

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND ALL SOULS



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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR A)

Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria virgine, gaudete!

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary, rejoice!

Sun 29th

9.30am FAMILY MASS

(Mary Lynch)

11.15am SOLEMN MASS

(People of the Parish)

(James Sweeney)

Hymns at 9.30am Mass

Entrance	131	Angels from the realms of glory
Offertory	133	While shepherds watched
Communion	341	Sing of Mary, pure and lowly
Recessional	150	The First Nowell



11.15am Solemn Mass Please see special music sheets

FROM FATHER PAUL

Christmas is far from over from the Church's point of view, so it is not too late for me to wish you all a **very happy and blessed Christmas**. I want to thank all those who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful. Celebrating Christmas at All Souls' for the first time has been a real pleasure. And I want to say an enormous thank you for all your Christmas offerings and gifts and cards and greetings. They are very humbling and very gratefully received.

"Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus"

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As well as being another opportunity for us to gather as a parish community to celebrate Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Our Lord truly lived the life we live, with his feet firmly on the ground of a human family. In 1964, Pope Paul VI offered reflections in Nazareth on the Holy Family. His reflections speak to us very much still today. Paul VI suggested that the Holy Family teaches us three lessons:

First, there is a lesson on silence. "May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitized modern life. May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret."

Next, there is a lesson on family life. "May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable. Let us learn the prime importance of the role of the family in the social order."

Finally, there is a lesson on work. "Nazareth, home of the 'Carpenter's Son', in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work; here I would restore the awareness of the nobility of work; and reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake it is undertaken."

May God bless your family today

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Mon 30 th	6 th Day in the Christmas Octave	10.00am MASS (Martha Jean Young)
Tues 31 st	7 th Day in the Christmas Octave	10.00 Funeral Mass (Bridie Murray)
Wed 1st Jan	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	12.00noon SOLEMN MASS (Philip Walsh) <i>followed by Coffee and Mince Pies in the presbytery</i>
----- The Christmas Octave ends -----		
Thurs 2 nd	St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazienzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church	7.00pm Mass (Bridget & Patrick McHugh)
Fri 3 rd	Christmas Feria	7.00am Mass (Thanksgiving – L.C.)
Sat 4 th	Christmas Feria	10.00am Mass (Joe Mohan) 10.30am Adoration & Confessions
Sun 5th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (The Manifestation of Christ to The Gentiles)	9.30am FAMILY MASS (Fr Charles Senthilvel) 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Bridie Morrow) (Creagh & Cassidy families, deceased)

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP Today's homily takes the form of a pastoral letter from the Archbishop, some copies of which are available in the porch.

A WARM WELCOME this morning to Tim Campain who is our organist at the 11.15am Mass. We are very grateful to Tim for helping us out this morning and this coming Wednesday.

PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES We extend our prayers and condolences to the families of those who have died recently: **Maureen Verney, Helen O'Kelly, Bridie Murray, Brian McCarney and Sylvia Imray.** The respective funeral arrangements are displayed on the board in the porch.

CRIB OFFERINGS Any offerings made at the crib this year will go to Coventry Winter Night Shelter, which offers a place of hospitality and warmth for the homeless of our city. Please place offerings in the wall near the door into the side porch.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD On the eighth (octave) day of Christmas, 1st January, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This is a very ancient feast and a beautiful way to conclude Christmas week. Please try to be present at a Solemn Mass at 12 noon this Wednesday to honour the Mother of the Incarnate Son of God. You are very warmly invited to the presbytery after the Mass for coffee and mince pies.

THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY Next Sunday we celebrate the (transferred) Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord. At each of the Masses Father Paul will bless chalk and encourage parishioners to "chalk the door" of their homes. Chalking the doors is a time-honoured Christian tradition whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking his blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there. More information will be provided on this lovely family tradition next Sunday.

WEEKLY NEWS SHEETS Please take your weekly newssheet home with you each week, so that you are aware of parish activities, and to make use of any materials for reflection and prayer it contains.

AFTER SUNDAY MASSES It would be a very great help if, after Sunday Mass, you could return your hymn book to the back of church. Please feel free to take the missalette home for your use during the week; similarly the music sheet from the 11.15am Mass. Please also make sure you take all your belongings – we have a growing collection of lost property!

JOINT EVENING PRAYER On Sunday 12th January, the last day of Christmastide, there will be a service of Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6pm, at which the vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's, Rev Dwayne Enghe, will preach. This service will be part of our ecumenical keeping of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please put the date in your diaries and try to be here to welcome our preacher and other members of the congregation of St. Mary Magdalen's.

GIFT AID FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH

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