

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND ALL SOULS



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am FAMILY MASS	(Gerry Rush)
	11.15am SOLEMN MASS	(Helen Smith)
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	6pm Evening Prayer	(Preacher, Rev Dwayne Engh)

Hymns at 9.30am Mass

Entrance	172	Songs of thankfulness and praise
Offertory	171	When Jesus came to be baptised
Communion	631	Bread of Life
Recessional	84	Like a sea without a shore

11.15am Solemn Mass Please see special music sheets

WORKING AND PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



This Saturday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the week in the year that reminds us that a commitment to working for Christian unity is not an option for Catholics or for any Christian. The present situation of *disunity* among the followers of Jesus Christ must never be accepted as "just the way things are". The way things are is a scandal and an obstacle to the proclamation of the Gospel and the making of disciples. On the night of his arrest, the night he gave his disciples the sacrament of unity, the Eucharist, Jesus prayed: *Father, may they all be one as we are one* (John's Gospel).

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity locally several events will be taking place for CTEC (Churches Together in Earldon & Chapelfields):

**JOINT EVENING PRAYER** There will be a service of sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) at All Souls at 6pm today, at which the vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's, Rev Dwayne Engh, will preach. Please try your very best to be here to welcome our preacher and other members of the congregation of St. Mary Magdalene's.

**EARLSDON METHODIST CHURCH** I will be preaching at the 10.30am service at Earlsdon Methodist church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**UNITED SERVICE FOR ALL THE CHURCHES** Members of all the churches of the area are invited to attend a joint service at 6.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at St. Mary Magdalene's. I hope All Souls will be well represented.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER FELLOWSHIP MEAL** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at Hearsall Baptist church, 6.00 for 6.30pm. Tickets are now available priced £7. Please see Fr Paul if you would like one.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER COMMITTEE MEETING** at 7.45pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at St. Barbara's.

Whether we attend these events or not, I hope we will all commit ourselves to praying:

Lord Jesus, who on the eve of your death, prayed that all your disciples might be one, as you in the Father and the Father in you, make us feel intense sorrow over the infidelity of our disunity. Give us the honesty to recognize, and the courage to reject, whatever indifference towards one another, or mutual distrust, or even enmity, lie hidden within us. Enable us to meet one another in you. And let your prayer for the unity of Christians, be ever in our hearts and on our lips, unity such as you desire and by the means that you will. Make us find the way that leads to unity in you, who are perfect charity, through being obedient to the Spirit of love and truth. Amen. Fr Paul Couturier (1891-1953)

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	12.00 noon Mass (Danny Mulvenna) 6.30pm Reception of the Body of Maureen Verney RIP)
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am Funeral Mass (Maureen Verney RIP)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.00am Mass (Joan Hudgell) 2.15pm Funeral Service (Sylvia Imray RIP)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm Mass (Hildegard Atherton)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Anthony, Abbot</b>	7.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	10.00am Mass (Brigid Sweeney) 10.30am Adoration & Confessions
<i>(The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins)</i>		
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.30am FAMILY MASS</b> (Patrick O'Malley) <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b> (John Sheehan 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) 6.30pm United Service at St. Mary Magdalene's

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** Our year 3 children preparing for their First Holy Communion later in the year are meeting in the parish room this morning before the 9.30 Mass. In today's session they are thinking about how God speaks to us, particularly through the Bible, and how important it is for us to listen to him carefully.

**PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES** We extend our prayers and condolences to the families of Brian McCarney and Helen O'Kelly, whose funerals took place last week, and to the families of **Maureen Verney** and **Sylvia Imray**, whose funerals will take place this week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** resumes this Thursday at 7.30pm in the parish room following the Christmas break. All are very welcome.

**VISIT OF MONSIGNOR KEITH NEWTON** On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Feast of Candlemas, Monsignor Keith Newton, the Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, will be the Principal Celebrant and Preacher at both the Sunday Masses. Monsignor Newton, who is based at the principal church of the Ordinariate, Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Gregory in London, is very much looking forward to visiting All Souls' and meeting parishioners of the new home of Coventry ordinariate community. There will be a buffet lunch in the parish room after the 11.15 Mass.

**PAX CHRISTI SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY** 75 years ago *Pax Christi* (= Peace of Christ) was started by two people who obeyed the gospel challenge to love their enemies even in the bitter context of the Second World War. Today *Pax Christi* is active in 50 countries – a grassroots Catholic Movement for Peace supporting 'ordinary' people in their 'everyday' peacemaking. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January is the 53<sup>rd</sup> World Day for Peace, when the Holy Father issues a peace message, and we are all invited to make a commitment to respect the dignity of all human beings, and to peace. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January Theresa Alessandro, the National Director of Pax Christi UK, will speak at our Masses about the work of Pax Christi. More information at [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

**CANON DAVID OAKLEY** Pope Francis has appointed Canon David Oakley, currently Rector of St. Mary's College Oscott, as the Bishop of Northampton. We keep Bishop-elect David in our prayers as he prepares for his episcopal ordination on 19<sup>th</sup> March and offer him our congratulations.

**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.

**CHRISTMASTIDE ENDS TODAY** Although Christmas Day now seems a very distant memory, today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is actually the last day of Christmastide, before Ordinary Time begins tomorrow. So as we set aside our church decorations, may I wish you for one last time a very happy Christmas!

GIFT AID FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH

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