

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Please note: The Prime Minister's statement on Saturday 31 October came after this newsheet was produced. Implications for churches of the next period of 'lockdown' will become clear in the days ahead. Please keep checking our parish website for information.

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

PLEASE NOTE: MASSES IN THIS PARISH ARE CURRENTLY LIVESTREAMED. SEE INFORMATION NOTICE IN THE PORCH.
Eucharistic Adoration Monday-Saturday 30 Minutes before Mass.

Sunday 1 st Nov	ALL SAINTS' DAY	10.30am MASS	People of the parish	Carmel Ryan RIP (Fr Tim)
Monday 2 nd	ALL SOULS' DAY	9.30am Requiem Mass	for All the Faithful Departed	Deceased Clergy & Parishioners of All Souls (Fr Tim)
Tuesday 3 rd	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	Bridie & Jack Walsh RIP (with Year 1 children)	
Wednesday 4 th	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	9.30am Mass	Mary Murphy-Cooper RIP	
		11.15am Funeral Mass	(Joseph Goyer RIP)	
Thursday 5 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.30pm Mass	Davis family RIP	
Friday 6 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	Emily & Albert Blount RIP	
Saturday 7 th	Our Lady on Saturday	9.30am Mass	Kitty & Jim West RIP	
		10.30-11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 8 th	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am REQUIEM MASS	for the War Dead	(Remembrance Sunday)

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

✠ Sunday 1 November ALL SAINTS' DAY

First reading: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 *I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

Psalm R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading: 1John 3:1-3 *We shall see God as he really is.*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven*

✠ Monday 2 November ALL SOULS' DAY

First reading: Wis 3:1-9 *The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God.*

Psalm R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading: Romans 8:14-23 *The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God.*

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 *You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children.*

✠ Tuesday 3 November Feria in Ordinary Time

First reading: Phil 2:5-11 *Christ humbled himself, God raised him high.*

Psalm R. You are my praise, O Lord, in the great assembly.

Gospel: Luke 14:15-24 *Go to the open roads and the hedgerows and force people to come in to make sure my house is full.*

✠ Wednesday 4 November St. Charles Borromeo

First reading: Philipians 2:12-18 *Work for your salvation. It is God who puts both the will and the action into you.*

Psalm R. The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 *None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions..*

✠ Thursday 5 November Feria in Ordinary Time

First reading: Philipians 3:3-8 *Because of Christ, I have come to consider all the advantages that I had as disadvantages.*

Psalm R. Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10 *Rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.*

✠ Friday 6 November Feria in Ordinary Time

First reading: Phil 3:17-4:1 *We are waiting for the Saviour who will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

Ps R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel: Luke 16:1-8 *The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.*

✠ Sat 7 November Our Lady on Saturday

First reading: Philipians 4:10-19 *There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.*

Psalm R. Happy the man who fears the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 16:9-15 *Who will trust you with genuine riches?*



The Precious Blood & All Souls, Earlsdon

Public Masses in a time of COVID-19

Note: Times are subject to change as restrictions are changed.

Sunday	10.30am
Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	7.30pm
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	9.30am
Confessions Saturdays	10.30-11.30am

& at other times by arrangement.

Attendees must...

- + Wear a face covering (please bring)
- + Remain 1 metre + apart
- + Sanitise hands on entering and exiting the church
- + Follow the signs
- + Follow the stewards' directions

During Mass no...

- + Holy water in stoups
- + Hymns books/missalettes
- + Children's liturgy
- + Serving team (just one server for now)
- + Collection bags
- + Offertory procession
- + Physical Sign of Peace
- + Eucharistic ministers
- + Distribution of the Precious Blood

Holy Communion

- + Wait for stewards' directions
- + Single file
- + Maintain social distancing
- + Face coverings to be worn and removed to receive the Host
- + Receive in silence on the hand only
- + Return to your place as directed

Please consider staying at home if...

- + You are clinically vulnerable
- + You are feeling ill
- + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to COVID-19
- + You have a sick family member at home

Please note...

- + The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended at this time
- + You are encouraged to come to Mass on any day of the week.
- + Capacity in church is restricted
- + The church is cleaned after each liturgy (Mass, baptisms, funerals etc)
- + Most parish meetings are taking place virtually.

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 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 is a **daily Mass** at All Souls (times above).

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS What is the Bible?

The Bible is not really a single book, it's an astonishing collection of different writings from the Jewish and Christian traditions. It's written by different people, in different places, over many centuries. In effect it's a whole library, rather than an individual book.

It brings together history, poetry, song, prayer; legal documents, moral codes, religious instruction. But despite all this diversity, there is a common theme. It tells the story of God's plan for humankind, as it unfolds from the creation of the world to the end of time.

It speaks about God's love for all people; his special love for the Jewish people; the coming of the Saviour, Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection; the gift of the Holy Spirit; and the beginnings of the Christian Church. It finishes with an extraordinary vision of heaven.

Christians believe that the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit. That doesn't mean it dropped down from heaven, fully formed, like a stork delivering a baby; or that God dictated it by speaking into the ears of the authors. No. They were real authors, and the history of the Bible is incredibly complex. But God was guiding them and guiding this history, and giving us the truth we needed for our salvation.

The Bible is absolutely central to the Christian life and to the Church. Christians believe that God speaks to us through the words and events of the Bible. These are not just dead words sitting on a page. They come alive and we are drawn into the reality of these events.

We read this book, but we hear the voice of Christ.

Adapted from Episode 6 ("The Bible") of the Sycamore series.

NHS TRACK & TRACE

Each time you come to Mass we ask you please to provide your contact details. You can do this in one of two ways:

EITHER Download the **NHS Test and Trace app** to your smartphone and **scan the All Souls QR code** on the posters in the porch (see more information below).

OR Bring a **piece of paper with your name and contact number** and post it in the metal box in the porch (see below).

WELCOME If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, welcome. If today marks your return to Mass since the start of the pandemic, welcome back. It is lovely to have you back with us.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? If you wish to find out more about the Catholic faith, or would like to become a Catholic, please contact Fr Paul, Deacon Paul or Barbara (see contact details above).

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY TRAINING FUND at all Masses this week. Please place offerings in the wall slots near Our Lady. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The names of the children who will make their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 14 November at 5.30pm** are displayed at the back of church. Please pray for them. Like the Confirmation Mass earlier this month, attendance at the First Communion Mass is unfortunately restricted to the children and 4 members of their household. The children will

celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 11 November**.

GROWING FAITH To help support us in our faith during the challenging winter months ahead we're going to provide parishioners with a weekly link to resources from **Sycamore**, a Catholic course aimed at helping people mature in their faith. The main feature is a 30 minute film. The link will be sent via email, the newsheet and the website. Starting soon.

RECENTLY DEPARTED The Funeral Mass of **Joseph Patrick Goyer** will be celebrated on Wednesday 4 November at 11.15am. Current restrictions for funerals apply i.e. 30 attendees. Please pray too for **Derek McDonagh**, recently departed.

SCHOOL CLASS MASSES This half term we will welcome the children from school back to Mass during the week, one class at a time. The children will sit at the front of church in the usual way. Because of their age, they are not required to wear face coverings, and will be able to sit together (in every other pew) as they constitute a 'bubble' within school. They will, however, sanitise their hands and follow the direction of stewards. The dates of school Masses are: **Tues 3 Nov:** Year 1; **Mon 9 Nov:** Year 2; **Wed 18 Nov:** Year 3; **Mon 23 Nov:** Year 4; **Tues 1 Dec:** Year 5; **Wed 9 Dec:** Year 6.

SATURDAY FAMILY MASSES In an attempt to reach out to our school families at this difficult time, we are inviting the families of each school year group in turn to Saturday morning Mass which is a bit quieter than Sunday Mass at present. **Year 6:** Sat 7 Nov; **Year 4** (First Holy Communion Mass at 5.30pm); **Year 5:** Sat 21 Nov; **Year 3:** Sat 28 Nov; **Year 2:** Sat 5 Dec. Of course, families are welcome to attend *any* Mass!

MISSIO RED BOXES Thank you for your generous response to the Red Box collection. Receipts will be put into the box at the back of Church. Please make cheques payable to 'Missio'. Contact number 76670671.

FOOD BANK Thank you for donations to the food bank. Please place items in the box in the porch.

CHANTRY BOOK

We are in the process of compiling a list of the departed (**Chantry Book**) which will be given a place of honour in church. The loose leaf book will be housed in a display case and the names of the dead displayed on their anniversary of death for others to read, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Given the dedication of our church, this seems an especially fitting thing to do. Remembering all of those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith" helps us understand and appreciate better our faith in Christ who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

Adding names We're asking parishioners during November to place the names of any departed family members or parishioners in the basket on the altar rail. All names placed in the basket will be added to the chantry book. Don't worry if you have a long list, and please don't assume that we already have names or that somebody else will provide them. This is a long-term project and it will be possible for names to be added easily as we go along. On your piece of paper (there are some slips at the back of church and attached to newsheets this week) please write clearly: the **names of the dead**, their **dates of death** (e.g. 1st January 2020), plus **your name** and a **contact number** (just in case we can't read your writing!).

Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!

Part of a Letter of Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

The Christian community has never sought isolation and has never made the Church a city with closed doors. Formed in the value of community life and in the search of the common good, Christians have always sought insertion into society, while being aware of an otherness - to be in the world without belonging to it and without being reduced to it (cf. Letter to Diognetus, 5-6). And even in the pandemic emergency, a great sense of responsibility has emerged. In listening to and collaborating with civil authorities and experts the Bishops of the Church were prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist for a long period. This Congregation is deeply grateful to the Bishops for their commitment and effort in trying to respond in the best possible way to an unforeseen and complex situation.

As soon as circumstances permit, however, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10).

Aware that God never abandons the humanity He has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord's altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness. As soon as is possible, however, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love, and hope.

This time of deprivation gives us the grace to understand the heart of our brothers and sisters, the martyrs of Abitinae (beginning of the 4th century), who answered their judges with serene determination, despite a sure death sentence: “Sine Dominico non possumus.” A very brief expression sums up a great wealth of nuances and meanings that are offered to our meditation today:

--- We *cannot live*, be Christians, fully realizing our humanity and the desires for good and happiness that dwell in our hearts without the Word of the Lord, which in the celebration of the liturgy takes shape and becomes a living word, spoken by God for those who today open their hearts to listen;

--- We cannot live as Christians *without participating in the Sacrifice of the Cross* in which the Lord Jesus gives himself unreservedly to save, by his death, humanity which had died because of sin; the Redeemer associates humanity with himself and leads it back to the Father; in the embrace of the Crucified One all human suffering finds light and comfort;

--- We *cannot be without the banquet of the Eucharist*, the table of the Lord to which we are invited as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to receive the Risen Christ himself, present in body, blood, soul and divinity in that Bread of heaven which sustains us in the joys and labours of this earthly pilgrimage;

--- We *cannot be without the Christian community*, the family of the Lord: we need to meet our brothers and sisters who share the sonship of God, the fraternity of Christ, the vocation and the search for holiness and the salvation of their souls in the rich diversity of ages, personal histories, charisms and vocations;

--- We *cannot be without the house of the Lord*, which is our home, without the holy places where we were born to faith, where we discovered the provident presence of the Lord and discovered the merciful embrace that lifts up those who have fallen, where we consecrated our vocation to marriage or religious life, where we prayed and gave thanks, rejoiced and wept, where we entrusted to the Father our loved ones who had completed their earthly pilgrimage;

--- *We cannot be without the Lord's Day*, without Sunday which gives light and meaning to the successions of days of work and to family and social responsibilities.

As much as the means of communication perform a valued service to the sick and those who are unable to go to church, and have performed a great service in the broadcast of Holy Mass at a time when there was no possibility of community celebrations, no broadcast to personal participation or can replace it. On the contrary, these broadcasts alone risk distancing us from a personal and intimate encounter with the incarnate God who gave himself to us not in a virtual way, but really, saying: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). This physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable. Once the concrete measures that can be taken to reduce the spread of the virus to a minimum have been identified and adopted, it is necessary that all resume their place in the assembly of brothers and sisters, rediscover the irreplaceable preciousness and beauty of the celebration of the liturgy, and invite and encourage again those brothers and sisters have been discouraged, frightened, absent or uninvolved for too long.

Robert Card. Sarah

Prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

NHS COVID-19 TEST AND TRACE APP

On 24th September, the NHS launched its Covid-19 Test and Trace App. This app has been developed to assist the Government with its test and trace policy and uses a smartphone. The app works by using the 'Bluetooth' system, which all smartphones have. It registers any other phones within a certain distance, which also have the app installed. This takes place between the phones themselves and is entirely anonymous.

The app registers a contact if the two people have been within a certain distance (less than 2m) of each other for a certain amount of time (more than 15 minutes), according to what is known about the transmission of Covid-19. No information is sent to the NHS or other bodies. If for any reason a person wishes to delete the app from the phone, all the data is also deleted. Similarly, if the app registers that someone you have met recently has been tested positive for Covid-19, it will tell you what you need to do.

There are six benefits to the app which will help users:

- **Trace:** For contact tracing, the app detects and logs other nearby app users using random unique IDs. If any of those users later test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), you will receive an exposure alert with advice on what to do. If you are under 18, you are advised to show this alert to a trusted adult.
- **Alert:** When you first register for the app you will be asked for the first half of your postcode. You can check the app every day to see whether where you live has become a high-risk area for coronavirus. If it is, you will also receive a notification to let you know. This will help you make daily decisions to protect yourself and those you love.
- **Check-in:** The app allows you to record when you visit a venue by "checking-in" when you arrive, using the venue's QR code. The app records the time you spend at the venue without recording any personal information. You will receive an alert, if you have recently visited a venue where you have come into contact with coronavirus.
- **Symptoms:** If you feel unwell, you can use the app to check if your symptoms could be related to coronavirus (COVID-19). The app will give you a list of potential symptoms and you can then choose the ones that apply to you. It will then tell you if your symptoms suggest you have coronavirus.
- **Test:** If you have coronavirus symptoms, the app will take you to a website where you can book a test to see if you have coronavirus or not.
- **Isolate:** If you have been advised by the app to self-isolate, the app provides a countdown timer so that you can keep track of how long you need to self-isolate. When you reach the end of your self-isolation period, the app will send you a notification reminder with a link to the latest advice for you. If a person using the app tests positive for Covid-19 at some stage, they are given instructions about how to share the information through the system, so that those who have been in contact with them can be notified via the app.

People who do not have a smartphone will still be covered by the existing manual track and trace services, which will continue as at present (see below).

MANUAL COLLECTION OF CONTACT DETAILS OF THOSE ATTENDING PUBLIC WORSHIP

Government guidance for the safe use of places of worship states that churches should assist NHS Track and Trace by keeping a record of those who come to church. **We request contact details of people coming into church for public worship.**

General principles

- ❖ Only a **name** and **phone number** is needed.
- ❖ If a family come together, only one contact number is needed.
- ❖ Anyone is free to decline to provide details and still attend Mass.
- ❖ Details collected will be **stored securely** for 21 days.
- ❖ The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent.
- ❖ If NHS Track and Trace contacts the parish, details of those who attended the relevant Mass will be made available to them.
- ❖ After 21 days details collected will be **securely disposed of.**

Method of collecting information

When coming to Mass please bring a small piece of paper with your name and phone number on, which you will be invited to drop into a locked metal container in the porch.

Stewards will be on hand to assist.

Funerals, baptisms, weddings etc

Those attending funerals, baptisms, weddings etc will be asked to do the same.

I thank you for your co-operation with this further step to ensure everyone's safety.

Fr Paul