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-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
18th October 2026

In the gospel reading today, we hear that we must give the Lord the glory and the power. God alone is king and to him we must give the homage of our love and obedience. All temporal power is subordinate to God's rule over the universe. We must get our priorities right - God first; all others only in relation to him.

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 which they came to collect last week. You gave £823

The Manna Society have sent a *Thank You* for your kind donations at Harvest. They carry out a Corporal Work of Mercy: to feed the hungry.

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

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

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

The new Ambo podium has garnered complimentary remarks. Lectors are asked to use the steps, for H&S!

Small Groups. Want to know more about the Faith? Want to know more people? Sign up for one evening and commit for four weeks beginning the week of 24th November. There will also be one afternoon session for those who don't like the dark. See the website /smallgroups

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.

Mary's Meals say *thank you* very much for your donation in the collection box. They auction it on various on-line platforms. If in doubt, don't chuck it out. *See Valarie*

GraceMeet is a new Catholic matchmaking service for single adults seriously seeking marriage. There is no swiping. Each week an AI suggests a small number of carefully chosen matches based on faith, values and life stage, every profile is identity verified, and the service is free while in its early stages. Find out more at gracemeetapp.com.

Last Will & Testament, have you written one? Got questions on how to go about it? There's a seminar to help and answer any question on 7th November in the Amigo Hall. *See poster.*

November is not far away. All Saints' Day will be a Sunday this year and All Souls on a Monday - Mass at 08.00, 13.05 & 19.00. Offerings for the Holy Souls can be made on-line. Names will be placed on the Altar. See website /holysouls

The Mass Sheet is produced each week especially. Rather than give it back, take it with you. Re-read readings. Re-enjoy the poetry of the hymns. Take it to a friend. Leave it in the pub/ dentists/doctors…

GMT resumes next Sunday, so don't forget to put your clocks back by one hour.

Did you know, seven days with going to Mass makes one weak?

World Mission Sunday

A message from Pope Leo

World Mission Sunday this year gathers us once again around Jesus, 'the first and greatest evangeliser' (Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 7), who sends us out to proclaim the Gospel. We are asked to reflect on mission at the heart of the Christian faith. As believers in a world marked by disappointment, frustration, and torn apart by war, it is important to ask our-selves: What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

The Church's mission is based on the life-changing power of the Gospel. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn 14:6). He is the Way who invites us to follow him with courage. Doing this, we experience Truth and receive his Life, a life that sets us free from selfishness, encouraging us to love. God wants us to be transformed by being open to the Holy Spirit and following Christ ensuring the Gospel becomes a vital and effective tool to live by.

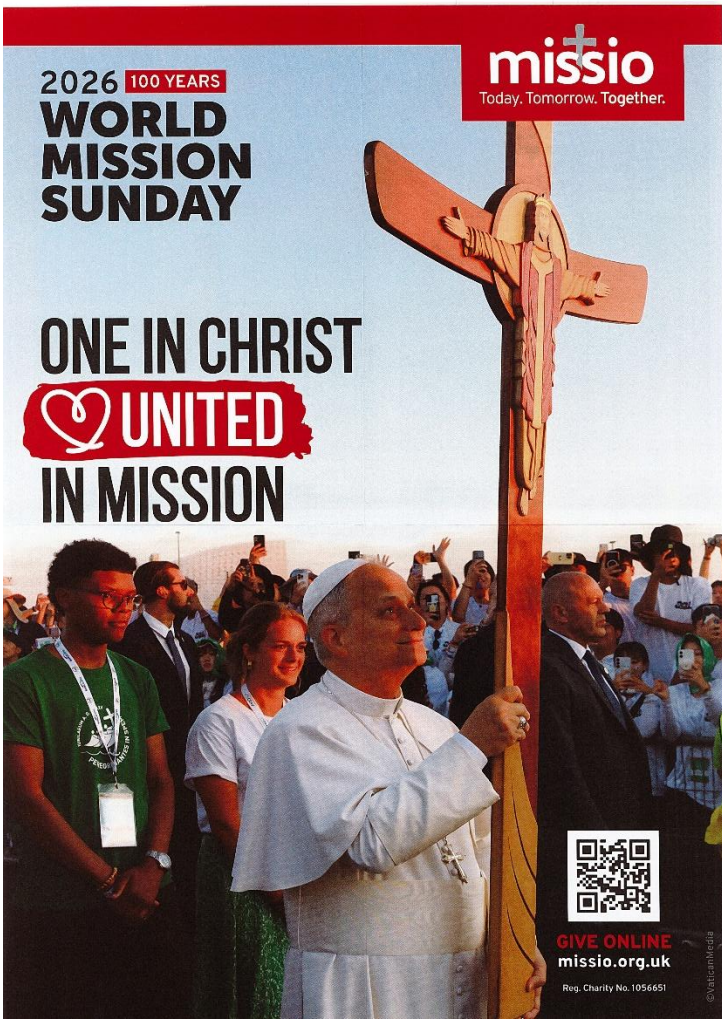
The Church's mission is not to spread a religious or grandiose ideology. Instead, Jesus Christ continues to evangelise and to act. Through the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary. 'Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.' *(Evangelii Gaudium, 276).* 'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a decisive direction' *(Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, 1).* The Gospel invites us to live our life participating in the Sacraments. Through Baptism, the Gospel becomes a source of new life. Through Confirmation, it becomes a fortifying anointing, pointing out new ways for witness. Through the Eucharist, it becomes food for new life *(Ignatius of Antioch, Ad Ephesios, 20, 2).* The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as Good Samaritan, caring for humanity's wounds, and as Good Shepherd, seeking out those who are lost on paths that lead nowhere. There are countless testimonies as to how the transformative power of the Gospel helps to overcome conflict, while promoting reconciliation.

The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirit of constant exodus. We are challenged 'to go forth from our own comfort zone to reach all the 'peripheries' (margins) in need of the Gospel' (Evangelii Gaudium, 20). The Church's mission urges us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across various deserts of life, as we hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church's mission inspires a sense of constant exile, as we journey towards our final home in the Kingdom of Heaven. Mission reminds us that we should not be a self-referential, self-obsessed Church.

Young people are the hope of mission. 'There are many young people who engage in various forms of activism and volunteering… How beautiful it is to see that young people are "street preachers", joy-fully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!' The next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2018 is on the theme Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.

The Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio) are a precious means of awakening in Christian communities - young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and religious orders - a desire to reach beyond their own confines to proclaim the Gospel to all. World Mission Sunday, promoted by Missio's APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith), is the ideal way for us all to support the pressing needs of evangelisation through our prayer, our witness and our giving.

In carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelisation. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life. May she help us to say our own 'yes', conscious of the need to make the Good News of Jesus resonate in our time. May she intercede for us so we can discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to everyone.



Names on the Altar during November

November
Month of the Holy Souls

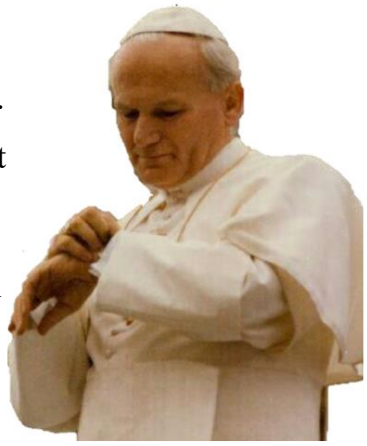
Lord, for your faithful,
life is changed, not ended

Fill in other side

Most Precious Blood, Borough SE1
preciousblood.org.uk/holysouls

Feast of Pope St John Paul II is Thursday this week.

Oh, and don't forget clocks go **back** our hour next week as Greenwich Mean Time resumes.



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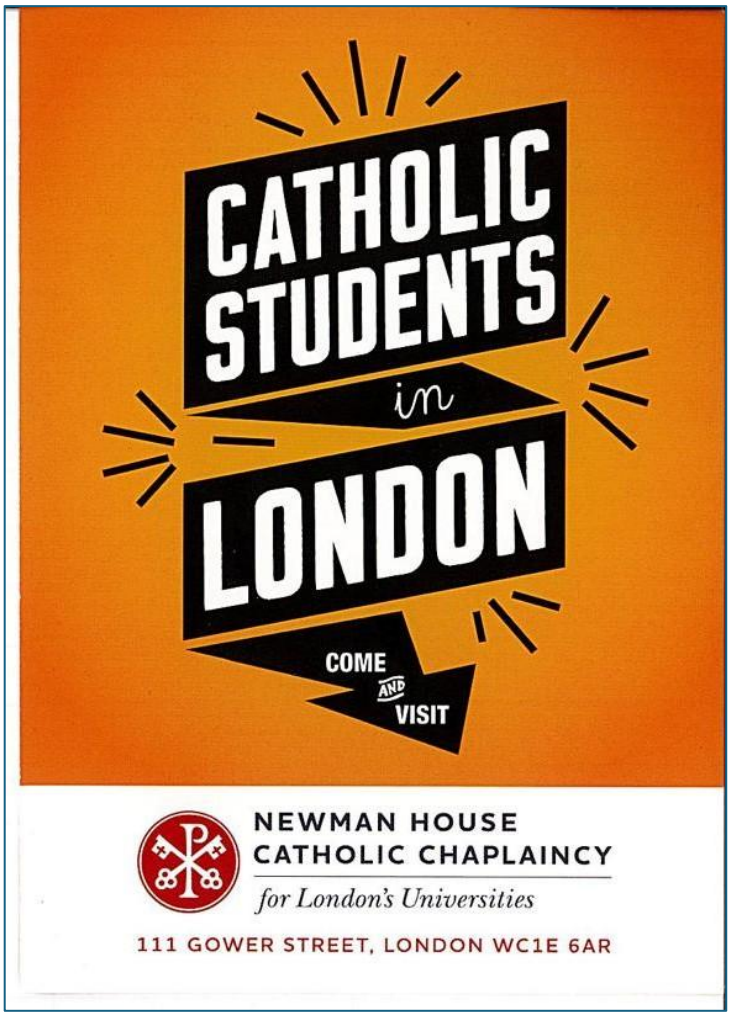

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday - 29th of the Year ***Trinity XX***	09.30 **11.00**†	Sr Anne Marie ND ✠ Parishioners
Mon 19th *(St Paul of the Cross)*		
Tues 20th *feria*	13.05	Wellbeing of the Slatter family
Wed 21st *feria*	13.05	Holy Souls ✠
Thur 22nd *(Pope St Joh Paul II)*	13.05	Ron Walker ✠ *d.1994*
Fri 23rd *(St John of Capistrano)*	13.05	FrC's intentions
Sat 24th *of Our Lady*	10.30	Holy Souls ✠
Next Sunday - 30th of the Year ***Trinity XXI***	09.30 **11.00**†	Pope Leo Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Exodus 22:20-26 1Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

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: **£1,010.67** *(cash £133.67 card £297.00 standing orders £580) $2*
Prisoner Sunday **£80.00** *(cash £50.00 card £30.00)*
Harvest **£823.00** *(in total)* ***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. Pope Leo
Recently Departed: Thomas Scannell *priest*

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