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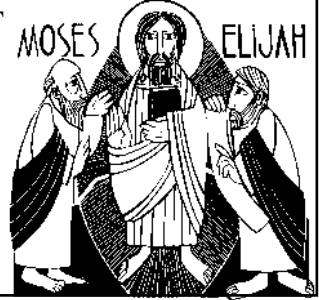
*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

1st March 2026

In the gospel reading today, we hear that Jesus is transfigured in glory. On a high mountain, Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his apostles. His message to them 'Do not be afraid' reminds us that when God calls us we must bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. For him we are prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim his Gospel.



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

Stations of the Cross each Friday at 19.00

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

Sundays don't forget, aren't fast days remember: Lent has 40 days not 46.

Are you Catholic? Last call if never got Baptised, or Confirmed or joined the One True.

The Assisted suicide Bill may fail *Praise the Lord!* But it's not over till it's over, so please keep praying during these days that Parliament may maintain human dignity.

Walsingham Mass this Saturday, 10.30

Organ Recital here with Simon Johnson from Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 12.30

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!

A Walsingham Day pilgrimage, interested? Sign up or see May for more info. £30 child £10.

The Image of OL of Walsingham, you may have noticed has shrunk! The decoration has settled, so now gone for the final gold leaf to be added. She'll be back soon. OLW open

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.



A Lenten meditation in the tone of Pope Leo XIV

The season of Lent rises once more upon the Church as a summons to interior renewal, a sacred interval in which the Christian people are invited to rediscover the primacy of God in their lives. In an age marked by restless striving, by the pursuit of novelty, and by the subtle erosion of spiritual attentiveness, Lent stands as a providential corrective. It calls us back to the simplicity of the Gospel, to the truth that our hearts find rest only in the Lord who fashioned them.

For Lent is not a mere commemoration of ancient discipline, nor a ritual obligation emptied of meaning. It is a living encounter with the mercy of Christ, who continues to draw His people from the shadows of sin into the radiance of grace. The Church, guided by the Spirit, proposes these forty days as a time of purification, not to burden her children, but to free them from the chains that bind the soul and obscure the splendour of their baptismal dignity.

In this holy season, three pillars rise before us—fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—each a remedy for the wounds of our time. Fasting teaches us the noble art of self-mastery. In a world that exalts consumption and encourages the unchecked indulgence of desire, the Christian who fasts bears witness that the human person is not governed by appetite but by reason enlightened by faith. Fasting is not a rejection of the body, but a restoration of har-

mony between body and soul. It reminds us that freedom is not the licence to do as we please, but the capacity to choose the good. Yet fasting, if it remains merely external, is barren. It must be joined to a deeper hunger: the longing for holiness, the desire to conform our lives to Christ.

Prayer, the second pillar, lifts the heart above the tumult of the world. Lent invites us to silence—not the silence of emptiness, but the silence in which the voice of God is heard. In prayer we rediscover our true identity as beloved children of the Father. We learn again that the measure of our worth is not found in achievement or acclaim, but in the steadfast love of the One who created us. Prayer strengthens the weary, enlightens the confused, and consoles the sorrowful. It is the anchor of the soul amid the storms of life.

Almsgiving, finally, is the outward expression of the charity that must animate all Christian discipline. In a society often fractured by inequality, indifference, and isolation, the act of giving becomes a prophetic sign. It proclaims that every human being bears the image of God and is worthy of dignity and care. Almsgiving is not merely generosity; it is justice. It is the recognition that what we possess is entrusted to us for the good of all. When we lift up the poor, comfort the afflicted, or extend mercy to the forgotten, we touch the wounds of Christ Himself.

Thus Lent becomes a journey of transformation, leading us from the narrowness of self to the expansiveness of love. It is a time to renounce the illusions that promise happiness yet leave the heart empty, and to embrace the truth that only in God is our fulfilment found. The Cross, which stands at the centre of this season, is not a symbol of defeat but of victory—the victory of love over sin, of light over darkness, of life over death.

May these forty days be for all the faithful a time of renewed purpose, deeper charity, and steadfast hope. And as we approach the Paschal mystery, may our hearts be prepared to rejoice in the triumph of Christ, who makes all things new.



Come and See

27TH - 29TH MARCH

DISCERNMENT RETREAT
For Single Roman Catholic Women aged 18-35



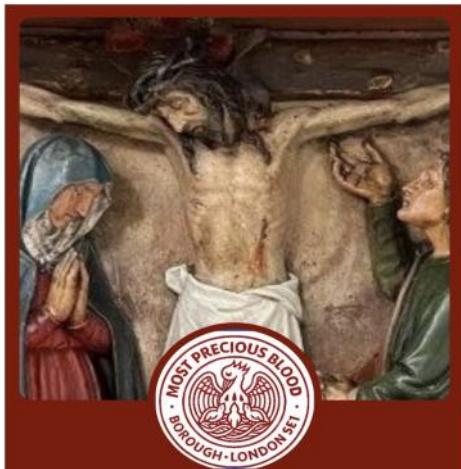
Benedictine Nuns
of Minster Abbey

To register contact Sister Walburga
minstervocations@gmail.com



A LENT QUIZ

1. What is Fat Tuesday also known as?
2. Where do the ashes on Ash Wednesday come from?
3. What is Pentecost?
4. When does Lent End?
5. Why is the 40 Day season of repentance, fasting and abstinence before Easter called Lent?
6. Why is Lent 40 Days long?
7. What is the difference between 'fasting' and 'abstinence'?
8. Which two days of the year are fasting AND abstinence for Catholics?
9. Are there any Fridays when we may eat meat and abstinence doesn't apply?
10. What happened on Easter Sunday?
11. What do priests do each year on Maundy Thursday?
12. Who is the Archbishop of Southwark?



Lent Project

Single

Monthly

Select donation amount:

£20

£50

£100

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Other

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

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(1) Shrove Tuesday (2) The palm crosses from the previous Palm Sunday (3) The coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church (4) At the Easter Vigil (5) It's the old English word for 'spring' (6) Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and nights (7) Fasting means to consume nothing at all; Abstinence means to consume no meat (8) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (9) If a Friday is a Solemnity - such as St Joseph's Day (10) Jesus rose from the dead (11) They renew their priestly promises (12) John Wilison

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	09.30 11.00†	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners
Mon 2nd <i>feria of Lent</i>		
Tues 3rd <i>feria of Lent</i>	13.05	PEB-G <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.2004</i>
Wed 4th (<i>St Casimir</i>)	08.00 13.05	Dn Stephen <i>very poorly</i> Anna Gahavova & Miroslav Lukac ✕
Thur 5th <i>feria of Lent</i>	13.05	Felix Godinho ✕
Fri 6th <i>feria of Lent</i>	13.05 18.30	Felix Godinho ✕ Holy Souls ✕
Sat 7th (<i>Sts Perpetua & Felicity</i>)	10.30†	Felix Godinho ✕
Next Sunday THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	09.30 11.00†	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2.5-8 John 4:5-42

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

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

Last week: £1,037.06 (*cash £125.06 card £192.00 standing orders £720*) \$20

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 March 2026: *For disarmament and peace.* Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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, Dn Stephen

Recently Departed: Ossie Aisbitt *priest*, Carlo Torri

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