



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun 15th March 9.30am FAMILY MASS (Stephen, Paul & Noel Cross)

11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Angela Gaffney)

Hymns at 9.30am Mass Please see special hymn sheets.

Entrance 203 As earth that is dry

Offertory 608 Take my hands

Communion 219 Like as a deer

Recessional 664 O praise our great and gracious Lord

11.15am Solemn Mass Please see special music sheets.
again.



*Anyone who drinks the water I
shall give will never thirst*

Celebrating, living and sharing God's word today

 <p>setbacks, mighty deeds by God followed by difficulties. These make the people alternate between belief and doubt.</p>	<p>First reading Exodus 17: 3-7 To address their need for renewal after captivity in Babylon, Jewish leaders retold the story of their ancestors' exodus from Egypt. The story has a series of advances and setbacks, mighty deeds by God followed by difficulties. These make the people alternate between belief and doubt.</p>	<p>Second reading Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 Some early Christians believed that pagan converts should be required to earn salvation by keeping the laws of Moses. Saint Paul knows that is not so, and much of the letter to the Romans explains how salvation is a grace, that is, an undeserved gift.</p>	<p>Gospel John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42 Saint John's gospel was written, in part, to provoke a decision by people who were on the fence about converting to Christ. It shows how Jesus is continuous with their religious tradition, but stretches, breaks and fulfills that tradition.</p>
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PREPARING FOR EUAN'S BAPTISM

We look forward to the occasion of Euan's Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in a few weeks' time. During the 11.15am Mass today Euan takes part in what is known as the 'First Scrutiny', an opportunity for Euan to express his resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out his decision to love God above all.

Euan comes forward while the congregation prays silently for him, and aloud in the Intercessions.

Fr Paul then prays that Euan will receive strength in his spiritual journey and open his heart to receive the gifts of the Saviour.

All-merciful Father, through your Son you revealed your mercy to the woman of Samaria; and moved by that same care you have offered salvation to all sinners. Look favourably on Euan, who desires to become your adopted son through the power of your sacraments. Free him from the slavery of sin, and for Satan's crushing yoke exchange the gentle yoke of Jesus. Protect him in every danger, that he may serve you faithfully in peace and joy and render you thanks for ever. **All: Amen.**

Father Paul lays his hands on Euan. Then, with hands outstretched over Euan, he continues:

Lord Jesus, in your merciful wisdom you touched the heart of the sinful woman and taught her to worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Now, by your power, free Euan from the cunning of Satan, as he draws near to the fountain of living water. Touch

his heart with the power of the Holy Spirit, that he may come to know the Father in true faith, which expresses itself in love, for you live and reign for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

✠ **WORSHIP THIS WEEK** ✠

Mon 16 th	Lent Feria	12.00noon Mass (Michael & Dympna Croarkin) 12.30pm Stations of the Cross
Tues 17 th	ST. PATRICK. Bishop	9.15am MASS (Phyllis Gavan)
Wed 18 th	Lent feria (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)	9.00am Mass (Bridget Whewell, 90 th birthday)
Thurs 19 th	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am Funeral Mass (Sylvia Smith RIP) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm MASS (Tom Sugrea)
Fri 20 th	Lent feria	7.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
Sat 21 st	Lent feria	10.00am Mass (Fr Michael & Carol) 10.30am Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Sun 22nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday & Mothering Sunday)	9.30am FAMILY MASS (May Healy, 90 th Birthday) 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Margaret Aitcheson) (John Hannan)

CORONAVIRUS AND THE LITURGY The coronavirus outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation. On Monday 9th March the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales updated their guidance for parishes. We were therefore instructed by the diocese to increase our preventative measures against the coronavirus with immediate effect. Therefore for now:

1. Holy Communion will be distributed under one kind – the Host only. Any assisting ministers have been asked to sanitise their hands carefully in the sacristy before Holy Communion.
2. We ask respectfully that communicants receive the Host in the hand only, not directly on the tongue.
3. Again we respectfully ask that you exchange the Sign of Peace not by handshake.
4. Holy water stoups have been emptied.
5. Shared hymn books will not be used – the words of hymns will be printed in a leaflet which you are asked to take away with you.
6. We ask that the collection bags are handled by the collectors only.
7. Refreshments will not be served after Mass.

All these measures are implemented out of concern for the welfare of parishioners and wider public health. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Father Paul

WELCOME If you are new to our parish or visiting please make yourself known. You are very welcome.

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to both May Healy and Bridget Whewell who celebrate their 90th birthdays this week. God bless you both.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL The Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the parish room.

ANGELUS PRAYER CARDS The words of the Angelus are available on a lovely prayer card produced by the Vocations Office available at the back of church. Please help yourself.

PIETY SHOP As Easter approaches why not have a look around the piety shop at the back of church? Any suggestions of what you would like to see in the shop are very welcome.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF CANON DAVID OAKLEY We pray for Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott College,

who will be ordained Bishop of Northampton this Thursday in Northampton cathedral.

THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION will be holding a Month's Mind Mass for both Sister Sabina and John Flaherty on Friday 20th March at Christ the King Church at 7pm.

SpREd The SpREd group meets this Saturday morning in the parish room.

FATHER BOB WRIGHT'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS Father Bob Wright's body will be received into St. John Fisher church, Wyken, at 6pm on Thursday. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday 20th March at 12noon. Cars will be directed to the rugby club down the road for parking.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mondays of Lent at 12.30pm (following the 12noon Mass) and Thursdays at 6.30pm (before the 7pm Mass).

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCH This week's Lenten Lunch will be hosted at St. Mary Magdalene's on Tuesday at 12noon. A minimum donation of £3.50 is asked, which will be divided equally between Cafod and Christian Aid.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE: 'DIFFERENCE' The third of five sessions takes place on Wednesday, 7.30-9pm at Earlsdon Methodist church.

ST PATRICK'S DAY IRISH MASS on Monday 16th March at 7pm at St Mary's. Refreshments to follow and music.

YEAR OF THE WORD RETREAT Come all who thirst 'A God Who Speaks' event is being organised as a Coventry City wide Retreat @ St Osburg's Coventry on 29/30/31st May 2020 (pending interest). Would you like to help organise/serve/cook/attend this event? We need your response now. We are also looking for individuals who would like to form part of a prayer team. Please contact Justine on 07551096269.

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO MARY At the end of our Masses on Sunday 29th March we will mark the rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. This is an opportunity for each of us to recommit ourselves to Jesus through his Mother and to the task of making him known.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM led by Bishop David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, Saturday 9th May. Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested.

GIFT AID FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH

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