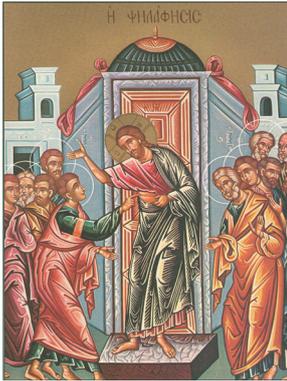


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**THE ICON OF CHRIST
 AND SAINT THOMAS**



Deaths Power Banished from the Body

By His unexpected entry through closed doors Christ proved once more that by nature He was God and also that He was none other than the one who had lived among them. By showing His wounded side and the marks of the nails, He convinced us beyond a doubt that He had raised the temple of His body, the very body that had hung on the cross. He restored that body that He had worn, destroying death's power over all flesh, for as God, He was life itself. Why would He need to show them His hands and side if, as some perversely think, He did not rise again bodily? And if the goal was not to have the disciples think about Him in this way, why not appear in another form and, disdaining any likeness of the flesh, conjure up other thoughts in their minds? But He obviously thought it was that important to convince them

of the resurrection of His body that, even when events would have seemed to call for Him to change the mode of His body into some more ineffable and surpassing majesty, He nonetheless resolved in His providence to appear once more as He had been in the past [i.e., in the flesh] so that they might realize He was wearing no other form than the one in which He had suffered crucifixion.

Our eyes could not have endured the glory of His holy body, if He had chosen to reveal it to His disciples before He ascended to the Father. Anyone who reflects on the transfiguration will easily infer this is the case, ... since, it says, they could not endure the sight but fell on their faces.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

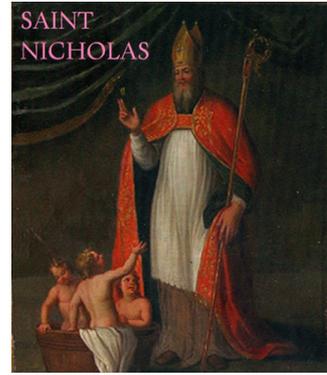
Welcome to our Church today, after the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of Church. Please join us and make yourself known to one of the clergy.

This ancient church has been a place of Christian worship of Almighty God for well over 1,000 years; as we enter the third millennium of our salvation it is salutary to remember that Christians have gathered here on this spot since the first millennium.

If you would like to pray, the Lady Chapel is set aside as a place of quiet, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or you might like to light a candle at one of the many shrines around church.

THE PARISH AND ANCIENT CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS, PLUMSTEAD

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION TODAY



Induction loop fitted Sound reinforcement



Ramp available for access

A Forward in Faith parish under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Fulham, during the vacancy in See The Right Reverend Peter Wheatley, we are a Eucharistic community who is worshipping in the present, upon the Apostolic Truths of the past, in the hope of finding our future salvation in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

The Mass is offered daily

Sunday	8:00am
	11:00am
Monday	8:00pm
Tuesday	7:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	12:00pm
Saturday	10:00am



Exposition of the BLESSED SACRAMENT or ADORATION half an hour before Mass every day except Sunday.

The ROSARY of the Blessed Virgin Mary is said after Mass on Friday and Saturday

Confessions:

Monday 7:30-8:00pm. Tuesday 7:00-7:30pm, Thursday 6:30-7:00pm, or by appointment.

Please turn off



all mobile 'phones

PLEASE LET FR. ANDREW KNOW OF ILLNESS OR OTHER NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

The word of the Lord

Wisdom 7. 7-11

In today's first reading, we hear the author speaking of the great value of the Wisdom which has been given to man by God. It draws a stark contrast between what has come from God and what is held by the world to be of great value.

Temporal authority, epitomised by sceptres and thrones are inferior to the gift of Wisdom. Worldly riches and signs of wealth prove to be unsatisfactory. Health, beauty, and even light cannot compete.

Much like the author of this text, we must pray to receive that same spirit of Wisdom in our lives. Through that gift we are able to place all other things in their proper perspective and see the thorough radiance of God in the world around us and in each of our lives.

Saint of the Week

The Proto-Martyrs of North America

Reading St Luke's account of the church in the age of the apostles is a dramatic thing, painting scene after scene that relates directly to the growth of the church and the fruits of the apostolic mission.

Among the centre-pieces of his work is the account of the martyrdom of St Stephen, which came to feed generations of labourers for Christ who saw that there was little shame or desolation in facing, with their lives, hate of the faith.

Among the potential martyrs were the missionaries who came to assist the French Franciscan mission working in Quebec and in other regions of continental North America. Facing the wrath of Algonquin, Huron, Iriquois natives (not to mention the violent hands of British pirates) during the middle of the seventeenth-century, their letters – sent home to France in the hope of raising funds and support – betrayed the willingness (perhaps even the desire) among North-American missionaries to join the noble army of martyrs who had died a death like the Lord they laboured for. Convinced the land was doomed unless converted to Christ, they adopted dramatic methods of evangelisation.

While certainly not as aggressive as those working in (what is now) the United States, they paid dearly for their directness. One of the proto-martyrs wrote

“How I grieve, my God, that you are not known... that sin is not yet blotted out.”



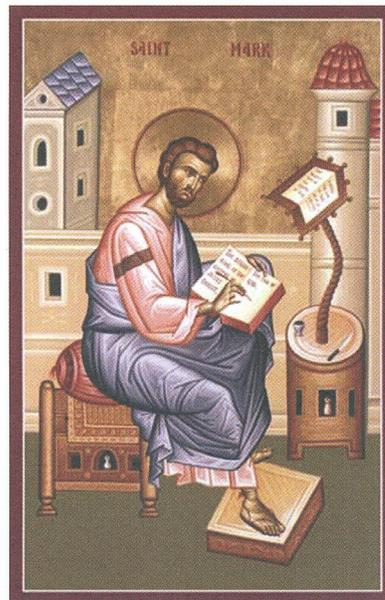
Forward!

Welcome to our celebration today

14th October 2012

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th after Trinity

St Mark's Gospel



St Mark's Gospel, even though it is listed as the second book in our New Testament was probably the first gospel to be written. Before Mark, lots of stories about Jesus will have circulated by word of mouth. These will have been the memories of those who saw the events themselves, along with traditions and sayings which

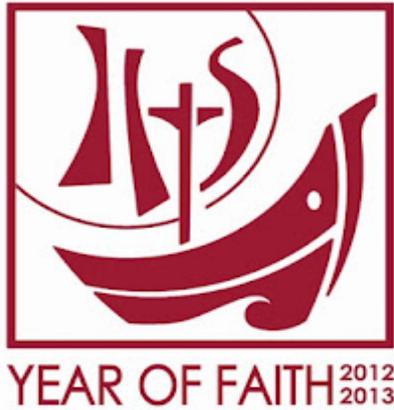
had been preserved concerning the things Jesus had taught. However, as those who had known Jesus died, the Church wanted to preserve these stories in a reliable form so the teaching and story of Jesus was not lost. The writer of Mark's Gospel, therefore, invented the idea of a "gospel," as a new sort of book shortly after 70AD. This new genre of writing was a bit like a biography, but also contained a record of Jesus' teaching, and could be read aloud when the Church gathered.

One great mystery surrounding St Mark's Gospel is where it originally ended. Scholars now think the ending from Chapter 16.8 onwards was probably added at a later stage. Was the original ending removed for some reason, or was it lost, or damaged? Many now wonder whether the original writer actually intended his gospel to finish with the rather blunt but thrilling ending that the women ran from the tomb afraid at the news of the Resurrection, making it the most famous cliff-hanger ending in the whole of the history of writing!

Faith

“What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ and the chalice is the blood of Christ. This has been said very briefly, which may perhaps be sufficient for faith; yet faith does not desire instruction.”

Augustine (Sermons 272, [A.D. 411])



APOSTOLIC LETTER
"MOTU PROPRIO DATA"
PORTA FIDEI
vatican city, 16 october 2011

2. Ever since the start of my ministry as Successor of Peter, I have spoken of the need to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ. During the homily at the Mass marking the inauguration of my pontificate I said: "The Church as a whole and all her Pastors, like Christ, must set out to lead people out of the desert, towards the place of life, towards friendship with the Son of God, towards the One who gives us life, and life in abundance."

[1] It often happens that Christians are more concerned for the social, cultural and political consequences of their commitment, continuing to think of the faith as a self-evident presupposition for life in society. In reality, not only can this presupposition no longer be taken for granted, but it is often openly denied.

[2] Whereas in the past it was possible to recognize a unitary cultural matrix, broadly accepted in its appeal to the content of the faith and the values inspired by it, today this no longer seems to be the case in large swathes of society, because of a profound crisis of faith that has affected many people.

3. We cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden (cf. Mt 5:13-16). The people of today can still experience the need to go to the well, like the Samaritan woman, in order to hear Jesus, who invites us to believe in him and to draw upon the source of living water welling up within him (cf. Jn 4:14). We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. Jn 6:51). Indeed, the teaching of Jesus still resounds in our day with the same power: "Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life" (Jn 6:27). The question posed by his listeners is the same that we ask today: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (Jn 6:28). We know Jesus' reply: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (Jn 6:29). Belief in Jesus Christ, then, is the way to arrive definitively at salvation.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Angelus will be sung at the Shrine of
Our Lady by the Tower

HYMNS

Introit:	NEH	468
Gradual:	NEH	463
Offertory:	NEH	485
Communion:	NEH	292
Post Communion:	NEH	372

PALM CROSSES:

Jessica Roberts in thanksgiving for the life of her Father

THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

*Flavia Kisambira in thanksgiving to God for his
Greatness and Mercy*

**THE SEVEN DAY SHRINE LIGHTS
FOR OCTOBER**

The Blessed Sacrament:

Babs & Bill Scott:

In thanksgiving for the life of Colin Jones

The Sanctuary:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

Our Lady by the Lady Chapel:

Joy & Stephen Jahans: In thanksgiving

Our Lady of Walsingham:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

Our Lady of Fatima:

Murray Smallbone: For the repose

of the soul of John Beck 30-7-1937 - 8-10-2008

S. Nicholas:

Lilian Osedumme: For her husband and her family

S. Francis:

*Betty Stroud: in celebration of S. Francis,
co-patron of the Parish*

THE SUNDAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR OCTOBER

Our Lady by the Tower:

Gwen Pearce

the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Henry Aguh

Our Lady of Sorrows:

Christina Agin: In memory of Jean Barnes

S. Joseph

Paul Pangrace

THE SUNDAY RELIQUE LIGHTS FOR SOCTOBER

S. Nicholas, Patron of the Parish

The Okeze family give thanks for

Mike's continued good health

FLOODLIGHTING

INTRODUCTION

What are we looking for in life? God's wisdom, God's word will provide a treasure more lasting than all the money in the world.

Today's Readings

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

The Wisdom of God helps us to discover what is truly valuable.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God penetrates the hidden depths of our hearts.

Gospel Mark 10:17-30

The rich man discovers the cost of discipleship. The challenge is for all of us to discover a new scale of values and live by them.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

As we look forward in faith to eternal life, let us pray for all our needs in this life.

We pray for the Church: that the word of God may so penetrate our hearts that we are able to think in God's way.

Lord, hear us.

For those who enjoy material wealth: that they may realise their responsibilities towards those who are poor.

Lord, hear us.

For those who are in need: that they may trust in God's loving care for them.

Lord, hear us.

We pray that we may all be more open to the challenge of the Gospel and never settle for mediocrity in our Christian lives.

Lord, hear us.

We thank you, Father, for all your many gifts. Give us the courage and generosity to put them at the service of all our brothers and sisters, through Christ our Lord.

If you are celebrating
a BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY
and would like to share it with your Church Family
A £15 DONATION
covers the cost of Sherry
(You may if you wish provide wine of your own choice)
to be enjoyed at the back of church after Mass
Please see Gwen or Christina Agin!

Prayer for the Queen's Jubilee Year

Almighty God, we pray
that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen,
who, by your providence
has received the governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil
and, being blessed with your favour
may, with her consort and the royal family,
come at least into your presence,
through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Sunday 7th October 2012:

Emmanuel Oluwatimlehin Adetinka Adeyokunbo

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

Sunday 19th August 2012:

Michael Thomas Erridge

THOSE PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 24th August 2013 at 4:00pm:

Scott Edward Parker and Maria Betsy Side

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Sunday of March +2 2013

Francis Biggin & Chritine Donna Martin

THE DEPARTED

Seymour Brown Carlo Curley

Michael Bondor Margaret Rusynk

Malcolm Hall Eve Webb

Josephine Alghali Margaret Wakeman

David Sanger

YEARS MIND

16th William Alfred Pearce 18th Kevin Morris
18th William Wright 18th Miriam Morgan
20th Edward Cleaver 20th Jacob Tutor
20th Pauline Ann Luckhurst

The Rota for Reading and Intercessing

OCTOBER	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions
Sunday 7 th	S. Stevens	C. Stevens	S. Agn
Sunday 14 th	S. Clara	Stephanie D	S. Martin
Sunday 21 st	S. Scott	S. Phil	T. Agn
Sunday 28 th	S. Alexander	S. Timothy	A. Davies
NOVEMBER			
Friday 2 nd	S. Bart	S. John	N/A
All Souls			
Sunday 4 th	S. Andrew	S. Andrew	S. Andrew
Sunday 11 th	S. Agn	S. Timothy	A. Agn
Remembrance Day			
Sunday 18 th	S. Street	S. Street	S. Agn
Sunday 25 th	S. Ramsey	T. Agn	S. John
DECEMBER			
Sunday 9 th	S. Stevens	S. Stevens	S. Martin
Sunday 16 th	T. Agn	Lesson	Praying Agn
Feast of S. Nicholas			
Sunday 23 rd	Stephanie D	S. Clara	T. Agn

When reading the rota please pray for the intercessions/please speak to Fr. Andrew if you would like to join this group.

S. NICHOLAS CHURCH

FLOODLIGHT: LIGHT THE CHURCH

We all realise how important it is to support our Church, more so in these days of rising costs; well here is a good way of supporting it and enjoying it personally.

Floodlight the building by day £2.25 or by the week £14.50, for that personal event: a birth, Baptism, Birthday, an Anniversary, Wedding or Years Mind of a loved one, in doing this you will remember and at the same time help pay the electricity bill. The price is reasonable and shows this building in all its glory after sunset, it does enhance this fine building. Reg holds the diary, to be sure there are no double bookings, it is yours for the day or week.

**FOR YOUR DAILY INTERCESSION OCTOBER
General Intention:**

That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters.

Missionary Intention:

That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for evangelization with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

BIRTHDAY

- 14th Raphael Acheampong
- 15th David Dickerson
- 17th Eric Buhl
- 17th Jennifer Maxwell-Barzey
- 18th Joanne Murray
- 19th Chantel Kaddu
- 20th Janet Birungi

PRAYER FOR HEALING

- Barbara Brunt Jack Brunt
- Murray Smallbone Russell Sabat
- Fr Charles Ada Smith
- Daphne Langford Andreas Poplopous
- Bhupendra Pattini Sue Yurik
- Christina Agin Victor Boyce
- Ruby Arthurs David Jahans
- Carol Bohurjak Tommy Bohurjak
- John David Cook Fr Timothy Raphael
- Stanley Lewis Pat Wenham
- Connie Guntrip Colin Cresswell
- Hazel Clark Val Marshall
- Joseph Rusnyk
- Inge Hansen Mogens Hansen
- Mike Okeze John Gant
- Cloe Gibson
- Mary Cook Roy Richards
- Anita Johnson Beverley Goering
- Brian Goulding
- Dorothy Crook Walter Mann
- Eve Cocklin Annette Horridge
- Christian Vincent Helen Thorpe
- Ruth Kabeba Stephen Katu
- Pauline Alexander Eric Buhl
- Kirsty Forrester Alf Sewell
- Raj Kalsi
- Terry Hayward Pat Hayward
- Molly Wakeman Derek Wakeman
- Janet Hole John Hole
- Kathy Fincham John Vorell
- Bill Baker James Bampton
- Iris Agin Fr James Ryerson
- Shirley Bristow Jennifer Fairweather
- Emma Clifford John Burrell
- Sonia Vorell Heidi Farmer
- Daphne Carey Brian Joseph
- Norman Small Ron Crawley

IN THANKSGIVING

- Meghan Belcher Murial Taylor
- Jude Gray Sue Mott
- Marie Borland Tom Bohurjak
- Jean Roberts Doreen Waldron
- Eve Cocklin Mike Okeze

Sunday Readings: Year B
Weekday Readings: Year 2
Psalter Week 4

OCTOBER 2012

Day	Month	Day	Weekday	Feast	Readings	Prayers
14	Su	G		TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(CWCL:19th Sunday after Trinity-Proper 23)</i>	DO1(4) Mass pr, Gl, LI 810 (<i>ad lib</i> : shorter form of Gospel), Cr, Sunday Pref R1: Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm 89:12-17 R2: Hebrews 4:12-13 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 or Mark 10:17-27	
15	M	W		S Teresa of Jesus VDr, Mem	DO4(4) Mass pr, LII 814	MP:193(325) EP:193(325)
16	T	(G)		FERIA OF 28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(4) <i>Mass of feria, LII 816</i>	MP:53(229) EP:59(255)
17	W	R		S Ignatius of Antioch BMr, Mem	DO4(4) Mass pr, LII 817	MP:180(321) EP:181(321)
18	Th	R		S LUKE THE EVANGELIST, Fest	DO3(4) Mass pr, Gl, LII 1233, Pref App II	MP:175(312) EP:176(310)
19	F	(G)		FERIA OF 28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(4) Mass of feria, LII 822	MP:56(232) EP:62(258)
20	S	(G)		FERIA OF 28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	DO5(4) Mass of feria, LII 824	MP:57(233)

Sancte Nicolae, Ora pro nobis



All-powerful God,
you made
Saint Nicholas
a bishop and leader
of the Church
to inspire your people
with his teaching
and example.
May we give fitting
honour to his memory
and always have the
assistance of his prayers
We ask this
through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen

Christus, Heri, Hodie, Semper

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom.
I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 89

RESPONSE: *Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any
double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place
where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow;
it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing
can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes
of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
(For shorter form read between > <)

> Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt
before him and put this question to him, "Good master, what
must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do
you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the
commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery;
You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must
not defraud; Honour your father and mother." And he said to him,
"Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked
steadily at him and loved him, and he said, "There is one thing you
lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the
poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."
But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was
a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, "How hard it is
for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" The
disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, "My
children," he said to them, "how hard it is to enter the kingdom
of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." They were more
astonished than ever. "In that case", they said to one another,
"who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For men", he said,
"it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible
for God." <

Peter took this up. "What about us?" he asked him. "We have
left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you solemnly,
there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father,
children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who
will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters,
mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in
this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

Or

*When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.