



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*



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

22nd February 2026



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is the conqueror of sin and temptation. God created the human race free from sin, but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like him to overcome the temptation of this world.

Additional Mass times during Lent on Wednesday mornings at 08.00 and Friday evenings at 18.30

Mass at 08.00 on Thursday this week as FrC has a meeting he must attend.

Stations of the Cross each Friday at 19.00

The Lent Course on Tuesdays of Lent. 19.00-20.30 in the Long Room. *Sign up.*

And Sundays aren't fast days remember: Lent has 40 days not 46 - so a G&T it is then!

The white Light which buns on the altar honours the very presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. It's a strange thing, but it never stands upright. You watch! Do you bow low and genuflect in the presence of Jesus when you enter and leave Church?

Are you Catholic? Sometimes people never get round to being Baptised, or Confirmed or actually jumping in. *See FrC*

Keeping the Eucharistic Fast! The Church asks us not to 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!

The Walsingham Day pilgrimage garnered interest recently, but maybe we need a little more notice. Would Eastertide be better? See May today. £30 child £10.

Lent Project. Fasting during Lent can be quite lucrative. The money saved by not buying alcohol, sweets or whatever soon mounts up over the six weeks of Lent. We are encouraged to add this to our almsgiving. This will be an opportunity to do a few projects which have been beyond our finances.

Only one bell is working at the moment. It seems the mechanism which makes the hammer strike the bell has jammed and needs renewing.

Live streaming has become very popular especially for those who are housebound or in hospital. We need a new camera of good quality to be professionally installed.

A Columbarium is needed as a place for cremated remains. Recently the Church has allowed Catholics to be cremated. We have a crypt at MPB which could be modified as a columbarium.

A podium for the Ambo. The box at the eagle lectern on which the readers stand was a temporary installation some five years ago, but cost has prevented a more adequate solution. It needs two steps, a handrail, in oak matching the furniture in the sanctuary.

The Long Room is in desperate need of re-decoration, and new flooring. The parish kitchen also needs bringing up to standard for today's use.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

**A letter of Pope St Clement I
to the Corinthians 43AD**

Repent

Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognise how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.

If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has *offered the opportunity of repentance* to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people.

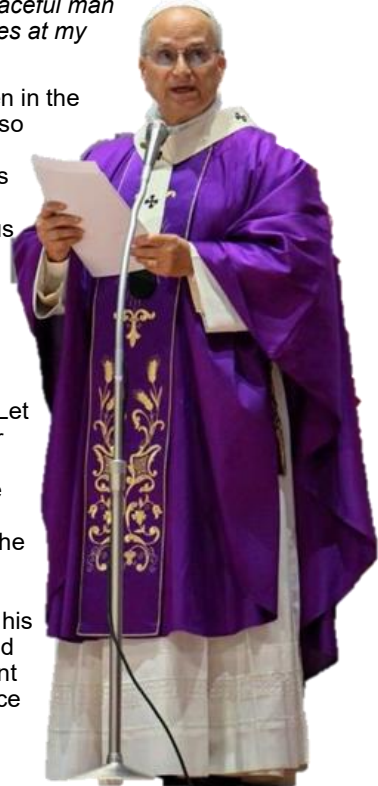
Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the ministers of God's grace have spoken of repentance; indeed, the Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance with an oath: *As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance.* He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as a holy people.*

In other words, God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarrelling and jealousy which only lead to death.

Brothers, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful, he said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.*

Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. As Scripture asks: *Whom shall I look upon with favour except the humble, peaceful man who trembles at my words?*

Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten towards the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings.





Come See and

27TH - 29TH
MARCH

DISCERNMENT RETREAT
For Single Roman Catholic Women aged 18-35



Benedictine Nuns
of Minster Abbey

To register contact Sister Walburga
minstervocations@gmail.com

Fast? What fast? Before receiving Holy Communion, all Catholics must fast. That means neither eating or drinking anything one hour before (with the usual exceptions). Having the privilege of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is a great honour, so the Church asks us to make the simplest of preparations. For safety and respect, always consume the Host before you walk away for receiving It.

PRAY / FAST / GIVE

TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE FOR LENT

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

A series of open meetings to discuss
aspects of the Catholic Church

at

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham,

**Tuesday 24th February
19.30**

Christopher Burn

on

'How Poetry Changes Lives'

Chris Burn talks about his work in mental health therapy using the healing power of poetry. Chris worked for thirty years in Scotland with people recovering from addiction and other mental health issues such as trauma and PTSD. Both reading and writing poetry can be potent tools for self-discovery and self-expression. Poetry has great power to influence people in other ways too, of which most, though not all, are benign.

A meal and refreshments will be served

Travel - St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham,
Ham Street, Richmond TW10 7HT
Train to Richmond Station: District Line or
South West trains from Waterloo.

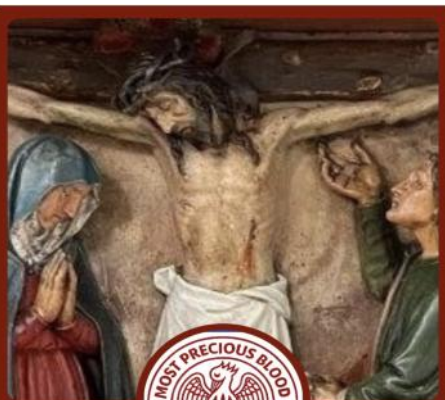
Then get bus - 371 to Ham Street or 65
to Ham Gate Avenue

All are welcome.

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Lent Project

Single

Monthly

Select donation amount:

£20

£50

£100

+

Other

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	09.30 11.00†	Those preparing for baptism Parishioners
Mon 23rd (<i>St Polycarp</i>)		
Tues 24th <i>feria of Lent</i>	13.05	Betty Gale ✕ <i>d.1987</i>
Wed 25th (<i>St Ethelbert</i>)	08.00 13.05	Canon William Muran <i>foundation</i> Holy Souls ✕
Thur 26th <i>feria of Lent</i>	08.00	Preciousa Godinho ✕
Fri 27th (<i>St Gregory of Narek</i>)	13.05 18.30	Preciousa Godinho ✕ Holy Souls ✕
Sat 28th <i>feria of Lent</i>	10.30†	Preciousa Godinho ✕
Next Sunday SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	09.30 11.00†	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Genesis 12:1-4a 2Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55 Saturday 10.00-10.25

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

Last week: £957.14 (*cash £42.14 card £195.00 standing orders £720*)

Clergy support £87.00 (*cash £17.00 card £70.00*) **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 Representatives: Pamela Gatti, Aminata Keita & Daniela Guzzardo. www.preciousblood.org.uk/safeguarding

Holy Father's Intention for February 2026: *For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. .

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, Kathie, Norman

Recently Departed: Ossie Aisbitt *priest*, Carlo Torri

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