



# 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*



## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8th March 2026

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that through Baptism Christ becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is poured into our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We really come alive. We become in our turn the wells of God's goodness at which people drink. Christ is the spring of life in us.



**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.

**The Archbishop** is coming to MBP the week after next. He's keen to see you, so please be sure to be here to welcome him.

**Choral Evensong** on Wednesday this week, 19.00 a *treasure to be shared*.

**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 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 opn

**The end of the Tax Year** approaches. If you haven't yet, be sure to *Gift Aid* your donations to MPB. Higher Tax and Super Tax payers should include these on their Tax Return to receive a refund themselves.

**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.



**“Having spend many years praying for unity with Peter, it was extraordinary to be there talking with him!”** So said Bishop David Waller after a meeting with Pope Leo XIV last week.

Bishop David Waller, travelled to Rome where he was received in audience by the Holy Father.

Bishop Waller met the Holy Father together with Bishop Stevens Lopes, who is the Ordinary of the North American ordinariate, the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. Many will remember when he came to MPB on the first Sunday of Advent. As in the UK there are many in the United States who were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church those who come from the Anglican tradition while allowing them to retain elements of distinctive spiritual and liturgical heritage.

The Bishops of the Ordinariates from the UK, the US and Australia, arranged their annual meeting to be in Rome this year. This gave the bishops an opportunity to speak directly with the Holy Father about the pastoral realities of the Ordinariates, to share their hopes and concerns, and to receive encouragement in their ministry. Although such audiences are usually private and little detail is made public, they remain a visible sign of the unity that binds local communities of the Church to the See of Peter. The bishops visited each of the Dicasteries and it is hugely encouraging that the Holy Father invited them to a private audience and asked them to make a report on the work and mission of the Ordinariates.

Bishop Waller, was appointed by Pope Francis to lead the ordinariate and in 2024, was ordained by Cardinal Fernandez, the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of

the Faith, who came to Westminster Cathedral especially. This significant event marked an important moment in the life of the ordinariate, giving us a bishop of our own to shepherd the faithful and clergy who belong to it.

The meeting in Rome was planned to bring together the three leaders of the ordinariates that exist throughout the world. Alongside those in Britain and North America there is also the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, which serves Australia and parts of the Pacific region. Bishop Randazzo had a stop-over flight from Australia via the Middle East, so was delayed due to the war in Iran. Although separated by distance, these communities share a common mission: to bring the riches of the Anglican patrimony into the life of the Catholic Church and to serve the work of evangelisation.

This audience was a reminder of our close connection with the wider Church and with the successor of St Peter. Even small communities scattered across different parts of England and Wales are united with Catholics throughout the world through that bond of communion.

As the Church continues her mission in our own time, moments such as this meeting between Bishop Waller and Pope Leo XIV serve as quiet but important signs of that unity. They remind us that the life of the Church is not confined to one parish or one nation, but is part of a worldwide communion of faith centred on Christ and held together through the ministry of the Holy Father.

Pray for Bishop Waller and all who serve the ordinariate that our work may continue to strengthen the Church and draw many people more deeply into the life of Christ and His Church.

#### **Ordinariate Prayer for the Pope**


O God, the pastor and ruler of all the faithful, mercifully look upon thy servant Pope Leo whom thou hast been pleased to set as pastor over thy Church: grant him, we beseech thee, to be in word and conversation a wholesome example to the people committed to his charge; that he with them may attain unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**CHRISTUS MEDICUS** A group for Catholic students of the healthcare professions and biosciences!

Join us for fellowship, prayer, discussion and learning!

This semester (February - April 2026), six lectures will be delivered by an exciting range of special guest speakers on the theme of:

## An Introduction to Catholic Bioethics



Where?  
Chaplaincy Room, King's College London, Guy's Campus

When?  
Every Wednesday, 18:00-19:30 from 25<sup>th</sup> February

We welcome current healthcare and bioscience students from all London universities. To sign up, please use your university email to contact Laurence Jasper, KCL Catholic Lay Chaplain, at [laurence.jasper@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:laurence.jasper@kcl.ac.uk)




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### About Holy Communion.

Receiving Holy Communion at Mass is one of the most intimate things we will ever do. It is an encounter with the Lord himself, with God, and you can't get more intimate than that! So it's right that we should do so in an intimate and special way.

When the priest (or minister) says 'The Body of Christ', look at them in the eye. Say 'Amen' firmly but lovingly. As the Host is placed on your tongue or on the palm of your left hand, take a second to adore the Lord Jesus truly present to you, and for you. Consume (eat) it straight away. Do not walk away until you have. As well as the priest needing to be sure you have indeed consumed the Host, it is not particularly respectful or reverent to have that intimate encounter with the Lord wandering-off back to your seat! Once you have received Holy Communion, return to your place, with your eyes down, just looking to get you back to your seat. There kneel, or remain standing as you say a heartfelt thanksgiving, perhaps the *Anima Christi*, pray for anything special or important - it's a very powerful time of prayer!

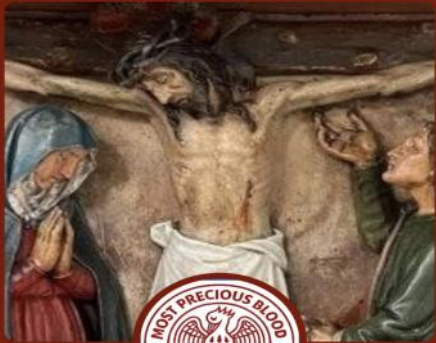
**Before.** Keep the Eucharistic Fast. The Church asks us to prepare for Holy Communion by '...abstaining from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least one hour before Holy Communion.'

**After.** Say 'thank you'. Before you end the day, when you pray before bed, as you give your thanksgiving, thank God for the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion.



## LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

[wordonfire.org/reflections](http://wordonfire.org/reflections)




### Lent Project

Single Monthly

Select donation amount:

£20 £50 £100 + Other

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	09.30 <b>11.00†</b>	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners
Mon 9th <i>(St Frances of Rome)</i>		
Tues 10th <i>feria of Lent</i>	13.05	David Skeoch <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.2016</i>
Wed 11th <i>feria of Lent</i>	08.00 13.05	FrC's private intention Holy Souls ✕
Thur 12th <i>feria of Lent</i>	13.05	Holy Souls ✕
Fri 13th <i>feria of Lent</i>	13.05 18.30	Holy Souls ✕ Pope Francis ✕ <i>(elected this day 2013)</i>
Sat 14th <i>feria of Lent</i>	10.30†	Holy Souls ✕
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	09.30 <b>11.00†</b>	Arthur Pearson ✕ <i>d.1960</i> Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** 1 Samuel 16:1.6.10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

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

† **Mass in the Ordinary 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](http://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, the Holy Land, Syria, the Middle East

*Those who are Sick:* Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Amaogechi, Kathie, Norman, Dn Stephen, Fr Alan

*Recently Departed:* Ossie Aisbitt *priest*, Carlo Torri

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