



# Ordinariate and Parish Church

## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

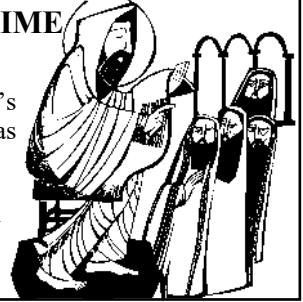
a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark  
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th January 2025

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that we are together as Christ's body. We all belong to the Church of which Christ is the head. Just as the human body is made up of many parts all of which are interdependent, so too are we dependant on each other and ultimately on Christ. The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we may bring the Good News to the poor. In our lives we witness to the fulfilling of God's promise in the Holy Scriptures



**Word of God Sunday** is today. We have the annual commissioning of those who read the Scriptures and lead the Universal Prayer at Mass. Thank you to those who do, and those who have recently volunteered. Keep them in you prayers today.

**Bring your Missal** and/or your Bible to Mass today if you would like it blessed. The best way to bless it is by reading it. It is a Catholic book.

**The Scriptural texts** at Mass have not been included in the Sunday Mass book. How has that been? We are called to be attentive and *listen* to the Word of God. Any thoughts?

**The Archbishop** sent an important letter last week. There are some copies at the back or it can be read on the parish website.

**Called to Bear Fruit** is the initiative of the Archbishop, and he invites everyone to take part in this consultation. Booklets were available last week. Thank you to those who have already submitted a response. Further copies are on the parish website.

**Kay Cunningham's** funeral is here on 6th February at 11.00. She was Land Lady of the White Hart and a faithful member of the parish. Please pray for her. *Lord have mercy.*



**Quiz Night re-scheduled.** It's moved to 4th March, which is shrove Tuesday from 19.00 We'll have pancakes and the burning of the palm crosses to make the ash for Ash Wednesday; and pancakes.

**Evensong**, a monthly series beginning Thurs 6th February at 19.00, then continuing each second Wednesday, followed by a social.

**St John Henry Newman** would be in his 225th year this year....if he were alive today (!). A visit to his birth place followed by parish lunch, then Evensong & Benediction. Sunday 23rd February. Signup on the website

**A Statue of StJHN** would be a great addition to MPB. Any sponsors? *See FrC*

**Candlemass** is next Sunday: the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Mass will begin with the candle ceremonies and procession into the Temple.

**Candles for the Year** will be blessed next week. Thank you to those who have sponsored them. There are a few left. Sign up on the list at the back, or on-line.

**Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham** on Saturday this week, being the first of the month, followed by coffee and cake.

**The Organ Recital** series continues on Saturday at 12.30 with Ed Tambling of St James, Spanish Place.



**The Holy Name of Jesus** is the dedication for the month of January

It is the name above all names; and the name at which every knee should bow and every heart should bend. It is the name through which we make all our prayers - that's ALL our prayers. There was a time, not even forty years ago, when it was regarded as so special, it was never said out loud, even in Church. Prayers concluded '...though Him who lives and reigns for ever and ever.' And when it was rarely said out loud, the priest would bow with a slight inclination to the cross on the altar. In less than fifty years, it has become so familiar and so over used with no reverence or honour. Some people think it's a swear word! How often on TV, in the street or casual conversation, people say the Holy Name, as an expletive? If you use His name as such, STOP!

Have you noticed that when ever a pronoun is used for the Holy Name, it's often with a capital? For example: '*When Jesus gathered His disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits*' And have you also noticed that our own Archbishop only every refers to the **Lord** Jesus? Both powerful, but gentle reminders that the Holy Name of Jesus is one that we as his disciples, should honour.

There is a special practice that can help increase your devotion. When you say or hear the Holy Name, *Jesus*, gently bow your head. The priest does this at Mass, but it's not restricted to him. Why not try it as the simplest way of honouring His Holy Name? Then extend it to daily life. You'll be surprised how soon it will become automatic. Whether it is in the middle of a normal conversation, during prayer time, or even upon overhearing someone mention Jesus, you can honour His Holy name by bowing your head as an act of reverence; and most especially when someone uses It as an expletive. On those occasions, you might even say out loud, but quiet-

ly, as a response and to honour It "Praise His Holy Name!"

In his letter to the Philippians, St Paul says : "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (2:9-11). Since physically bowing at the knee is not always practical, Pope Gregory X offered a solution during the Council of Lyons in 1274. "Each should fulfil in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head."

Tradition says this gesture makes amends for the blasphemous use of the Name of Jesus, especially if someone uses the Lord's name in vain in front of you. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain." (Ex. 20:7) Making this reverent gesture also honours the fact that the name of Jesus is incredibly powerful. Try it.

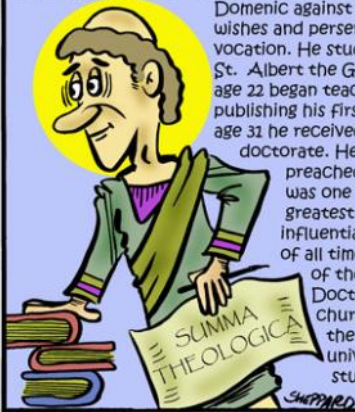
### **Prayer to the Holy Name** *St Bernard of Clairvaux*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills the breast!  
Yet sweeter far Thy face to see  
And in Thy presence rest.  
No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,  
The Savior of mankind.  
O hope of every contrite heart!  
O joy of all the meek!  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!  
How good to those who seek!  
But what to those who find? Ah! this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but His loved ones know.  
Jesus! our only hope be Thou,  
As Thou our prize shalt be;  
In Thee be all our glory now,  
And through eternity. Amen.

## SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St.

Domenic against his parents wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the Church. He is the patron of universities and students.



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## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.

*Pope Francis,*

## Called to Bear Fruit

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**Votive Candle Intentions** for 2025 are for the 7-day candle burning continually, day and night, 24-7 in all the holy places at MPB. You can offer an intention for a month to be attached to that light. All the candles used at MPB during 2025 will be blessed next Sunday, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple - aka Candlemas.



It's the traditional day when all candles to be used during the year in Church are blessed. Would you like to offer some in memory of a loved one?

[Sign up on line.](#)

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <i>Word of God Sunday</i> <b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Eduard Vdček ✕ <i>d.2012</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 27th (St Angela Merici)</i>		
<i>Tue 28th St Thomas Aquinas</i>	13.05	Sir & Lady Harold Hood ✕ <i>benefactors</i>
<i>Wed 29th feria</i>	13.05	Rosemary Nutt ✕ <i>anniversary</i>
<i>Thurs 30th feria</i>	13.05	Patrick Green <i>foundation</i>
<i>Fri 31st St John Bosco</i>	13.05	Alvise & Giulia <i>10th wedding anniv</i>
<i>Sat 1st of OLW</i>	10.30†	DG to OLW
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Josue Benghiat Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

**Sacrament of Confession.** Tue-Fri 12.30-12.55 Sat 10.00-10.25 *and at request*

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

**Last week: £937.22** (*cash £82.22; card £135.00; 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 February 2025: *For vocations to the priesthood and religious life*** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. .

**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 Gerlomes OP

*Peace:* In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

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

*Recently Departed:* Kay Cunningham

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