



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 6th July 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe, and I hesitate even saying this, but I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two - I am afraid for many people - casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era - to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement:
"Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

Excerpted from The Precious Blood of Christ, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.



<u>Readers</u>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	Anne Carr

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

Confession is available before each vigil & Sunday Mass, before 6:00pm Mass on Friday & upon request

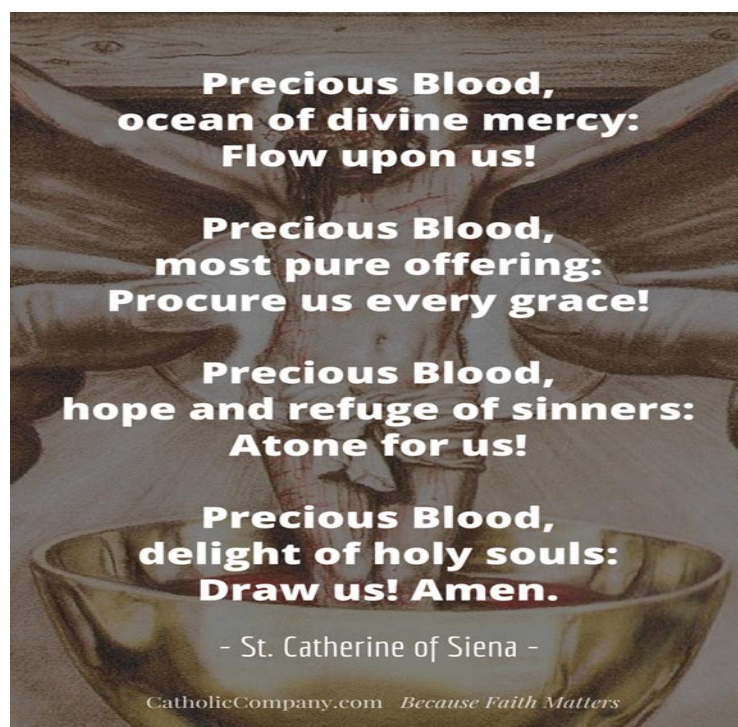
Sat 5 Jul	6:30 PM	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sun 6 Jul	9:30 AM		Dennis Lloyd
	11:00 AM		For offences against the 3 rd Commandment
Mon 07 Jul	10:00 AM	Ferial	Geraldine Peddistone
Tue 08 Jul	10:00 AM	Ferial	Czeslan (John) Polaszek
Wed 09 Jul	No Mass	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	Micheal Speed
Thu 10 Jul	10:00 AM	Ferial	Reparation for Priests
Fri 11 Jul	6:00 PM	St Benedict (Patron of Europe – Feast)	Reconversion of Europe
		Holy Hour	
Sat 12 Jul	6:30 PM	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the parish
Sun 13 Jul	9:30 AM		Conversion of working Cl.
	11:00 AM		Conversion of political Cl.

Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.
 Sunday 29 June - £388.76
 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account.

The church will be opened/unlocked during daytime hours from 9:00AM to 5:00PM except on Wednesdays and when the priest is not around/local. All are welcome to drop into the church for quite prayer with the Lord truly present.

If there are any people, house bound or otherwise who would like the priest to visit, Fr Humphrey is very happy to call to see them. Please ring the parish phone and leave a message or send an email.



Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke