



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



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 6th April 25



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ condemned sin but let the women guilty of adultery go free with the reminder that she was to sin no more. We are not perfect, we hope that we will be saved. If we accept the loss of everything as so much rubbish, we can learn to have Christ and be given a share in his resurrection. God, through Christ, is calling us from sinfulness to service.

Passiontide begins today. Things in Church are veiled as the atmosphere intensifies towards the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. If your Lenten disciples have waned a little, make an extra effort in these last two weeks. And avoid sin!

Palm Sunday is next week. The 11.00 Mass will start in Flat Iron Square.

Holy Week posters are now available. They should be displayed from *next* Sunday.

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

Easter Lilies can be bought in memory of a loved one; there will be a retiring collection for flowers or see Maureen.

Confessions before Easter plan ahead. Either come to MPB, or somewhere you know, like Westminster Cathedral or St George's. It doesn't matter where you, just go and hear the Lord loves you.

Mass on Thursday this week is at the earlier time of 08.00

The Ordinariate Chrism Mass is on Thursday this week at 11.30



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

Stations of the Cross, on Friday at 19.00.

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

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: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

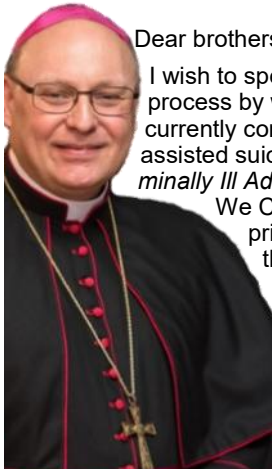
Choral Evensong on Wednesday this week 19.00 here at MPB. One of the many treasures to be shared. Followed by a social.

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

The Young Adults Group meet on Thursday this week, 19.30 in the Long Room.

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

Pastoral Letter on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill



Dear brothers and sisters

I wish to speak to you about the process by which Parliament is currently considering legalising assisted suicide through the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*.

We Catholics maintain a principled objection to this change in law, because we recognise that every human life is sacred: a gift of God, bearing a God-given dignity. We are, therefore, clearly opposed to this Bill in

principle, elevating, as it does, the autonomy of the individual above all other considerations.

The next vote is in late April to whether it progresses further. This will be a crucial moment and I with the Bishops of E&W, am writing to ask your support in urging your MP to vote against this Bill at that time.

At this point we wish not simply to restate our objections in principle, but to emphasise the deeply flawed process undergone in Parliament thus far. We wish to remind you that it is a fundamental duty of every MP to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised and which will bring damaging consequences.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will fundamentally change many of the key relationships in our way of life: within the family, between doctor and patient, within the health service. There has been no Royal Commission or independent inquiry ahead of its presentation. It is a Private Member's Bill. The Bill is long and complex, yet published a days before MPs voted, giving them inadequate time to consult or reflect. The time for debate was minimal. The Committee took only three days of evidence: not all voices were heard, comprising an undue number of supporters of the Bill. In short, this is no way to legislate on such an important and morally complex issue.

One consequence of this flawed process is that many vital questions remain unan-

swered. Can MPs guarantee that the scope of the Bill will not be extended? In almost every country where assisted suicide has been introduced the current scope is wider than was originally intended. What role, if any, will the judiciary have in the process? We were told that judicial oversight was a necessary and vital part of the process; now we are told it isn't needed at all. What will protect the vulnerable from coercion, or from feeling a burden on family? Can the National Health Service cope with assisted suicide or will it, as the Health Secretary has warned, cause cuts elsewhere in the NHS? Can MPs guarantee that no medical practitioner or care worker would be compelled to take part in assisted suicide? Would this mean the establishment of a 'national death service'?

What is needed is first-class, compassionate palliative care at the end of our lives, already provided to many in our society but, tragically, is in short supply and underfunded. No-one should be dispatched as a burden to others. A good society would prioritise care for the elderly, the vulnerable, and the weak. The lives of our families are richer for their presence.

It is sad reflection on Parliament's priorities that the House of Commons spent far more time debating the ban on fox hunting than it is spending debating bringing in assisted suicide.

Despite recent events, this measure is being rushed without proper scrutiny and without fundamental questions surrounding safeguards being answered. This is a deeply flawed Bill with untold unintended consequences.

Every MP, and Government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation reaching the statute book. This, tragically, is what may happen. So, I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner.

We too have many struggles. We too know that Christ Jesus has made us his own. So, we too press on with this struggle, so important in our times.

Yours devotedly in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written in a cursive style.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

Write to your MP on Assisted Suicide

You can find who they are here
righttolife.org.uk/asvote.

Resources are available here:
cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

Things to consider when writing

- ✘ Don't use a pre-made template
- ✘ Write a proper letter
- ✘ Use hand writing, or at least top & tail
- ✘ Be polite and courteous
- ✘ Give personal experience
- ✘ Raise concerns for due process
- ✘ Express your own fears
- ✘ Point out the lack of safeguards
- ✘ Don't mention religion
- ✘ If they voted in favour last year, ask them to consider the new factors
- ✘ Thank them for their time and work
- ✘ If they voted against, still write, thank them and ask them to attend



**WeBelieve,
25th-28th July 2025,
a festival of Catholic Life**
celebrating the
Jubilee Year of Hope.
Four days of music, keynotes,
conversation & worship, in the beautiful
surroundings of
**St Mary's College, Oscott,
Birmingham**

*Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla
(daughter of St Gianna Molla),
Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali,
AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.*

Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for
the whole weekend (camping, staying lo-
cally or coming from home)
adult Early Bird rate of £70, or
for a day for £40.
Early Bird Tickets available now!

www.webeliefefestival.com



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

Easter Gift

optional message here

Most Precious Blood, Borough SE1
preciousblood.org.uk

Fill in other side

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 5th SUNDAY IN LENT	09.30 11.00	Colin Barker <i>Sacristan</i> ✕ <i>d.2023 foundation</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 7th (St JohnB de la Salle)</i>		
<i>Tue 8th feria</i>	13.05	Josue Benghiat ✕
<i>Wed 9th feria</i>	08.00 13.05	Reg Blake ✕ <i>d.1982</i> Baltazar Almeida ✕
<i>Thurs 10th feria</i>	08.00	Geoffrey Kirk ✕ <i>d.2020 foundation</i>
<i>Fri 11th (St Stanislaus)</i>	13.05 18.30	Michael McCartney ✕ <i>recently</i> Alice Blake ✕ <i>d.1997</i>
<i>Sat 12th feria</i>	10.30†	Jules Emmanuel Balandres <i>foundation</i>
Next Sunday PALM SUNDAY	09.30 11.00	John O'Toole ✕ <i>priest</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11

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: £1,016.21 (*cash £90.21 card £206.00; 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 Representatives: Pamela Gatti, Aminata Keita & Daniela Guzzardo.
www.preciousblood.org.uk/safeguarding

Holy Father's Intention for April 2025: *For the use of the new technologies*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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, Julietta

Recently Departed: Francis Leo Mooney *priest*, John O@Toole *priest*

Find us on: Facebook: "preciousbloodSE1"

YouTube: youtube.com/preciousbloodlondonbridge

Fr Christopher Pearson *OLW Parish Priest*

22 Redcross Way, SE1 1TA
borough@reaos.org.uk
www.preciousblood.org.uk
020 7407 3951

On-line banking

Sort code: 60 50 01

Number: 36249572

Account: RCAS Borough

Donation
Station

