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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ★

4th May 25

In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are witnesses to the resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives us courage to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. He is the lamb to whom all praise, honour, glory and power must be given for ever and ever. We will suffer opposition and misunderstanding because of our belief but Christ is always with us once we dare to follow him.



FrC says thank you for all the kind Easter wishes, and gifts: it is very much appreciated. Please keep him in your prayers, daily.

Assisted Suicide Bill! Have you written to your MP yet? The reading has been delayed, but will be in the next few weeks on 16th May. If you have not yet contacted your MP, please do so this week. *See overleaf*

Mass times are suspended this week and confessions will not be available. Finding a priest to cover whilst FrC is away has not been possible.

Mary Murphy's funeral will be on 9 May, 11am at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith. Keep her in your prayers. *Jesus Mercy; Mary Pray*

Rosary each Sunday morning during Mary's month of May from 10.20. Come and join in.

The Archdiocesan Diamond Jubilee is not far away, 7 June at Aylesford. Some may be going by car, and others are invited to join the Deanery Coach from the Cathedral.

The Walsingham Archdiocesan Pilgrimage is 28 June led by the Archbishop. We have teamed up with the Cathedral. See link to book on the website.

The Nine days our mourning for Pope Francis concludes today. Thank you to those who took part in the Novena and those who joined in prayer. *Lord have mercy.*

The Conclave to elect a Pope begins on Wednesday this week. Some say it will be short, other don't: who knows! Our task is to pray for the Cardinals and for them to be guided by the Holy Spirit, to choose the one to lead the Church into the fullness of Truth.

Good Shepherd Sunday is next week, when we support the work of vocations, spiritually and financially.

Thank you to those who give so generous to MPB. Those who GiftAid may need a statement for their Tax Return. If so, please email parish@preciousblood.org.uk





In this month of May, Mary's month, here are just a few reasons why she should be the "queen" of your heart:

Many of the greatest saints devoted their hearts to Mary.

There countless saints who devoted themselves to the Blessed Mother, but here are just a few examples: St. Louis de Montfort wrote many books in honour of the Blessed Mother, including *True Devotion to Mary*, *The Secret of the Rosary*, and *The Secret of Mary*. He said, "The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them." St Therese of Lisieux, another doctor of the Church, said, "In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." St Padre Pio, a Franciscan priest and mystic, who also had the gift of the stigmata, said, "Let us bind ourselves tightly to the Sorrowful Heart of our Heavenly Mother and reflect on its boundless grief and how precious is our soul."

Jesus gave her to us as our mother

At the foot of the cross, Jesus put his mother into the hands of St John. "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." Jn 19:26-27 St John represents the entire human race; therefore, Mary is our spiritual mother as well.

She is the "Mediatrice of All Graces"

The Second Vatican Council said, "In suffering with Him as He died on the cross, she cooperated in the work of the Saviour, in an altogether singular way, by obedience, faith, hope, and burning love, to restore supernatural life to souls. As a result, she is our Mother in the order of grace." *LG, 61-62*). In his encyclical *Adiutricem*, Pope Leo XIII explained that the power "put into her hands is all but unlimited." In Pope Pius X's encyclical, *Ad*

Diem Illum Laetissimum, he said that Mary is the "Dispensatrix of all the gifts that Our Saviour purchased for us by His Death and by His Blood." He also quotes St. Bernardine of Sienna, saying that Mary "is the neck of Our Head, by which He communicates to His mystical body all spiritual gifts." How incredible are the graces we can receive from our most Holy and Blessed Mother!

She leads us to Jesus

When we are devoted to Mary, our love for Jesus increases because her greatest desire is to lead us to Him. St Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *True Devotion to Mary*: "All our perfection consists in being conformed, united, and consecrated to Jesus Christ; and therefore, the most perfect of all devotions is, without any doubt, that which the most perfectly conforms, unites, and consecrates us to Jesus Christ. Now, Mary being the most conformed of all creatures to Jesus Christ, it follows that, of all devotions, that which most consecrates and conforms the soul to our Lord is devotion to His holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more is it consecrated to Jesus."

She is our perfect pathway to holiness

As St. Louis de Montfort said above, "all our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ." Mary's ability to bring us closer to her Son draws us to greater holiness, because she was completely sinless. Pope Paul VI said in *Lumen Gentium*, "But while in the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she is without spot or wrinkle, the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues."

With all this said, there are many ways we can devote ourselves to the Blessed Mother. We can pray the Rosary, the Angelus, consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, or practice the Seven Sorrows Devotion or the Five First Saturdays devotion. The list goes on!

Why not make a resolution to begin one of these devotions in May? It will certainly change your life.

Make a special visit to Our Lady of Walsingham in Mary's Month of May. You might notice something different. A generous donor has purchased a new Image. Thank You! OLW - opn!



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Priest Training Fund
Good Shepherd Sunday

A Second Collection
next week



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“ Who more than MARY could be a star of HOPE for us? With her “yes” she opened the door of our world to God himself;... ”
Spe Salvi, BXVI

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

- ✘ Write a proper letter
- ✘ Use hand writing, or at least top & tail
- ✘ Give personal experience
- ✘ Raise concerns for due process
- ✘ Express your own fears
- ✘ Point out the lack of safeguards
- ✘ 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
- ✘ Even if you can't/don't vote, write!



Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day
7 June 2025

The Friars, Aylesford

Led by Archbishop John Wilson,

A day of prayer, reflection, celebration, 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

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Parishioners
Mon 5th <i>of Eastertide</i>		
Tues 6th <i>of Eastertide</i>		
Wed 7th <i>of Eastertide</i>		
Thur 8th <i>of Eastertide</i>		
Fri 9th <i>of Eastertide</i>		
Sat 10th <i>St John of Avila</i>		
Next Sunday 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Ken Burrows ✕ <i>d.2017</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 13:14.43-52 Apocalypse 7:9.14-17 John 10:27-30

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: £993.37 (*cash £89.37 card £184.00; standing orders £720*) \$1

Easter Offering £190.00 (*cash £120.00 card £70.00*) **Totalling: £761 Thank you!**

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Holy Father's Intention for May 2025: *For working conditions*

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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, Amaogechi, David, Michael, Julietta, Ronald

Recently Departed: John O@Toole *priest*, Mary Murphy, Pope Francis

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