



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*



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th May 26

In the gospel reading today, we hear that the Holy Spirit restores us to life. After his resurrection, Christ promised that he would send the Holy Spirit on his Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's Name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the Church. Alleluia!



The Lord is risen, Alleluia! Easter has fifty days. The fortieth is this Thursday. Alleluia!

Ascension Day is Thursday this week, a day of obligation. Mass at 13.05 & 18.30

Bishop David Waller is with us today, he is the Bishop of the Ordinariate here in E&W

Ianne, Marco & Marlo are to receive the Holy Spirit today in Confirmation. Please pray for them and for John (who was confirmed in Singapore), today and in the days ahead.

Welcome to family and friends of our candidates who are here to support them and pray with them.

Festal Evensong on Wednesday this week at 19.00, the first evensong for Ascension Day

Easter lilies in memory of loved ones - their names will be on the altar until Pentecost.

AI & Evangelisation. A Conference at Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen, Saturday 6th June, 09:30 – 16.00 rcai.magnicharity.org

The Tyburn Martyrs Walk - Sunday 17th May. 13.30 from St Giles-in-the-Fields to the site of Tyburn gallows. Benediction and Tea at Tyburn Convent.

Richard Evans died on Monday last week in his 91st year of age. He was a founder member of the Ordinariate and a great supporter here at MPB. His Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 26th May at Clare Priory, Suffolk at 14.30. *Lord, be merciful to him.*

Mary's month of May. Visit Our Lady today, and honour her every day this month.

Rosaries are available if you do not have one. Remember, you should never use anyone else's Rosary: only use your own.

Sanctity of Life Pilgrimage on Saturday, the 1st of August 2026 to Walsingham in reparation for abortion, all mothers and fathers facing this very difficult decision. prolifepilgrimage.org/how-to-get-there

Join the Rosary Group in Church either on Sundays at 10.15 and Fridays at 19.00





So what does the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord mean for us? It does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world. Christ's Ascension is not a journey into space toward the most remote stars; for basically, the planets, like the earth, are also made of physical elements.

Christ's Ascension means that he no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our life. It means that he belongs entirely to God. He, the Eternal Son, led our human existence into God's presence, taking with him flesh and blood in a transfigured form.

The human being finds room in God; through Christ, the human being was introduced into the very life of God. And since God embraces and sustains the entire cosmos, the Ascension of the Lord means that Christ has not departed from us, but that he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, close to each one of us for ever. Each one of us can be on intimate terms with him; each can call upon him. The Lord is always within hearing. We can inwardly draw away from him. We can live turning our backs on him. But he always waits for us and is always close to us.

In a concrete way the Lord makes himself close to us. The Lord promises the disciples his Holy Spirit. We hear that the Holy Spirit will give "power" to the disciples; the Gospel adds that he will guide them to the whole truth. As the living Word of God, Jesus told his disciples everything, and God can give no more than

himself. In Jesus, God gave us his whole self, that is, he gave us everything. As well as or together with this, there can be no other revelation which can communicate more or in some way complete the Revelation of Christ. In him, in the Son, all has been said to us, all has been given.

But our understanding is limited: thus, the Spirit's mission is to introduce the Church, in an ever new way from generation to generation, into the greatness of Christ's mystery. The Spirit places nothing different or new beside Christ; no pneumatic revelation comes with the revelation of Christ - as some say -, no second level of Revelation.

No: "He will have received from me...", Christ says in the Gospel (Jn 16: 14). And as Christ says only what he hears and receives from the Father, thus the Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Christ. "He will have received from me". He does not lead us to other places, far from Christ, but takes us further and further into Christ's light. Consequently, Christian Revelation is both ever old and new. Thus, all things are and always have been given to us. At the same time, every generation, in the inexhaustible encounter with the Lord - an encounter mediated by the Holy Spirit - always learns something new.

The Holy Spirit, therefore, is the power through which Christ causes us to experience his closeness. But the first reading also has something else to say: you will be my witnesses. The Risen Christ needs witnesses who have met him, people who have known him intimately through the power of the Holy Spirit; those who have, so to speak, actually touched him, can witness to him.

It is in this way that the Church, the family of Christ, "beginning at Jerusalem"..., as the Reading says, spread to the very ends of the earth. It is through witnesses that the Church was built - starting with Peter and Paul and the Twelve, to the point of including all who, filled with Christ, have rekindled down the centuries and will rekindle the flame of faith in a way that is ever new. All Christians in their own way can and must be witnesses of the Risen and Ascended Lord.

*Extract of the Homily of
Pope Benedict XVI
Ascension Day 2005
St John Lateran*

ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

DEPARTING 3.30PM

FROM OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
AND ST GREGORY, WARWICK STREET, SOHO, W1B 5LZ

TOWARDS ST JAMES'S SPANISH PLACE
VIA THE UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL,
CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life



Celebrant: Rt Rev Peter Collins,
Bishop of East Anglia

When: 1st August 2026

Where: Shrine of Our Lady Of Walsingham

Time: 12:00-17:00, beginning with the Pilgrim Mass at noon

Coaches from:

- Central London
- East London
- Aylesbury
- Bedford
- Dunstable and Luton
- Milton Keynes
- Northampton and Kettering
- Harpenden, St. Alban's and Letchworth

Further information about the pilgrimage, booking, livestreaming and coach meeting points can be found on the website:

<https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>



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confirmed
promise
of heaven* ”

Pope Benedict 2012



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Our Lady
of Fatima

Pray
for us

alleluia



Miraculous Medals are available at OL's altar today. Carry one with you this May

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Ken Burrows ✕ <i>d.2015</i> Parishioners
Mon 11th <i>of Eastertide</i>		
Tues 12th (<i>St Pancras</i>)	13.05	Dorothy BG ✕ <i>d. 1985</i>
Wed 13th (<i>OL of Fatima</i>)	13.05	Richard Evans ✕ <i>recently</i>
Thur 14th ASCENSION OF THE LORD	13.05 18.30	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners
Fri 15th <i>of Eastertide</i>	13.05	Zofia Oberc ✕
Sat 16th <i>St Simon Stock</i>	10.30†	Kristijan <i>birthday</i>
Next Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	09.30 11.00	Tiziano & Sara <i>married this week</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11

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: £1,198.77 (*cash £128.27 card £490.50 standing orders £580*) €5

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 May 2026: *That everyone might have food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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, Iwan Williams

Peace: In Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, the Middle East

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Amaogechi, Kathie,
Fr Alan,

Recently Departed: Raymond Ashworth *priest*, Richard Evans

Find us on: *Facebook:* "preciousbloodSE1"

YouTube: [youtube.com/preciousbloodlondonbridge](https://www.youtube.com/preciousbloodlondonbridge)

Fr Christopher Pearson *OLW Parish Priest*

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