

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND ALL SOULS



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CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday	25 th	9.30am	Family Mass	(Marie & Jim Lawton)
		11.15am	Solemn Mass	(People of the Parish)

LITURGY 9.30AM READINGS IN THE MISSALETTE PAGE 6

Entrance: 159

O Come all ye Faithful

Offertory 127

O little town of Bethlehem

Communion:

Love Shone Down

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside
And all the lights of town were shining far below
When up in the air beautiful voices
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

**R Oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys
Oh and love shone down over the world.**

Somebody spoke to me; I knew it was an angel
He said there's something that I think you ought to know.
Then he just smiled, said don't be afraid now.
Sing a new song, let everyone know. **R**

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
How to find him, where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others
Sing a new song let everyone know. **R**

Well did I dream or was I really on that hillside
On that Christmas night so very long ago,
When he was born Jesus our Saviour
Sing a new song let everyone know. **R**

Recessional: 164 Go tell it on the mountains

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

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

A most happy and joyful Christmas to all. May peace reign in your palaces. May peace reign in your families. May peace reign in your hearts.

May I also use this opportunity to say thank you to so many people who make this parish such a loving, prayerful outward looking community. I may look stressed sometimes but it really is a great joy and privilege to be your priest. At another level I know I don't need to say thank you, because you do all this for the Lord. The Church and the World belong to Him. It is His work that we do, and not for any kind of reward, save that of knowing that we do His will.

I am acutely aware of much darkness, turmoil and suffering in our world. I would therefore like to start the New Year 2018 with an hour of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This will be followed by Mass for the great Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

"For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls
In your palaces, peace!"

COVENTRY JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP - An encouraging end to 2017

The West Midlands Pension Fund took a step forward on December 13th by ending all its direct investments in the manufacture of cluster bombs. Many thanks to those who lent their support to this campaign over the last four years. There is much more to do, but this success gives us confidence that we can truly prepare the way of the Lord. Praise be!

Tuesday 26 th	St Stephen	10.00am	Mass	(Intentions of Ellen McGilloway) Please support your altar servers
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)

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – The takings from the raffle were £1,148. Many thanks everyone for your hard work!!

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is a straight line between the manger and the cross where Jesus will become bread that is broken. It is the straight line of love that gives and saves, the love that brings light to our lives and peace to our hearts. That night the shepherds understood this. They were among the marginalized of those times. Yet no one is marginalized in the sight of God, and that Christmas, they themselves were the guests. People who felt sure of themselves, self-sufficient, were at home with their possessions. It was the shepherds who “set out with haste”. Tonight, may we too be challenged and called by Jesus. Let us approach him with trust, starting from all those things that make us feel marginalized, from our limitations and our sins. Let us be touched by the tenderness that saves. Let us draw close to God who draws close to us.

