# 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 THIRTHIETH SUNDAY**
**IN ORDINARY TIME**
25th October 2026

**In the gospel reading today,** we hear that we are to love God and our neighbour. God is love and he made us in his own image. We love him with all our heart, soul and mind, because through his grace the pattern of our lifestyle is changed. We love our neighbour knowing that God lives in them also. We must help them in every way to show the quality of our love.

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

**Children at Mass** are a great blessing, sometimes called 'the Church of the future', but they are the Church of today! If they become restless parents get anxious, so we have in-stalled speakers in the porch and the *Long Room*, so you can escape and still listen.

**Open Church**, come and pray! The Church is open each day until late (normally 19.00). Visit the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**The Sacred Silence** at Mass is an opportunity for God to get a Word in our over noised lives. There's a silence after the homily and after Holy Communion. Let God speak in the silence as he feeds us with his Word and Sacrament.

**Early Mass on Thursday** this week. FrC has a meeting he must attend.

**No Mass on Saturday** here at MPB this week as we are all at the Lectors' Recollection Day.

**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

**Mary's Meals** say *thank you* very much for your donations. Old phones, currency, coins, jewellery, all help. S*ee Valarie*

**GraceMeet** is a new Catholic matchmaking service for single adults seriously seeking marriage. Each week an AI suggests a small number of carefully chosen matches based on faith, values and life stage, every profile is identity verified. 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.*

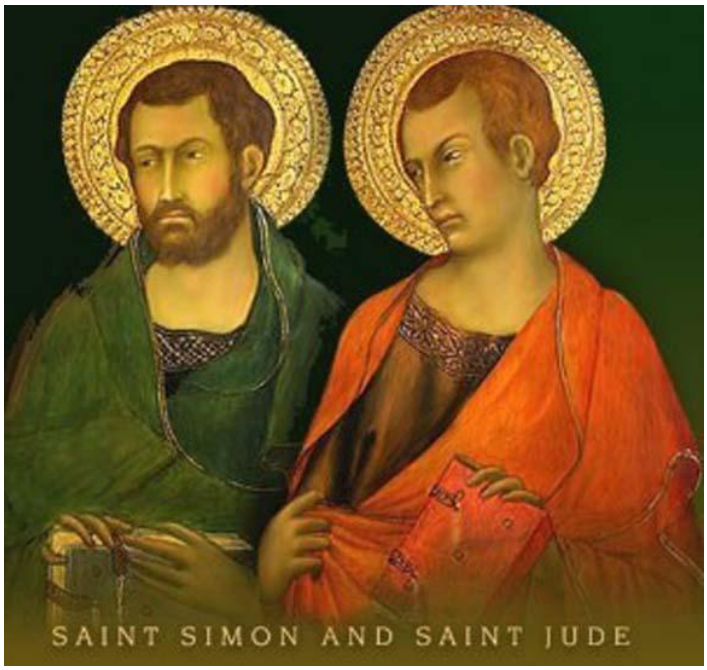
**November** begins next week with All Saints' Day on Sunday. All Souls on Monday – All Souls' Day Mass at 08.00, 13.05 & 19.00.

**Names of loved ones** to be remembered during November can be placed on the altar during the month of Holy Souls. Please use the envelopes at the back, or go on-line. See website /holysouls

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

**GiftAid** makes a huge difference to your giving. Thank you to those who do, there are a lot more who could, so please consider it and use the PayMachine to include 'all past future' donations

**Join March for Life** on Tuesday 12-2pm in Parliament Square as we remember the anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act. *See Poster.*




**Saints Simon and Jude, *Apostles.***

Celebrating their joint feast day on October 28th, the Church reminds us of the profound truth that holiness does not require worldly fame or historical fanfare. Instead, the lives of these two extraordinary men reveal how God uses ordinary, zealous hearts to build His eternal Kingdom.

We know very little about Saints Simon and Jude from the pages of the New Testament. In the Gospels, their names appear quietly in the lists of the Twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus. Yet, this relative obscurity carries a beautiful message for us sitting in the pews today. It reminds us that our primary call as Christians is not to be noticed by the world, but to be known and loved by Christ, faithfully fulfilling our mission exactly where we are planted. Their quiet service proves that every act of faith, no matter how unseen, is precious to God.

Saint Simon is often referred to as "the Zealot" or "the Cananaean." Before encountering Jesus, he likely belonged to a radical Jewish sect fiercely committed to defending Jewish law and opposing Roman occupation. His heart was filled with a burning, passionate zeal—but it was initially a worldly, political passion. When he met Jesus, his perspective was completely transformed. Christ did not extinguish Simon's intense zeal; rather, He elevated it to a supernatural level. Simon redirected his fiery energy away from earthly political battles and toward the spiritual conquest of souls, proving that Christ can take our natural temperaments and sanctify them for the work of the Gospel.

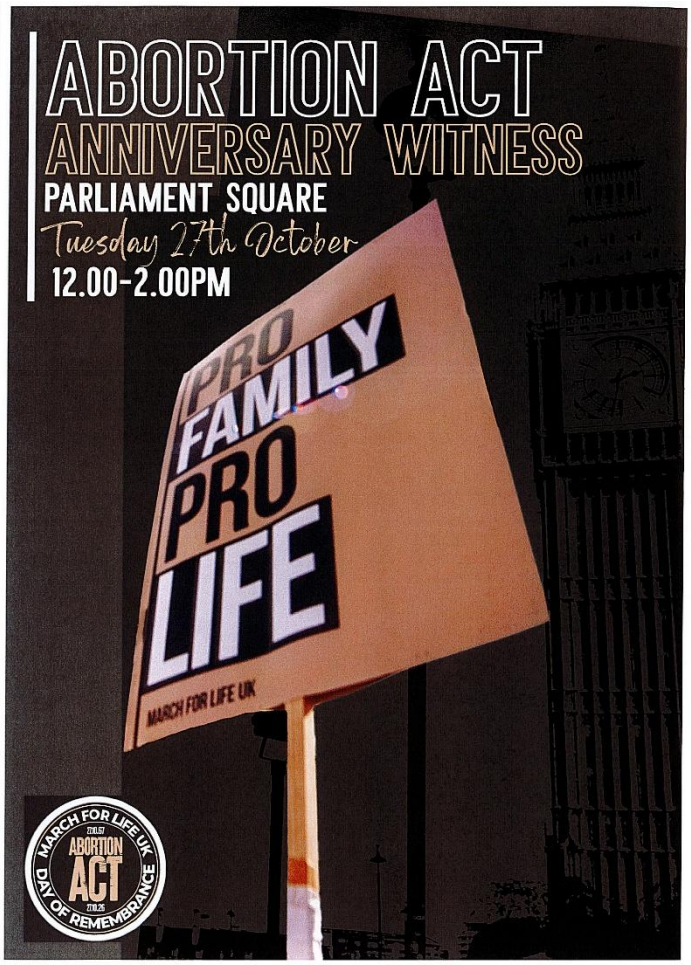
Alongside Simon stands Saint Jude, also known as Thaddaeus. (Not to be confused with Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus.) Because they shared a first name, early Christians were often hesitant to pray to Saint Jude, fearing they might accidentally invoke the traitor. For centuries, Jude was largely forgotten by popular devotion.

However, this historical neglect led to a beautiful tradition: Saint Jude became the patron saint of hopeless causes and desperate situations. The logic was simple—if you were down to your last hope, you turned to the saint who had been waiting the longest to help. Today, he is one of the most beloved intercessors in the Church, teaching us that no situation is ever too far gone for the grace of God.

Tradition tells us that after Pentecost, Simon and Jude partnered in their missionary journeys, traveling together to preach the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia. Side by side, the fierce former political radical and the quiet, faithful disciple brought thousands to the waters of baptism. They ultimately shared the crown of martyrdom in Persia, sealing their witness to Jesus Christ with their very blood. Because they laboured together and died together for the sake of the Kingdom, the Roman Catholic Church honours them together on the same day.

We ask for the powerful intercession of Saints Simon and Jude. May we inherit Saint Simon's holy zeal, channelling our energy into loving God and serving our neighbour. And when we face trials that seem insurmountable in our families or our world, let us look to Saint Jude with confidence, remembering that with God, all things are possible. May their witness inspire our parish community to stand firm in faith, united as a living temple built upon the foundation of the Apostles. Saints Simon and Jude, pray for us.

Their feast is on Wednesday this week




**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

THE MANNA DAY CENTRE
12 MELIOR STREET, LONDON SE1 3QP
www.mannasociety.org.uk
Tele: 020 7357 9363
(Day centre for homeless people & those in need)

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FOR YOUR
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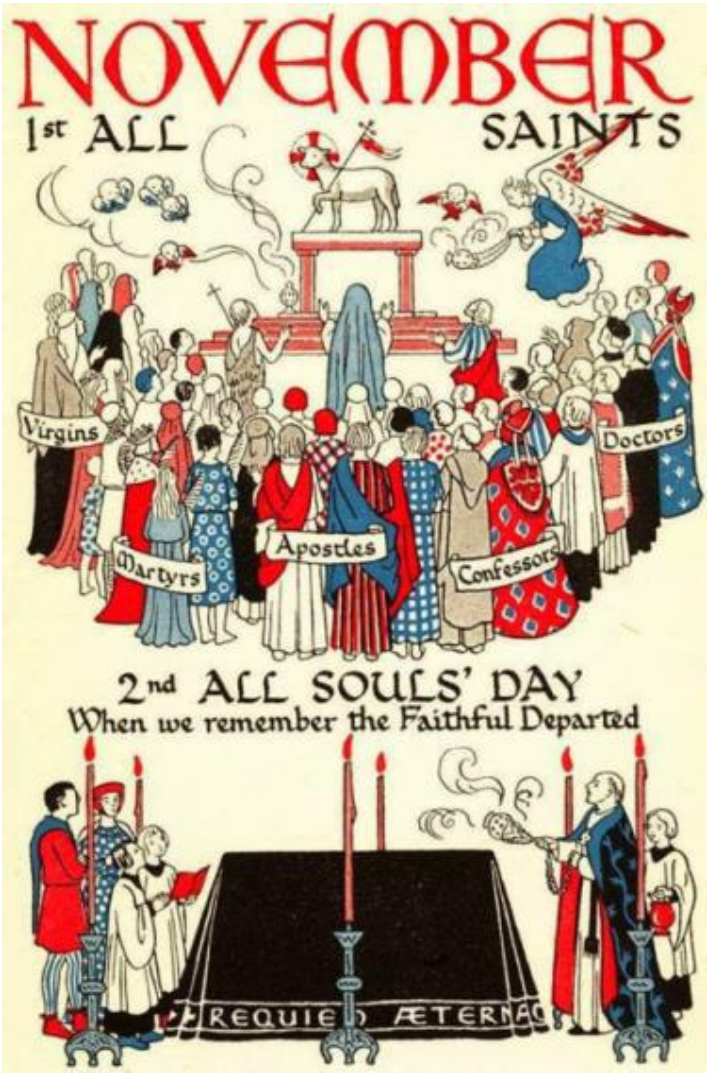


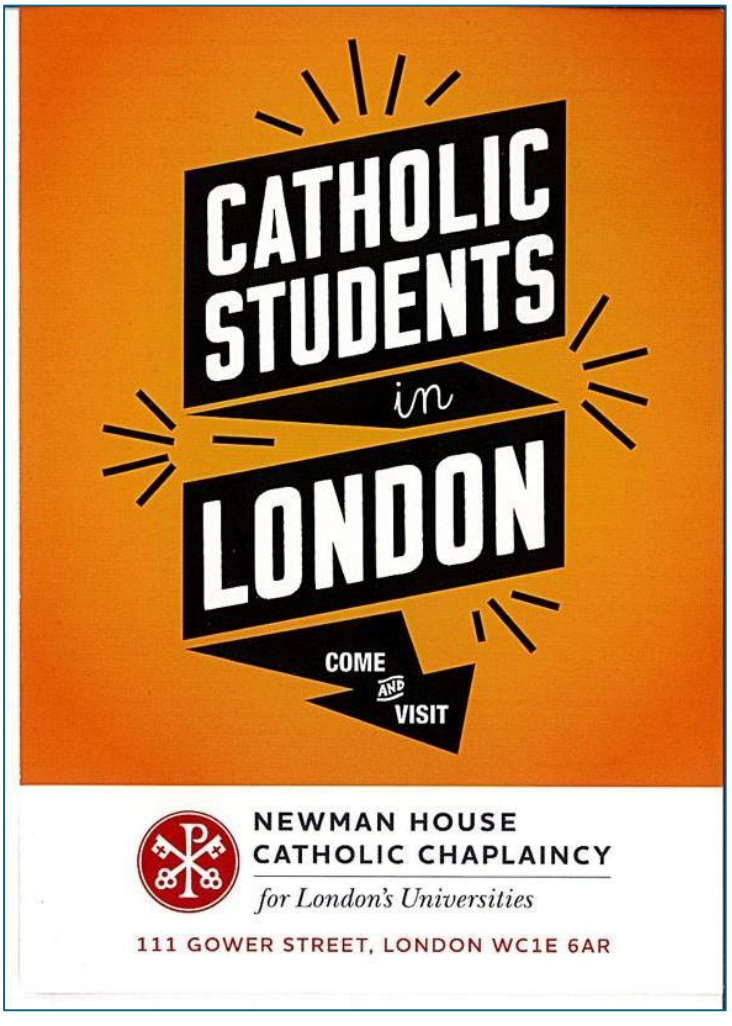

**This Week:** Mass & intentions

| Day | Time | Intention |
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| ***Sunday - 30th of the Year Trinity XXI*** | 09.30<br>**11.00**† | Pope Leo XIV *good health*<br>Parishioners |
| Mon 26th *(Sts Chadd & Cedd)* | | |
| Tues 27th *feria* | 13.05 | Holy Souls ✠ |
| Wed 28th ***Sts Simon & Jude*** | 13.05 | Holy Souls ✠ |
| Thur 29th *feria* | 08.00 | Holy Souls ✠ |
| Fri 30th *feria* | 13.05 | Holy Souls ✠ |
| Sat 31st *of Our Lady* | | |
| ***Next Sunday – All Saints' Day*** | 09.30<br>**11.00**† | Ian Lovell *priest* ✠ *d.1978*<br>Parishioners |

**Next Week's Readings** Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a

**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:** **£965.60** *(cash £113.60 card £272.00 standing orders £580) €30*

**World Mission** **£315.02** *(cash £109.02 card £206.00) €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 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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