



# 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*



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 26

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that Christ is our model of prayer and suffering. Prayer is the birth-right of every Christian. It is as natural to us as the air we breathe. The early Christians were people of deep prayer and suffered for their faith. Prayer and suffering are two sides of the same coin by which Christ gives glory to God, in us. Alleluia!



**The Lord is risen, Alleluia!** Easter has fifty days, the last is next week. Alleluia!

**Pentecost** is next week, when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Wear something red.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham** with the Ordinariate is in a few weeks 26-28 May. See poster for more information.

**The Ordinariate's Festival** is in Eastbourne this year 13-15 October. See [eastbourneordinariate.org.uk](http://eastbourneordinariate.org.uk)

**We Believe** is a festival in Birmingham 24-27 July [webeliefefestival.com](http://webeliefefestival.com)

**No Mass** during this week as FrC is away.

**Bishop David Waller** is thoroughly enjoyed himself last week!

**Ianne, Marco & Marlo** received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Please continue to pray for them.

**Catholic History Walk**, Thursday, 21st, in the footsteps of St Thomas More. 15.00 starts at Holy Redeemer, Chelsea, SW3.

**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](http://rcai.magnicharity.org)

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

**Richard Evans** Funeral Mass will be on Tue 26th May at Clare Priory, Suffolk at 14.30 .  
*Lord, for your faith life changed, not ended.*

**Rosaries** are available if you do not have one. Pray it each day in Mary's Month.

**Sanctity of Life Pilgrimage** on Saturday, the 1st August to Walsingham in reparation for abortion, all mothers and fathers facing this very difficult decision. [prolifepilgrimage.org](http://prolifepilgrimage.org)

**World Communications** is today with a second collection.





## **What is Christian Hope?**

### ***“Life-Changing and Life-Sustaining”***

In a world where disappointment so easily hardens into resignation, Christian hope does not begin with optimism about the future. It begins with a Person: Jesus risen from the dead. Only in the light of the Risen Lord can we understand the true dimensions of the Christian faith as “a life-changing and life-sustaining hope.”

### ***Hope is faith moving toward God***

Hope belongs to the very heart of belief. The Catechism teaches that the first commandment summons man “to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him above all else.” Hope is therefore not a vague emotion, but a theological virtue: “the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God,” together with a real seriousness about offending God’s love.

This hope is also morally demanding. The Catechism speaks of “sins against hope,” especially despair - which “ceases to hope for [one’s] personal salvation,” forgiveness, and help—because it fails to trust God’s faithfulness and mercy. In contrast, hope steadies the heart: it refuses to interpret sin and suffering as final words that cannot be answered by God.

### ***Not escape, but meaning - especially in suffering***

Pope Benedict XVI emphasizes that Christian hope is not turned away from life; it transforms daily existence. Hope “aspires... to that happiness and full and total joy which we call eternal life,” and precisely because of this, it gives direction and enduring significance to “our small hopes and the efforts we make” to change the world toward justice.

Christian hope also lives truthfully with suffering. Pope Benedict notes that while we must “do whatever we can to reduce suffering,” we cannot entirely eliminate it, since evil

and sin still wound human life. Yet suffering can “educate and fortify our hope,” because what cures the human being is not escape from tribulation but maturity through it, finding meaning through union with Christ.

### ***The Gospel opens the future***

In *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict explains why hope is inseparable from faith. Scripture shows that “hope” and “faith” are linked so closely that they can appear almost interchangeable in the New Testament. Before faith, people were “without hope and without God in the world”; but Christians know their life will not end in emptiness - the future is certain enough to live the present differently.

He adds something decisive: the Gospel is not merely “informative” but “performative” - it makes things happen and becomes “a gift of a trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present: the present, even if it is arduous.”

### ***Hope is personal and communal***

Christian hope is never purely private. It belongs to the Church, which is “for the sake of one hope,” so that divisions will be overcome at its fulfillment. It is also community hope for the Church and for the human family, since it is “always essentially also hope for others; only thus is it truly hope for me too.”

Finally, Christian hope reaches beyond death. In the light of Christ’s Paschal mystery - our only hope - death is understood as passage: “the Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is ‘away from the body and at home with the Lord.’”

### ***A resolution for this week***

May this Sunday after the Ascension renew your trust in God: when clouds gather on the horizon, believers do not “be afraid.” Their great hope is eternal life in communion with Christ, which gives strength to face and overcome difficulties in this world.

Let the week begin with a simple act: insert your daily efforts - small as they seem - into God’s mercy, and ask for the grace of living without despair, even when your endurance is tested.

# ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

DEPARTING 3.30PM

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

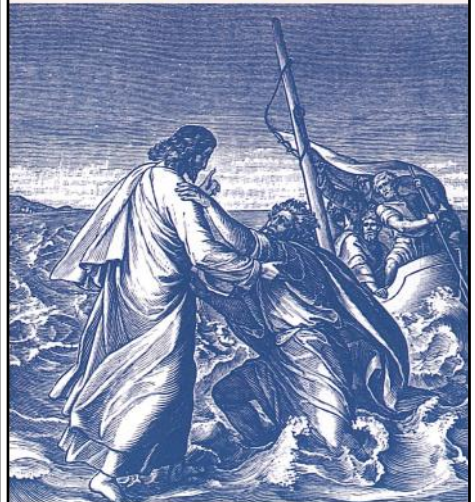
TOWARDS ST JAMES'S SPANISH PLACE  
VIA THE UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL,  
CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION



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



## Into Full Communion



*The Story of Anglicanorum Coetibus*

Joanna Bogle

Joanna's new book on the Ordinariate is now on sale. She will be available for book signings next week.



Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham  
*under the patronage of Saint John Henry Newman*

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2026

Tuesday 26th May 2.00pm

Visit to the Site of the Shrine of St Etheldreda  
Meet at the West End of Ely Cathedral 2.00pm  
Mass will be offered in the course of the afternoon

Wednesday 27th 10:30am-5.15pm

Pilgrim day in King's Lynn at the Pontifical Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in The Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, London Road, King's Lynn PE30 5HQ  
Morning Prayer, Talk, Mass, Lunch, optional afternoon activities, tea and Evening prayer.

Thursday 28th May

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM

10.15 gather in coach park for rosary procession  
*(On arrival at The Shrine Singers to gather with Fr Alex)*

12.00. SHRINE MASS *(Divine Worship)*



Please could you email the VG if you are coming to help with logistics and catering (especially for King's Lynn) [David.tashbrooke@ordinariate.org.uk](mailto:David.tashbrooke@ordinariate.org.uk) and if you are celebrating at any of the celebrations especially Walsingham please email The Bishop.

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>Sunday</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Tiziano & Sara <i>married this week</i> Parishioners
Mon 18th ( <i>Pope St John I</i> )		
Tues 19th ( <i>St Dunstan</i> )		
Wed 20th ( <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i> )		
Thur 21st ( <i>St Christopher Magallanes</i> )		
Fri 22nd ( <i>St Rita of Cascia</i> )		
Sat 23rd of <i>Easter tide</i>		
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>PENTECOST</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Blessings for Margaret Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

**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: £1,460.36** (*cash £126.36 card £754.50 standing orders £580*) €10 \$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](http://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

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