



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*



**SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
16th February 2025



In the gospel reading today, we hear how happy are those who trust in the Lord.. We place all our trust in the resurrection of Christ. If our hope in him has been for this life only then we are the most unfortunate of all people. Christ is risen from the dead and this is the source of our happiness. In him we put our trust and ask him for nothing more!

Called to Bear Fruit is the initiative of the Archbishop, and he invites everyone to take part in this consultation. Thank you to those who have already submitted a response. If you haven't yet, see FrC see to help form a group.

Quiz Night on 4th March, 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.

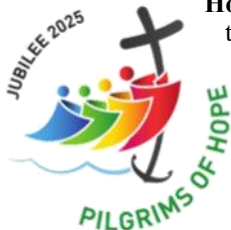
St John Henry Newman birthday is this week. Next Sunday we will visit his birth place (just across the river), then have a parish lunch, followed by Evensong & Benediction. Sign-up closes today. Signup on the website

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

Take home this sheet and the Mass sheet too. They are produced each week for you.

The Internet is full good things, and things which are not so good. If you struggle with certain sites, take a look at strive21.com

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.



Keep the Eucharistic Fast! The Church asks us to not eat or drink anything for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. It is the simplest way of preparing to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament– an hour!

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...

Missing persons ! Is there anyone you've not seen at Mass for a while? Invite them back, by word or prayer.

The Sick & Retired clergy annual second collection is next week. Thank you for your generosity.

Archdiocesan Festival, 7th June
Ordinariate Festival 20th-22nd May
Dates for the Diary

The Suicide Bill is at the committee stage. The process is turning into a shambles, as described by Cardinal Nichols, including the removal of the promised safeguards. Keep this in your prayers, conciseness and MPS in-box!

An Islamophobia blasphemy law committee is being suggested by the Deputy Prime Minister. Get informed christianconcern.com



The Chair of St Peter

On February 22nd each year, the Church celebrates the feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle. It is a feast of thanksgiving for the fact that we have a Pope, and the security of knowing that the Faith by which we live is held faithfully in trust and passed on.

Pope Benedict XVI said that the Chair of St Peter represents the Pope's mission "as guide of the entire People of God. Celebrating the 'Chair' of Peter means attributing a strong spiritual significance to it and recognising it as a privileged sign of the love of God."

Christ said to St Peter "I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:23).

The Chair of St Peter represents the authority of the Pope. The Bishops of the Catholic Church are the successors of the Apostles and the Pope is the successor of St Peter. In the Gospels, St Peter is mentioned far more times than any other Apostle, and always first when they are listed together. At the Resurrection, the Apostles, on hearing the news, rushed to the tomb. Another Apostle ran faster, but stood back to let Peter enter first.

In the Church, having authority means being responsible for passing on the Faith: an awesome responsibility. At last week's Confirmation, Mgr Keith Newton sat in the chair which symbolised his authority, and each candidate came forward to be anointed. There was a great sense of being united with the worldwide Church – and with the saints in Heaven, with each candidate having chosen a patron saint as a Confirmation name. If any Christian from the early centuries of the Church had dropped by and watched the scene, he would have been immediately familiar with what was happening: Baptism at the font, and the seal of oil at Confirmation.

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church sums up the role of the Pope and the Bishops: "The Pope, bishop of Rome and the successor of St Peter, is the perpetual, visible source and foundation of the unity of the Church. He is the vicar of Christ, the head of the college of bishops and pastor of the universal Church over which he has by divine institution full, supreme, immediate and universal power." (CCC, 182).

We should pray for our Bishops and for the Pope, the Holy Father: they need courage and wisdom in the face of many challenges for the Church. Today, it is easy to stay in touch with what Pope Francis is doing and saying: you can read about him on the Internet, watch him on YouTube – news of him is everywhere. Keep him in your prayers.

The Offertory Prayer for the feast of the Chair of St Peter says:

"Accept with favour, O Lord we pray the prayers and offerings of your Church that with St Peter as her shepherd, she may come to an eternal inheritance, for it is through his teaching That she holds the faith in its integrity, Through Christ our Lord."

Called to Bear Fruit

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE



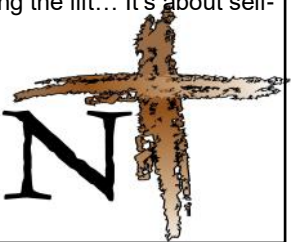
Be considerate and don't chatter before or during Holy Mass. And keep the *Sacred Silence* - after the Homily and after Holy Communion. Some want to pray.



What are you going to give up for Lent?

If you are dreading it, you've got the wrong idea of Lent. It's meant to build you, not discourage. So choose something you can archive. Don't give up what you always give up, but something new and different for you this year. TV, Facebook, late-nights, riding the escalator, taking the lift... It's about self-control.

LENT



Your Palm Crosses are needed! They will be burnt to make the ash to be used on Ash Wednesday. It's a powerful symbol that the Palms which last year we carried joyfully into Jerusalem as we sang 'Hosanna', will become the ash with which we remind ourselves of our mortality and dependence on God. Please return them during the next two weeks.

*"Remember thou art dust,
and unto dust thou shalt return"*



Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day 7 June 2025 The Friars, Aylesford .



Led by
Archbishop
John Wilson,

A day of prayer,
reflection, celebra-
tion, and fun.

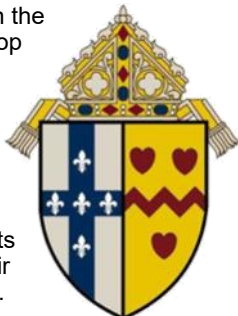
There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral to The Friars (2-6 June 2025).

rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

Put it in the diary

All my Hope, Ordinariate Festival
Coventry, Precious Blood & All Souls
Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd May
Fr David Butler, priest & hermit will offer several reflections on the theme of Hope. Bishop David will be present throughout.

Bookings via the Ordinariate website
There is a fee of £30pp to cover food and drink. Participants will need to book their own accommodation.



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 6TH SUNDAY INORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Karen <i>poorly</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 17th (Founders Servite Order)</i>		
<i>Tue 18th feria</i>	13.05	Harry Kempton ✕ <i>d.2016</i>
<i>Wed 19th feria</i>	13.05	Reena Joseph ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Thurs 20th feria</i>	13.05	Reena Joseph ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Fri 21st (St Peter Damian)</i>	13.05	Reena Joseph ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Sat 22nd Chair of St Peter</i>	10.30†	Reena Joseph ✕ <i>recently</i>
Next Sunday 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMR	09.30 11.00	Reena Joseph ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings 1 Samuel 26:2-23 1Cortinthians 15:45:-49 Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Last week: £982.09 (cash £147.09; card £115.00; 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; Josue Benghiat

Find us on: *Facebook:* "preciousbloodSE1"

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

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