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

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
4th October 2026

In the gospel reading today, we hear of the Lord of the vineyard. God is master of all creation and the giver of all gifts. If we do not use these gifts properly he will take them away from us. If our lives are full of prayer and thanksgiving then the God of peace will be with us always.

St John Henry Newman's image will be installed at Solemn Evensong on Thursday this week by Bp David. We also have guest preacher, Fr Ed Tomlinson from the Pembury Ordinariate Group. Refreshments follow. *All welcome!*

A Novena, for St John Henry began on 30 Sept: copies at the back of Church. Never too late… Bring petitions and requests to our patron

The Portrait of St JHN which currently occupies his shrine will have a new home. In the meanwhile, it is available to parishioners as a focus for devotions in your home. See FrC to join the rota.

October is the month of the Rosay. Join the group which gather in Church each Sunday at 10.15 and Friday at 19.00

Harvest. Thank you to all who brought gifts and made offerings for the Manna Centre. If you forgot, there's still a chance this week.

Missio is the Holy Father world mission. There's a second collection next week.

Ordinariate members still have time, just, to sign up for the *Annual Festival* which this year is in Eastbourne, 13 - 15 October. More info here: *eastbourneordinariate.org.uk/ordinariate-festival-2026*

Can you work a duster? Come and join the faithful group who gather to clean the church each Saturday at 11am. Coffee available.

Adoremus 2026 is next weekend. Various events inc Mass with Archbishop Wilson 12.00 at St George's Cathedral and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 15.00 form St George's Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral. cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026

Lectors' Recollection on 31 Oct 2026, Saturday from 10am to 15:30. Please confirm your attendance with May (may.rabuya@yahoo.com) or Lesley.

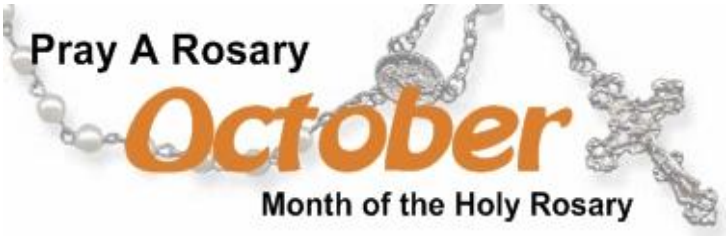
An Ambo podium has arrived! Thank you to the donor who made this addition and worthy piece of furniture possible.

When receiving Holy Communion, the Church gives us a choice: standing, kneeling; on the tongue or in the hand. There's a wide gap and wide kneelers, so it's up to you.

The Organ Recital series begins Saturday at 12.30 with Loreto Aramendi (Organista Titular, Basílica Santa Maria del Coro, San Sebastián).

Small Groups. Thank you those who offered being a host. On reflection, the gatherings will happen in the *Long Room* from Christ the King 22 Nov, for four weeks. You are asked to sign up for one evening and commit for four weeks. There will also be one afternoon session for those who don't like the dark.

World Youth Day 2027 is in Seoul, South Korea, the first week in August. Would you like to join the group going with the Archbishop? Funding help might be available.



The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, because that the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on the 7th October. It was instituted to honour of Our Lady in thanksgiving for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful; and the feast was introduced by Pope St Pius V in 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory in the Battle of Lepanto on 7th October 1571. He attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there!

Legend says that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St Dominic (1170- 1221) by Our Lady, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians (a Christian heresy). Pope St Pius V, a Dominican, spread the Rosary further and it became one of the most popular devotions, and in 1569 officially approved in its present form.

Scholarship traces the development of the Rosary to the Middle Ages where it came into being in various medieval monasteries as a substitute for the Divine Office for the lay monks and devout lay persons who did not know how to read. Instead of the 150 psalms, they would pray 150 "Our Fathers" counting them on a ring of beads known as the crown or "corona". With the growth of popularity of Marian devotion in the twelfth century, the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary" developed now substituting 150 "Hail Marys" in place of the "Our Fathers."

The 150 "Hail Marys" were then subdivided into 15 decades by the young Dominican friar, Henry Kalkar (1328-1408), with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Dominican, Ananus de Rupe (1428-1478) further divided the episodes in the history of salvation into the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. He also attributed the origin of the Rosary , then known as the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin" to St Dominic and encouraged the Dominican Order to make the Apostolate of the Rosary their special concern. The Dominicans have, since then, promoted the Rosary with notable results.

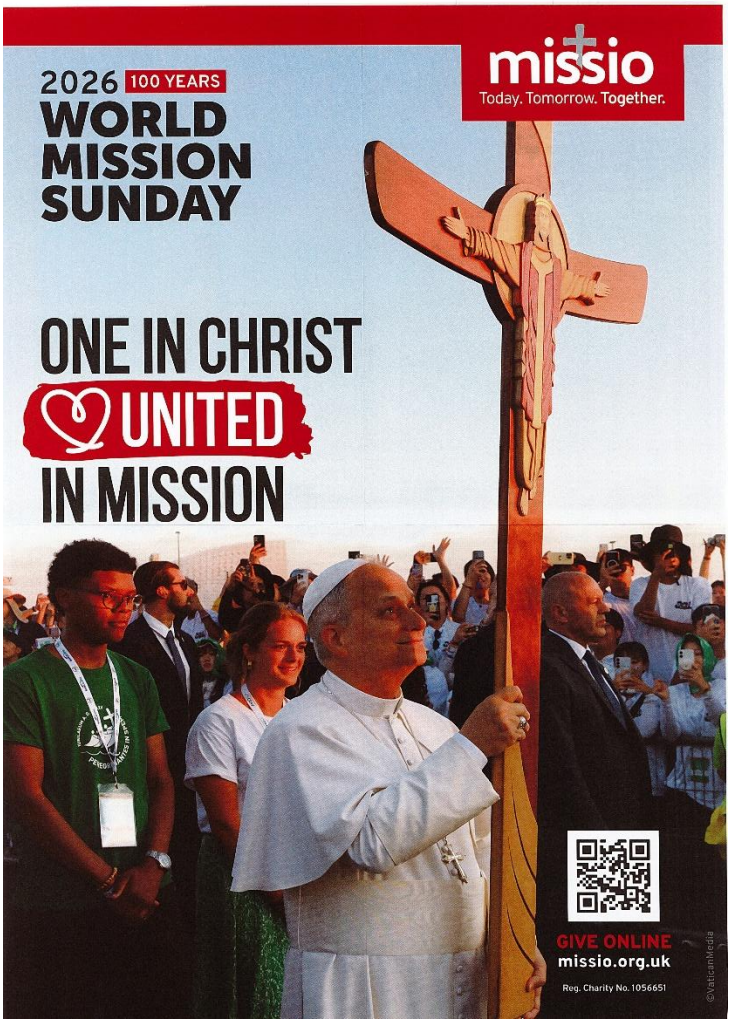
The practice of dedicating the month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII strongly promoted devotion to Our Lady by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. On 1st September 1883, with *Supremo Apostolatus Officio*, he wrote a total of eleven encyclicals on the Rosary, ending with *Diuturni Temporis* in 1898.

The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer. This can be summarized by the traditional phrase used by Pope Pius XII that the Rosary is " a compendium of the entire Gospel". The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption.

Many other popes have contributed to help increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings. Pope Paul VI devoted the last section of his Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus* to the Angelus and the Rosary. In this document he wrote that "the Rosary retains an unaltered value and intact freshness."

In October 2002 in his Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* Pope St John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism in the Jordan; The Wedding at Cana; The Proclamation of the Kingdom; The Transfiguration; and The Institution of the Eucharist. He called the Rosary his favourite prayer, "...in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart."

In this month of October, why not consider praying the Rosary, if you don't already, as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.



Choral evensong of
St John Henry Newman
8 October at 7pm
Bishop David Waller
will bless the new Image of StJHN
Preacher: Fr Ed Tomlinson

All welcome

The Month of the Rosary

In October, all who recite five decades of the Rosary in church or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful, may gain a plenary indulgence; in other circumstances a partial indulgence. A partial indulgence may be obtained daily by reciting the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer to St Joseph.

ADOREMUS 2026
10 October

St George's Cathedral

10.30 – Presentations on Art and Life

12.00 – The Adoremus Mass, Abp Wilson

After Mass – Keynote by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP: "The Eucharist: Our sacrament of hope in dark times"

15.00 – Eucharistic Procession from St George's to Westminster Cathedral

Westminster Cathedral

17.00 – Solemn Benediction

18.00 – Holy Mass

19.30 to 21.30 – Devotions by youth ministry teams

Midnight to 06.00 – All-night Vigil, closing with Mass at 6am Sunday

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day			Time	Intention
Sunday - 27th of the Year			09.30	Fatima & family
Trinity XVIII			**11.00**†	Parishioners
Mon	5th	*(St Faustina)*		
Tues	6th	*(St Bruno)*	13.05	Holy Souls ✠
Wed	7th	*OL of the Rosary*	13.05	Harry Nettleingham ✠ *d.1983*
Thur	8th	*feria*	13.05	Patrick O'Donnell ✠ *year's mind*
Fri	9th	***St John Henry Newman***	13.05	Holy Souls ✠
Sat	10th	*of Our Lady*	10.30	Holy Souls ✠
Next Sunday - 28th of the Year			09.30	Kathy Cotterell ✠ *recently*
Trinity XIX			**11.00**†	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-20 Matthew 22:1-14

Sacrament of Confession. Tue - Fri, 12.30 - 12.55 & Saturday 10.00 - 10.25

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

Last week: **£1,108.27** *(cash £191.27 card £337.00 standing orders £580)*

Harvest **£297.00** *(cash £0.00 card £297.00)* ***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 October 2026: ***For mental health ministry***
Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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: Fr Philip Gerlomes OP, Iwan Williams
Peace: In Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, the Middle East
Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Rita, Amaogechi, Kathie, David, Norma
Recently Departed: Harry Bramma, Rene Fish, Timothy Kelliher, Thomas Scannell *priest*

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