



Ordariate and Parish Church

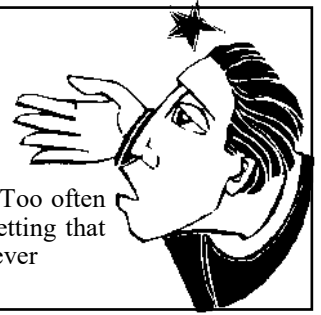
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd March 25



In the gospel reading today, we hear that the test of a person is in their conversation! Our words flow from what is in our heart. If we are filled with the love of God then we will judge mercifully. Too often we are negative in our criticism of the petty faults of others forgetting that we too are imperfect. We need to turn to Christ in our weakness, never admitting defeat, knowing that in the Lord we never labour in vain.

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday. Pray, fast, give. What will you do? A little and succeed is better than a lot and fail.

Ash Wednesday Mass 08.00, 13.05 & 18.30
It's a day of Fast and Abstinence. Which means Catholics should not eat meat and only one small meal. It's one of two days we are asked to do this. The other is Good Friday.

Palm Crosses needed. Last chance to bring them this week, they need to be burnt for the ash on Ash Wednesday.

Try in Lent to be more faithful to what the Church asks. An hour fast before receiving Holy Communion. No meat on Fridays.

Try in Lent to be involved and active in the life of the parish. Could you be a catechist, Sunday school leader, server, chorister, IT guru, weekday sacristan...to name a few...

Stations of the Cross, a traditional devotion for Lent, each Friday at 19.00

Hora Sancta - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day during Lent for 30mins before and 30mins after Mass. Come and spend time with the Lord. He'll love to see you!



Anyone missing? Who used to sit near you? Take them a card from the back of Church, and invite them to return to the Lord. He misses them, we all do!

Cleaners come each Saturday morning. Come and lend a hand. Thank you to all those who come so regularly.

Called to Bear Fruit. Thank you to those who have already submitted a response. There's still time.

Quiz Night & Pancakes on Tuesday this week. from 19.00 We'll also burn the palm crosses to make the ash for Ash Wednesday.

Extra Lent Mass times. For the early risers, Wednesday 08.00; and for the day the Lord died, Fridays 18.30

Archdiocesan Festival, 7th June
Ordariate 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

Pope Francis is grateful for your prayers at this time. *God bless the Pope!*

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2025



Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The

Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey *together in hope*, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, *to journey*. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope". A first call to conversion thus comes from the realisation that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilised by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity?

Second, to journey *together*. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God. It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the

same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us journey together *in hope*, for we have been given a promise. May the *hope that does not disappoint*, the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life.

Thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint. Hope is the sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. It moves the Church to pray for everyone to be saved and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

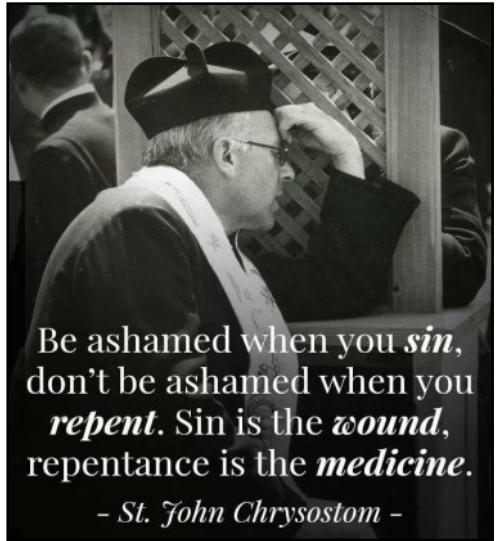
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Mass on Ash Wednesday

08.00 13.05 18.30†

*Repent of your sin
and return to the Gospel*



Be ashamed when you *sin*,
don't be ashamed when you
repent. Sin is the *wound*,
repentance is the *medicine*.

- *St. John Chrysostom* -

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Something to read for Lent

Through the Year with Pope Francis: Daily Reflections

The Screwtape Letters; C.S. Lewis

The Gargoyle Code; Fr D Longenecker.

Strange Gods; Elizabeth Scalia

Your Questions, God's Answers;
Peter Kreeft.

A Prayer Journal; Flannery O'Connor

Theology for Beginners; Frank Sheed.

Death on a Friday Afternoon: Meditations on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross;
Fr Richard John Neuhaus.

Great Lent: Journey to Pascha;
Fr Alexander Schmeeman,

Something Other Than God: How I Passionately Sought Happiness and Accidentally Found It; Jennifer Fulwiler

Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told; Brand Pitre.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist; Brant Pitre

Journey to Easter: Spiritual Reflections for the Lenten Season; Benedict XVI

The Lost Princess; George MacDonald.

To be a Pilgrim; Basil Hume

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	PEB-G ✕ <i>d</i> 2004 Parishioners
<i>Mon 3rd feria</i>		
<i>Tue 4th of Requiem</i>	13.05	Josue Benghiat ✕ <i>requiem</i>
<i>Wed 5th Ash Wednesday</i>	08.00 13.05 18.30	Jimmy <i>poorly</i> A private intention (PF) Canon William Muran ✕ <i>foundation</i>
<i>Thurs 6th feria</i>	13.05	Kim <i>poorly</i>
<i>Fri 7th (Sts Perpetua & Felicity)</i>	13.05 18.30	Rachel Green ✕ <i>recently</i> Murry Goulstone ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Sat 8th (St John of God)</i>	10.30†	Josue Benghiat ✕ <i>recently</i>
Next Sunday 1st SUNDAY IN LENT	09.30 11.00	Ron Hillier ✕ <i>d.1995</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 1:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

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: £1,096.14 (cash £135.14; card £241.00; standing orders £720)

Clergy Support £173.75 (cash £23.75; card £150.00) **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 March 2025: For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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, Pope Francis

Recently Departed: Kay Cunningham; Josue Benghiat, Murry Goulstone

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