



Ordariate 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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 30th March 25



In the gospel reading today, we hear that God reconciles us to himself in Christ. Christ is our new creation. In him we are re-born. When we were dead through sin Christ came to reconcile us to the Father. Now we are ambassadors for Christ and we are privileged to proclaim the Good News. Christ takes away our shame if only we will return to the Father's house as prodigal son confessing our weakness and our waywardness.

Mothering Sunday is today, often called *Mothers' Day*, so it's a great time to give thanks and pray for your mum too!

We are more than half way through Lent. Our lenten disciplines are just like a *Rule of Life*: they are meant to build, not destroy. Does yours need a bit of a fine-tune?

Holy Week and Easter Mass times are printed overleaf. Keep an eye, as they are different to usual. The website is always up to date.

Away for Easter? It's not too early to check Mass times at the Catholic Church were you are going.

A Deep clean of MPB next Saturday from 14.00 The band invite all hands to help clean the Church in preparation for Easter.

Stations of the Cross, each Friday at 19.00 during Lent. *All welcome!*

Extra Lent Mass times. Wednesdays 08.00; and Fridays 18.30

Hora Sancta - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each weekday 30mins before and 30mins after the lunchtime Mass.

Called to Bear Fruit, the consultation deadline is this week. Use the Booklet or the website.

The Suicide Bill has ended the committee stage. Now is the time for you to act. The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online facility which allows you to contact your Member of Parliament, asking them to stop this being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: righttolife.org.uk/asvote.

Resources on this Bill are available here: cbcw.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

Walsingham Mass on Saturday this week, with a spiritual pilgrimage at 10.30

The Organ Recital series continues on Sat this week at 12.30 with Katherine Dienes-Williams, organist at Guildford Cathedral.

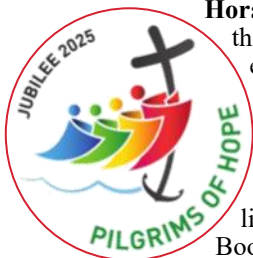
Do you have a crucifix in your home? During Lent make sure you enthrone Christ and Him crucified in a place of honour in your home. *FrC can always supply*

40 Days for Life, a (legal) vigil. Join the pro-life witness for Lent. See poster at the back.

Safeguarding is something we take seriously. Changes are afoot. This will involve all who have a role at MPB. More to follow....

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

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





Simnel Cake

Ingredients

For the almond paste
250g/9oz caster sugar
250g/9oz ground almonds
2 free-range eggs, beaten
1 tsp almond essence

For the cake
175g/6oz butter or margarine
175g/6oz soft brown sugar
3 free-range eggs, beaten
175g/6oz plain flour
Pinch salt
½ tsp ground mixed spice (optional)
350g/12oz mixed raisins, currants, sultanas
55g/2oz chopped mixed peel
½ lemon, grated zest only
1-2 tbsp apricot jam
1 free-range egg, beaten for glazing

Method

For the almond paste, place the sugar and ground almonds in a bowl. Add enough beaten egg and mix to a fairly soft consistency.

Add the almond essence and knead for one minute until the paste is smooth and pliable.

Roll out a third of the almond paste to make a circle 18cm/7in in diameter and reserve the remainder for the cake topping.

Preheat oven to 140C/275F/Gas 1. Grease and line a 18cm/7in cake tin.

For the cake, cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs until well incorporated and then sift in the flour, salt and mixed spice (if using) a little at a time. Finally, add the mixed dried fruit, peel and grated lemon zest and stir into the mixture.

Put half the mixture into a greased and lined 18cm/7in cake tin. Smooth the top and cover with the circle of almond paste. Add the rest of the cake mixture and smooth the top leaving a slight dip in the centre to allow for the cake to rise. Bake in the preheated oven for 1¾ hours. Test by inserting a skewer in the middle - if it comes out clean, it is ready. Once baked, remove from the oven and set aside to cool on a wire rack.

Brush the top of the cooled cake with the apricot jam. Divide the remainder of the almond paste in half; roll out a circle to cover the top of the cake with one half and form 11 small balls with the other half.

Place the circle of paste on the jam glaze and set the balls round the edge. Brush the cake topping with a little beaten egg.

Preheat the grill to high. Place the cake onto a baking tray and grill for 1-2 minutes, or until the top of the marzipan begins to brown. Alternatively, lightly heat the cake topping using a cook's blow torch, until the marzipan is golden-brown.



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

March 5 - April 13
40 DAYS FOR LIFE



From Brixton Tube Station: 4 minutes by car, 13 minute walk. Or take buses: 65, 109, 133 or 250 to the vigil. Bus Stop: Brixton Water Lane (20)



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"My pregnancy would definitely be terminated if I had not met the Good Counsel Network. When I booked my appointment, I didn't want an abortion, but despite looking everywhere for help, I couldn't find any help. The vigil saved my baby's life." - Paulette

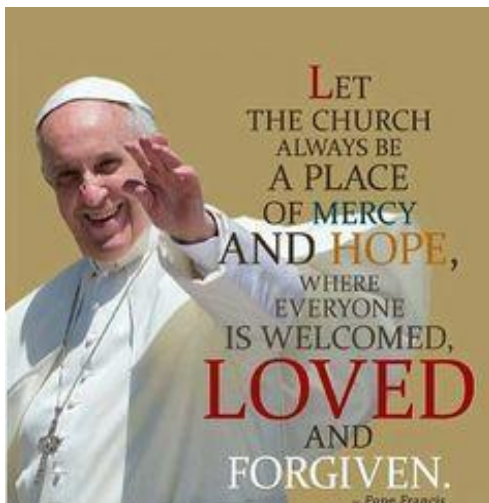
Please come and join our small peaceful, prayerful, legal Pro-Life vigil this Lent. We will be offering real practical help and support to pregnant mothers, twelve hours a day for forty consecutive days.

Location: Corner of Brixton Hill and Brixton Water Lane, London.

“ He came to his senses
and said “I will arise
and go to my father and say
‘I have sinned against
heaven, and against you...’” ”



**KEEP CALM
AND THANK GOD
FOR YOUR MUM**



LET
THE CHURCH
ALWAYS BE
A PLACE
OF MERCY
AND HOPE,
WHERE
EVERYONE
IS WELCOMED,
LOVED
AND
FORGIVEN.
- Pope Francis

Holy Week Mass Times

Palm Sunday	09.30 & 11.00
Monday	18.30
Tuesday	13.05 & 18.30
Wednesday	08.00 & 18.30,
Maundy Thurs	18.30
Good Friday	15.00
Holy Saturday	20.30



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>4th SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	09.30 11.00	Poor parishes Parishioners
<i>Mon 31st feria</i>		
<i>Tue 1st (St Francis of Paola)</i>	13.05	Bozenna Filipiak ✕
<i>Wed 2nd feria</i>	08.00 13.05	Dora ✕
<i>Thurs 3rd feria</i>	13.05	Sr Madaline ND <i>foundation</i>
<i>Fri 4th (St Isidore)</i>	13.05 18.30	Merle Walker ✕ <i>d.1992</i> Doris Pearson ✕
<i>Sat 5th (St Vincent Ferrer)</i>	10.30 †	DG to OLW
Next Sunday <i>5th SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	09.30 11.00	Colin Barker <i>Sacristan</i> ✕ <i>d.2021 foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

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: £1,020.27 (*cash £74.27 card £226.00; standing orders £720*)

Poor parishes £170.30 (*cash £41.30 card £129.00*) **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, Michael, Norman

Recently Departed: Josue Benghiat, Murry Goulstone

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