its inhabitants. And it was not any crime of his own that was nailed to the cross; it was the crimes (sins) of everyone who would ever put his or her faith in him for salvation. The title King of the Jews was written in the three known languages, because the Good News of Salvation is for all people, regardless of race, colour, or creed.

Do you have a Crucifix in your home? Not an empty cross, but one that proclaims the Kingship of Christ, and him crucified.



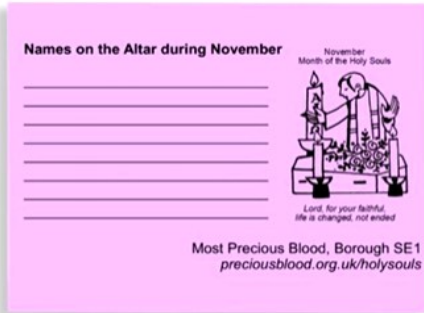


A second collection today. SCYS works with young people in parishes and schools within the Archdiocese, helping them to nurture and grow their faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ, and live life to the full.



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.



Thank you to all those who Gift Aid their donations to Most Precious Blood. Your signature has increased your gift in 2024.

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FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS



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*Lord, for your faithful,
life is changed, not ended.
When this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
a place is made ready for us in the Heavens.*



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 CHRIST THE KING	09.30 11.00	Nancy & Eric Hamilton <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 25th (Catherine of Alexandria)</i>		
<i>Tue 26th feria</i>	13.05	Rev John Moynihan <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 27th feria</i>	13.05	Virgin Godinho ✕
<i>Thurs 28th feria</i>	13.05	Bertha ✕
<i>Fri 29th feria</i>	13.05	November dead ✕
<i>Sat 30th St Andrew</i>	10.30†	Rita Nazareth ✕
Next Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09.30 11.00	Dead parishioners <i>foundation</i> ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16 1Thess 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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

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

Last week: £923.02 (*cash £60.02; card £143; 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 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: Jake Dicto *priest*, Michael Kiernan, John Templeton

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