



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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## ✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

(The Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost)

### Come, Holy Spirit!

#### Praying for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, before ascending into heaven you promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your Apostles and Disciples. Grant that I may be open to the work of that same Spirit within me.



Grant me the **SPIRIT OF WISDOM**

that I may not be attracted to the perishable things of this world, but seek the things that are eternal.

Grant me the **SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING**  
to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth.

Grant me the **SPIRIT OF RIGHT JUDGEMENT**  
that I may choose the surest way of pleasing God.

Grant me the **SPIRIT OF COURAGE**  
that I may bear my cross with you and that I may overcome all the obstacles that oppose my salvation.

Grant me the **SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE**  
that I may know God and know myself.

Grant me the **SPIRIT OF REVERENCE**  
that I may find the service of God sweet and attractive.

Grant me the **SPIRIT OF WONDER AND AWE**  
that I may be filled with loving reverence towards God and avoid anything that would displease him.

Mark me, Lord, with the sign of your true disciples  
and animate me in all things with your Spirit. Amen.

### Celebrating, living and sharing God's word today



#### First reading

Acts 1: 12-14

The reading that is a kind of roll of honour of the heroic first generation of followers of Jesus. Saint Luke includes it because his goal is to give courage to his own later generation, persecuted as they were, and to our generation.

#### Second reading

1 Peter 4: 13-16

Peter proposes ways to handle suffering, insults and shame, ways not customary but coming from their new faith in Jesus.

#### Gospel

John 17: 1-11

St. John the Evangelist lived a long time in a maturing community of early Christians. In his distinguished wisdom, John gives us a portrait of Jesus crystalizing his message to its deepest essentials.

## ✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC MASSES ARE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION AND LIVE-STREAMED

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>9.30am MASS</b>	<i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church</b>	9.30am Mass	<i>Annette Cithera Vethanayagam</i>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Philip Neri, Priest</b>	9.30am Mass	<i>John McKernan Sr</i>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b>	9.30am Mass	<i>Andrew Gardner (funeral today)</i>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter feria	9.30am Mass	<i>People of the parish</i>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Solemnity of the Dedication of All Souls church</b>	9.30am MASS	<i>Geoffrey Kirk (recently deceased)</i>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Easter feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Con McHugh</i>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b>	<b>9.30am MASS</b>	<i>People of the parish</i>

**Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Prayer for an end to the Pandemic 12noon-1pm (live streamed)**

**PASTORAL NETWORK** Thank you to all our volunteers who are phoning parishioners on a regular basis on behalf of the parish to make sure that they are well and safe, and also for a chat. Your efforts are being hugely appreciated by all.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY** On this annual day we are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications. And particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. Please pray for all those in Catholic media working to communicate at this time so that people are not so isolated.

**MASS INTENTIONS** It is now possible to request Mass intentions via the website. See the **Mass Intentions** tab.

**PASSING ON PARISH NEWS AND RESOURCES** If you are able please print off the weekly newsheet and pass it on safely to parishioners living near you who may not have internet access.

**PENTECOST NOVENA** Join us in praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church in these troubled times by praying a novena on the days between the Feast of the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost, Friday 22 – Saturday 30 May. See the **Come, Holy Spirit** tab on the website.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY** We are invited to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request for Catholics to pray the Rosary at home during May. The **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally** will be held from 9.00am to 9.00pm on Sunday 31 May across Scotland, England and Wales. The Archdiocese of Birmingham has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour between 10am and 11am. Archbishop Bernard will lead the Rosary live-streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour between 4pm and 5pm. Monsignor Keith Newton will lead the Rosary from the church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, London live-streamed at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2TqFkFPL1u\\_EY-u\\_Y5LYUQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2TqFkFPL1u_EY-u_Y5LYUQ/videos)

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** launched an appeal in March for those impacted in Bethlehem by COVID-19 and widened it on 3 April as a Pentecost Challenge to cover the whole of the region. They secured match funding for the first £100,000 and, with a few days to go to Pentecost, are close to reaching the target but are seeking help from parishioners to get over the line. Information is available at [www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk/pentecost-challenge](http://www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk/pentecost-challenge).

**2020 VIRTUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** You are invited to the opening Mass today at 3pm from St Chad's Cathedral. More information, including the full programme of services for the week, can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

**ECUMENICAL MORNING PRAYER** via Zoom on Saturday 6 June at 8am. Hosted by St Mary Magdalen CE church. Please email Fr Paul for the meeting log-in details.

**OPEN HEAVEN: PRAYER WALK COVENTRY** Open Heaven is an initiative in the city of Coventry, uniting churches from every denomination to prayer-walk every street of the city during the month of June 2020. We are asked to pray for the people who live in our street and their intentions, either as we walk the road or from home. This initiative has been in the planning for many months but now in the midst of the coronavirus is needed more than ever. Canon Tom Farrell, Catholic Dean of Coventry says: "The Catholic community in Coventry is very happy to support "Open Heaven". Pope Francis has asked us all to look at ways in which we can bring Christ Jesus to the world and make him known. We hope to fully support this initiative and pray as Christians together for our city. The quiet, yet powerful witness of offering prayer street by street will surely be a strong foundation on which to build our work for Christ." Visit <https://www.openheavencoventry.org> to get involved.

**DAILY EVENING PRAYER VIA ZOOM** at 6pm. Email Fr Paul at [allsoulsco@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulsco@gmail.com) for the log-in details.

**UPCOMING FUNERALS** Wednesday 27 May: **Andrew Gardner** (Canley crematorium); Monday 1 June: **Michael Lowe** (Lentons Lane cemetery). Please pray too for the repose of the soul of **Joanna Bazen**, recently departed.

**TOILETRIES FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS** Unused shower gel, spray deodorants, moisturising lotions, shaving foam, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes and new combs are still most welcome for patients in the critical care units of University Hospital. Please leave items in a bag and drop them in the box outside church. Thank you.

**WEEKLY GIVING TO THE PARISH** Part of our worship of God is our weekly giving to his Church. Our financial contribution to the parish and the wider Church (via second collections) is part of our response to the Lord's Commission to 'make disciples of all nations'. To the extent that your circumstances currently allow, I ask you please to consider how you will maintain your giving during the current pandemic. If you don't already give monthly by standing order, perhaps you might consider that option. Email [allsoulsco@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulsco@gmail.com) for the parish bank details. It is also possible to give to the parish via the diocesan website. Visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk), click on **Donate** (top right) and follow the instructions. If you give by weekly envelope or cash, perhaps you might put your offering aside at home each week as part of your Sunday worship, and then when we are able to gather again for Mass, place it in the offertory during Mass. Thank you to those people who have been posting their weekly envelopes through the presbytery letter box. Fr Paul.

