



# Ordinate and Parish Church

## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

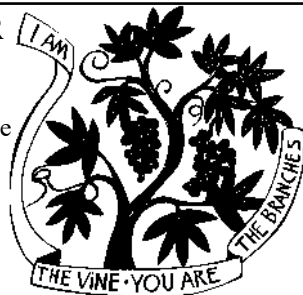
a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark  
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th April 2024

**In the gospel reading today**, we hear that Jesus is the true vine. We are to share the life of God through grace. It is like the sap in the branches that comes to them from the vine. If we really love God then we must allow Christ into our lives, which we share with him. By keeping his commandments of love, God will live in us.



**Vidi Aquam**, replaces the Rite of Confession at the Solemn Mass during Eastertide; confession is a renewal of our Baptism.

**The Easter Lily** names are on the Altar.

**Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.** The Archbishop warmly invites you to join him 23rd - 30th August 2024. Details on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk).

**The Archbishop** sent a Pastoral Message on Assisted Suicide. *Keep informed.*

**Mass Intention requests** can be made for a particular intention, personal or general, using the Mass Intention envelopes at the back, or on-line. There is no 'fee' however the tradition is that you might pay for the priest's food that day, *from the table for the table!*

**The Organ Recital** series on Saturday this week is Lucy Morrell, a freelance theatre director who specialises in work with and for young people. 12.30

**Did you know** seven days without Mass makes one week?

**May is Mary's month**, the Rosary Group will lead this traditional devotion before the 11.00 Solemn Mass from 10.35 - come and join this beautiful prayer.

**The Rosary Group** meets in Church each Friday at 19.00 for Rosary and Intercessions. All welcome, especially during Mary's month of May.

**A note on finances.** Thank you to those who, following the appeal, set up standing orders. These can take a while to process, so will be reflected overleaf in the *Last Week*, in due course...hopefully. If yours has not actioned, see the Finance council chairman

**Br Philip Neri OP**, who many will remember as Jeff Gerlomes, is to take solemn vows as a Dominican Friar on Saturday. Pray for him and vocations to the Religious Life.

**Young Adults Group** meet on Thursday this week, 19.30 in the Long Room. Topic: *Where is God?*

**London Elects** on Thursday this week. Be sure to vote.





## What is a Morning Offering?

The Morning Offering is a prayer in which we consecrate the day to God and ask for His help to live it as a day of the Lord.

It's normally best prayed once one is alert enough to pray. For some, that can be as soon as they arise. For others, it means once they've had a cup of coffee or after they've been awakened in the shower. For those who set aside a period of time to pray each morning before the day gets going, it can be delayed until that time of prayer begins.

The key is to pray it early, before one has gotten distracted by news, emails, social media or chores.

The Morning Offering helps us start the day focused on the purpose of time and the meaning of our life. St. Paul wrote to the first Christians, "I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your Spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1-2). Those who make the Morning Offering begin the day by offering their body, mind, heart, soul and strength to God.

The Morning Offering can be long or short. It can be done with one's own words or with those written by someone else.

One of the shortest morning offerings is simply to say "Serviam!," which means "May I serve!" This commitment to serve God and others during the day is in direct opposition to the devil's attempts to get us to make his ego-centric, "Non serviam!," his refusal to obey God, our motto and lifestyle.

The 19th century French Apostleship of Prayer popularized a longer Morning Offering that has found its way into many prayer books:

"O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, joys, and

sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the Salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month."

You could kneel down at the side of the bed facing a crucifix and, to ensure you're praying sincerely rather than routinely, say it in your own words.

St. John Paul II once said that praying the Morning Offering is "of fundamental importance in the life of each and every one of the faithful. It is a daily reminder to make our entire day, our whole life 'a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.'"

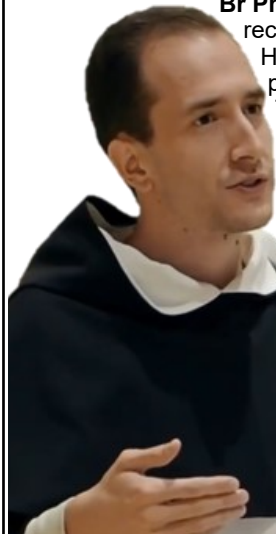
In his Morning Offering, he would consecrate the day to God through Mary, renewing the consecratory prayer of St. Louis de Montfort from which his papal motto, *Totus Tuus*, was taken. He would also pray in a special way for all those whom he would meet during the day, that he might receive each of them as a gift and become a vicarious sign for them of Christ's presence in return.

It doesn't have to be long, just regular and sincere. It will change your day, it might even change your life.

### A Morning Offering

O Jesus,  
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer You my prayers, works,  
joys and sufferings  
of this day for all the intentions  
of Your Sacred Heart,  
in union with  
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
throughout the world,  
in reparation for my sins,  
for the intentions of all my relatives  
and friends,  
and in particular  
for the intentions of the Holy Father.  
Amen.





**Br Philip will make Solemn Vows** on Saturday this week. Many will recall him as 'Jeff' when he was here at MPB studying in London. He writes: "It's my great joy to share with you that I've been approved to profess solemn vows as a Dominican friar on May 4. This is a public commitment to live according to our rule of poverty, chastity, and obedience "until death." Priestly ordination is likely in 2026, but this is certainly the next most significant formational milestone beside that and it definitively marks the kind of life that I'll be living from here on in. The Mass of Profession will take place at St Dominic's Church in Benicia, California. Whether or not you can join us for this celebration, **thank you** for all of your prayers and support over the past six years. You've been a beautiful revelation of God's love in my life. In these few days, I'd especially ask your prayers for me and my three classmates. I'd be especially grateful if you were to say this prayer to the Holy Spirit that forms an integral part of the rite of profession.

*Yours in the Word  
Br Philip Neri OP*

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*If you want to go fast, go alone;  
if you want to go far, go together.*

*African proverb*

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#### **A morning prayer for Grace.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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# Alleluia!

#### **Regina Coeli**

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,  
As He promised has aris'n, alleluia.  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the whole world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we pray, that through his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may come to know the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

# HE IS RISEN

*hallelujah*

## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	John Warnaby priest ✠ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 29th St Catherine of Siena</i>		
<i>Tue 30th (St Pius V)</i>	13.05	Marion Marples ✠ <i>d.2019</i>
<i>Wed 1st (St Joseph the Worker)</i>	13.05	Blessings on Margaret
<i>Thurs 2nd St Athanasius</i>	13.05	
<i>Fri 3rd Sts Philip &amp; James</i>	13.05	
<i>Sat 4th English Martyrs</i>	10.30†	Br Philp OP <i>Solemn vows today</i>
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Blessing on the Harvest (DD) Parishioners

**Next Week's Readings** Acts 10:25-26.34-35.48 1John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

**Sacrament of Confession.** Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55 Saturday 10.00-10.25

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

**Last week:** £707.36 (*cash £122.36; card £294.00; standing orders £291.69*)

£145.00 Vocations Sunday Second Collection

**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 Officers: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

**Holy Father's Intention for May 2024: *The formation of religious and seminarians***

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

### For your prayers:

*In priestly formation:* Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

*Peace:* In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

*Those who are Sick:* Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Richard, Hermon, Alastair, Amaogechi Martina, Sharon

*Recently Departed:* Bryan Parry, David Standley *priest* Barry Hughes *priest*  
John Warnaby *priest*

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