

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND ALL SOULS



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)
GAUDETE SUNDAY

Sunday	17 th	9.30am	Family Mass	(Seamus Croarkin)
		11.15am	Solemn Mass	(Carmel Jones)
		4.00pm	Liturgy of Reconciliation with individual confessions.	
		6.00pm	Reception of the body of Lil Cunningham	

LITURGY 9.30AM

Entrance: Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.
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Penitential: 479 Kyrie Eleison
Offertory 992 I rejoiced when I heard them say
Communion: 100 Come though long expected Jesus
Recessional: 112 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Liturgy at 11.15am – Please use the specially prepared music sheet



FROM FATHER MICHAEL

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's house". Three families will recite that verse this week as they bring their loved one into the church for the last time. The verse continues "And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem." It is not the role of the clergy to pass judgement on every political story that passes across our screens and newspapers. The future of Jerusalem, on the other hand, is not just a political decision. Whatever it is that we believe about the End, the Second Coming, the Return of Christ, the Resurrection of the Dead and the final defeat of the Evil One, it is all centred on Jerusalem, and not just for us Christians but for Jews and Moslems as well.

The city of Jerusalem is almost like the eighth sacrament, a sign and symbol, pregnant with meaning, the threshold of heaven and the very tabernacle of God's glory. To mess with the city of Jerusalem is to mess with the things of God. On the status and future of the Holy City Pope Francis has said "I cannot silence my deep concern."

"For the peace of Jerusalem pray: Peace be to your homes!" as the psalmist continues. Peace in the holy city, peace in our families and peace in our hearts are all intimately connected.

Pray for Lil, Anne and John and their families. Pray for families everywhere as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. Come to confession to acknowledge your own sin, your own violence, your own self-centredness. Pray for me. Pray for one another.

"For love of my brethren and friends I say: Peace upon you!" Psalm 121 (122).

COVENTRY JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Since 2013, the Coventry Justice and Peace Group has been coordinating efforts in Coventry and across the region to persuade the Trustees of the West Midlands Pension Fund to stop investments (made with council Tax money) in the arms trade. Pope Francis has frequently named the international trade in arms as one of the most pressing problems of our time, and has urged that determined efforts be made to put an end to it. Pope Francis said "It is an absurd contradiction to speak of peace, to negotiate peace, and at the same time promote or permit the arms trade." Only the people of the West Midlands can put an end to the arms trade in the West Midlands. If Coventry is the City of Peace, Reconciliation and Sanctuary we cannot support the arms trade.

For more information:- www.coventrycityofpeace.uk/cov-justice-and-peace-group/ Or email:- bpmcgowan@hotmail.com

Monday	18 th	12noon	Requiem Mass for	Lil Cunningham
		6.00pm	Reception of the body of	Anne Callan
Tuesday	19 th	9.00am	Requiem Mass for	Anne Callan
		6.30pm	School Carol Concert in church	
Wednesday	20 th	9.00am	Mass	(Anton Devagnanendran)
		6.30pm	Reception of the body of	John McKernon
Thursday	21 st	11.00am	Requiem Mass for	John McKernon
Friday	22 nd	7.00am	Mass	(Tony & Joan Lee)
Saturday	23 rd	10.00am	Mass	(Kathleen Ryan)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 24 th	9.30am	Mass	(Anne McGee & John Gallen)
Entrance	95 vv 1+4 only	Come Saviour, come like dew on the grass	
Penitential	479	Kyrie Eleison	
Offertory	113	The angel Gabriel from heaven came	
Recessional	116	Long ago prophets knew	

CHRISTMAS

Sunday 24 th	Christmas Eve	4.30pm	Children's Mass	(P.J.Barrett)
		9.00pm	Midnight Mass	(Brenda Etherson)
			Followed by mulled wine and mince pies	
Monday 25 th	Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Mass	(Marie & Jim Lawton)
		11.15am	Solemn Mass	(People of the Parish)
Tuesday 26 th	St Stephen	10.00am	Mass	(Intentions of Ellen McGilloway)
Wednesday 27 th	St John	8.00am	Mass	(Canon Peter Jones)
Thursday 28 th	Holy Innocents	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Sunday 31 st	Holy Family	9.30am	Family Mass	(Richard Coles)
		11.15am	Solemn Mass	(People of the Parish)
Monday 1 st	Mary Mother of God	10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Praying for Peace	
		11.00am	Mass	(Philip Walsh)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND THE GOVERNMENT

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> and write to the Government and urge them to rethink this anti-Catholic policy.

CHURCH DIARIES – for 2018 now available from the Repository

CARRIERS OF HOPE IS LOOKING FOR A CHILDREN'S WORKER

Carriers of Hope, Coventry, is seeking to employ a part-time Children's Worker to work with the children and volunteers involved with the various services and activities. The salary will be £10,000pa for 16hours per week. For applications and details please email sues@carriersofhope.org.uk or Text Sue: 07963 058958 with your email address.

