



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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✠ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠

PUBLIC MASSES RESUME AT ALL SOULS TODAY

Today public Masses resume in our church. Alleluia! Praise the Lord! While this is obviously a significant and welcome step forward, it is important that no one feels under any pressure to return to Mass until they feel ready to do so. Some people will perhaps need a little longer before feeling comfortable coming back to public worship, and that is fine. Other parishioners are advised by the government to continue minimising their social contact. **We must each make an individual informed decision.** For those not physically present at Mass, it remains possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, and the daily Mass will continue to be live streamed.

We have a fabulous team of **stewards** for our Masses, whose reward will be great in heaven! A steward will welcome you to Mass in the porch, put you at your ease if it all feels a bit daunting and strange to be back at Mass, ask you to sanitise your hands and point you in the right direction through church. Another steward will show you to a place in church. We will be **filling up church from the front** in the main body of seating, then in the transepts (by Our Lady and the Sacred Heart chapels) if they are needed. **PLEASE NOTE: FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN AT MASS.** There will be **no singing, no bidding prayers, no offertory collection, no physical Sign of Peace.** It is especially important that you **wait in your place at Holy Communion please until a steward directs you to the Communion Station. Communion will be in one kind only.** Again, at the end of Mass, please wait for the stewards to direct you to the exit.

Further information about what Mass will look like is below, on our website and on the church notice boards. Please familiarise yourself with what to expect when you come to Mass, and don't hesitate to contact me if you need further information or assurance. Yours in the Lord, Father Paul

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended by the Bishops. This means that for the time being there is **no obligation for people to attend Mass on Sunday.** If you can come to Mass on another day of the week, please do so. The capacity in church is reduced because of necessary social distancing. The ideal, safest scenario is for there to be a good spread of people coming to Mass across the seven days of the week. There will be a **daily Mass** at All Souls (times below).

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

On Wednesday 15 July Fr Paul will celebrate an end of year Mass in church at 11am for our school. This will be livestreamed into the classrooms and for those children who are being home-schooled. Note: This will not be a public Mass, though all are welcome to 'tune in' of course. During the Mass we will pray especially for our year 6 children who are moving on to secondary school after a very strange end to their time at All Souls. We send them on their way with our prayers but look forward to seeing them in church just the same, not least for their Confirmation. And we ask God to bless and keep safe all our children and their families over the summer break.



I want to pay tribute to Mrs Quinn, Mr Cooke and all the teachers and other staff in our school who have worked tirelessly all year, but particularly over the last few months during lockdown, which have been so difficult for schools. Our staff have shown enormous resilience, dedication and above all love for the children in their care. They have quietly gone the extra mile on a daily basis to make sure that everyone is safe and well and happy. So on behalf of the children, their families and the parish, a very big THANK YOU to you all. Now it's time for you to enjoy a well-deserved and well-earned rest! God Fr Paul

GENERAL INFORMATION ON PUBLIC MASSES AT ALL SOULS

- There will be a **daily Mass** at All Souls from **Sunday 12 July**.
- **Mass times** will be as follows. Please note that these times are not the usual 'pre-COVID' times. There is ONE Mass on Sunday.

PUBLIC MASS TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday 10.30am **Monday** 9.30am **Tuesday** 9.30am **Wednesday** 9.30am

Thursday 7.30pm **Friday** 9.30am **Saturday** 9.30am

Church will open 15 minutes before Mass begins.
Stewards will clean church after every Mass.

- With social distancing, the '**capacity**' at Masses at All Souls is **severely restricted**. There are green stickers on the pews indicating where people should sit in the main body of the church. However, **members of a household will be able to sit together in a pew**, so this does increase the number of people able to attend a Mass. The key principle is that people from *different households* must be socially distanced. **Seating in the transepts will be used if necessary**.
- We have very little idea of how many people will be returning to Mass at this time, and on which day. If it turns out that more people arrive for a Mass than can be safely accommodated, unfortunately there is no other option than for the stewards to ask them to come to Mass on another occasion. **I'm hopeful that we can avoid this scenario if we spread our Mass attendance across the week**.
- **Social distancing** will be 1m+ with **the obligatory use of face coverings** at Mass.
- **Face coverings** must be used in church. Please bring your own. This doesn't have to be a mask. It can be a homemade covering. Government advice is that those with severe breathing difficulties are not required to wear face coverings. For adults who can not wear face coverings the advice is that they stay well distanced from others. Government advice on children wearing face coverings has been inconsistent, but the diocese advises that children 5+ years wear face coverings at Mass.
- **Hand sanitising** People will be directed to sanitise their hands on entering and leaving church with alcohol-based wash.
- Please **follow the stewards' instructions**. They are not being bossy. They have been asked to give guidance and instructions to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.
- **Toilets** will be accessible for emergencies only. To open them more widely is very labour-intensive, as they would have to be cleaned regularly and after every Mass. Thank you for your understanding.
- All Masses will be **live streamed**. Data protection information relating to the live streaming of a Mass with a congregation is on our website, displayed in church and below.
- **People with COVID symptoms** are asked not to attend the church please. If you live with people who have symptoms please do not to attend church.
- **Vulnerable people** Government advice is still that people deemed more vulnerable than others should limit their social contact. Please make an informed decision on whether you come to Mass or not.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN I COME TO MASS?

Inevitably things will be a bit different for a while.

Before Mass

Church will have been **cleaned** ready for each Mass.

Church will open **15 minutes before Mass begins**.

Please use the **main car park around the back of church** unless you really need to park closer to the entrance.

Please observe the **queueing system** indicated outside of church, observing social distancing. Please be mindful of traffic using the driveway.

Please **follow the stewards' instructions**.

Please use the **hand sanitiser** in the porch.

Please observe the **one-way system** through the church.

Holy water stoups will remain empty.

The **piety shop** will not be open (please contact Fr Paul if you need a Mass card).

It is possible to light **votive candles** by the Sacred Heart chapel and the Lady Chapel. Please use a single-use disposable taper provided and dispose of it in the sand bucket.

Please **do not touch the statues**.

During Mass

Each Mass will last **approximately 30 minutes**. An important factor in reducing risk of transmission of the virus is minimising the time we spend in contact with others.

There will be **no singing**.

There will be **no shared hymn books/missalettes**.

There will be **no altar servers** or **eucharistic ministers**.

The **Prayer of the Faithful** (Bidding Prayers) will be omitted.

There will be **no offertory procession**. Monetary offerings can be placed in any of the money slots in church.

There will be **no physical Sign of Peace**.

Holy Communion

The **altar breads** for distribution to the people will be placed in a clean ciborium with a lid. The lid will be removed only at Holy Communion.

After the words, "*Behold the Lamb of God...Lord I am not worthy,*" the priest will hold up the Host to the congregation and say, "*The Body of Christ*", to which people respond, "*Amen*". In the same way he will elevate the chalice and say, "*The Blood of Christ*", to which people respond, "*Amen*".

The priest will receive Holy Communion from his own host and from the chalice.

Once the priest has received Holy Communion, he will **sanitise his hands** before the distribution of Holy Communion to the congregation. He will also wear a **face mask** during the distribution of Holy Communion.

Stewards will direct people to Holy Communion. Please wait in your place until instructed to move forward.

Please approach Holy Communion in **single file down the centre aisle**, observing social distancing.

During the distribution of Holy Communion the priest will stand on one side of the altar rail, the communicant on the other. Please approach with **arms at “full stretch”** so that there is a good distance between priest and communicant.

Because the people have acclaimed the Lord’s Presence together earlier, **Holy Communion will be distributed in silence** with no dialogue between priest and communicant (see above).

Holy Communion will be **in one kind only** i.e. the Host. There will be no distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice. We ask for the understanding of those who customarily receive under both kinds.

Holy Communion is to be received **in the hand only**. We ask for the understanding of those who customarily receive the Host on the tongue.

Any **blessings** will be given without physical contact.

Please **return to your place using the side aisles**, not the centre aisle.

In the nave (left):



In the nave (right):



In Our Lady’s seating:



In the Sacred Heart seating:



After Mass

The **exit** is via the left hand porch (Our Lady's side of church), not via the main porch.

Please leave the building **safely**. The stewards will direct people at this point.

Please leave the exit clear for people to leave the building safely.

Please be mindful of traffic using the driveway as you leave church.

The church will be closed again after Mass and **cleaned**.

Celebrating, living and sharing God's word today



First reading

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Exiles struggling to return home to Judea had only the promise of God's word to go on. So the prophet compares God's word to a powerful force well known to this desert people.

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23

Saint Paul was so enthusiastic about God's work in Christ that he saw it applied not just to human destiny but to all creation.

Gospel

Matthew 13: 1-23

The earliest Christians wondered why others did not understand and accept the message of Jesus. They recalled a saying of Jesus that gives an answer.

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

PLEASE NOTE: CURRENTLY THIS CHURCH LIVE STREAMS MASSES. PLEASE SEE NOTICES IN CHURCH FOR MORE DETAILS

Sunday 12 th	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sea Sunday)	10.30am MASS	<i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 13 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Pat Kitterick & Kitterick family, deceased</i>
Tuesday 14 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Lil Creagh (80th Birthday)</i>
Wed 15 th	St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	9.30am Mass	<i>People of the parish</i>
Thursday 16 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Mrs Condren RIP</i>
Friday 17 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Helen O'Kelly RIP</i>
Saturday 18 th	Our Lady on Saturday	9.30am Mass	<i>Agnes & David Hawthorne (Golden Wedding)</i>
Sunday 19 th	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>People of the parish</i>

Daily Evening Prayer via Zoom at 6pm (email Fr Paul for log-in details)

MAINTAINING GOOD COMMUNICATION We don't want parishioners to miss important information about this next phase of church and parish life - resuming public Masses. So please keep checking the parish website. You will find there the times of Masses, as well as general information on how Masses will be celebrated safely. Please share information which comes to you with those who don't use the internet and social media. Thank you

MASS TIMES AROUND THE DEANERY A list of Mass times of (public or without congregation but livestreamed) in all the churches of Coventry deanery is available on the deanery website and on our parish website.

READERS A very big thank you to all our readers at our public Masses. This is another very welcome step forward.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK Fr Paul will celebrate the Funeral Mass of **Les Thacker**, of the Ordinariate community, at St. Joseph's Whitnash on Friday 17 July at 1.30pm.

PLEASE PRAY also for the repose of the soul of **Paddy Mulligan** who has died recently. Paddy's Funeral Mass will be at All Souls on Tuesday 28 July at 1.30pm (family only).

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the church on Saturdays 10.30am - 11.30am. Please ask yourself whether you need to make a sacramental confession before returning to Holy Communion, bearing in mind that Easter Confession was not possible. Please wait in the available seating near the Sacred Heart chapel. Each penitent is asked to use the traditional confessional (the door on the left), to sit on the chair rather than kneel, and to wipe the seat afterwards with the disinfectant wipes available. Confession is also available by appointment. Please phone 02476674161 or email allsoulscofv@gmail.com. If the weather is fine, Confessions by appointment may also be in the Peace Garden around the back of church.

FUNERALS in church have now resumed, both Funeral Services and Funeral Masses. Government guidance is that only family should attend funerals. The maximum number of people permitted is 30. This church will be cleaned after every funeral.

Fuller parish guidance for families involved in arranging a funeral at All Souls are available on the parish website.

BAPTISMS It is now possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in church. The maximum number of people permitted to attend a Baptism is 30. All of our baptism families who have been waiting patiently for their children to be baptised for several months, have been contacted and we are arranging new dates with them. Please keep them all in your prayers.

WEDDINGS in church are now permitted. The maximum number of people permitted to attend will be 30. It is recommended that at this time Marriage is celebrated outside of the Mass to reduce the length of the service. Again church will be cleaned after every Marriage service.

UNIVERSALIS Even if you don't have the

Universalis App on your phone, you can scan Universalis's **QR codes** (like this one) with your phone and be taken to the prayers and readings of the day, in seconds. The one here is for the daily Mass readings. On the noticeboard outside church, inside church on one of the back pillars, and on the website, there is a series of QR codes. Choose whichever one you want to access, (the day's Mass readings, Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, Vespers and so on), point your phone camera at it, and away you go!



PEACE GARDEN The Peace Garden is accessible for individual prayer at any time. Please observe social distancing.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE PARISH Thank you to all our parishioners who have been able to maintain their regular giving + If you don't already give monthly by standing order, please consider that option. Email allsoulscofv@gmail.com for the parish bank details.

+ It is also possible to set up a regular or a single donation to the parish via the diocesan website. Visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk, click on **Donate** (top right) and follow the instructions. When asked which church you're donating to, please select 'Coventry: Earlsdon'.

+ It is also possible to put weekly envelopes and cash in any of the money slots in church, or through the presbytery letter box.

