

# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020

**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

(Remembrance Sunday)



Regrettably public worship in churches is not permitted under current government restrictions.

Nevertheless the worship of God's holy people continues.

Daily Mass will be said at 9.30am without a congregation and live streamed.

Times of daily church opening for individual prayer and Adoration are below.

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Celebrating, Living & Sharing God's Word

### An Introduction to the Bible

The whole point of reading and understanding the Bible is to encounter God, understand the revelation he has given us and grow in faith. But, we do not read alone. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of those who have gone before us. As long ago as the 5<sup>th</sup> century, St. Jerome, a Father and Doctor of the Catholic Church, insisted that "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!"

### The Bible and Catholics

There are three basic principles we need to remember when we read the Bible:

- 1. God is the principal author of Sacred Scripture.** God chose to reveal to us certain truths for the sake of our salvation. This message of salvation is the set of revealed truths which we call the "deposit of faith," or Divine Revelation. The Bible is primarily concerned with telling us these truths, which are without error. God himself made sure of that.
- 2. God made use of people to write the Bible.** This is important: God did **not** "dictate" the Bible, word for word, to people who just wrote down his words. Instead, he did something more amazing. He made use of specific people to write the various sacred books of the Bible. And although God gave each author special grace to aid him in this work, each author wrote in a way that was natural to them. Their writings reflected them – their personalities, their backgrounds and their educations.
- 3. God uses human language and knowledge – with all their imperfections - to tell us his eternal truths.** God conveyed things to people through words and actions which made use of the ways of speaking and thinking that were common at the time. God worked this way so that it would be possible for humans to write down or pass on these eternal truths. The people who experienced these events and received God's divine messages either wrote them down later, or would pass them on in a reliable oral tradition that was later written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Of course, sometimes we have to work carefully to get past the imperfections of human language and knowledge in order to see what God wanted to tell us. This is an important step for understanding the Bible!

## ✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

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| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | <b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>(Remembrance Sunday) | <b>9.30am REQUIEM MASS</b> for the War Dead & Act of Remembrance<br>(Fr Paul will offer a further Mass privately today for the People of the Parish) |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>     | <b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>                              | 9.30am MASS John Hopkins RIP   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</b>                   | 9.30am Mass Deceased clergy of All Souls   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> | <b>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</b>                                     | 9.30am Mass Sarah Ann & Joseph Morris RIP  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>St. Josaphat, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>                               | 9.30am Mass Peggy Flannery RIP   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Feria in Ordinary Time   | 9.30am Mass Fr John Collins RIP  |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>  | 9.30am Mass Brenda Etherson RIP  |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                         | <b>9.30am MASS</b> People of the Parish  |

Daily Morning Prayer (Lauds) livestreamed at 9am (see [allsoulscoventry.org.uk](http://allsoulscoventry.org.uk) for link to our Youtube channel)

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

## WINTER LOCKDOWN

Regrettably appeals to the government to allow churches to remain open for public worship during this month's lockdown were not met with a favourable response, and so once again churches must close their doors for public worship until 2 December. Whatever our feelings about this might be – and I know that for some people that includes feelings of anger – we must adhere to the guidance and law. However, the worship of the Church continues unabated:

**Daily Mass** will be celebrated at All Souls *privately* each day at 9.30am, and live streamed. People are encouraged to make an Act of Spiritual Communion either while 'attending' a live streamed Mass or at another time. You might want to set up an 'altar' with crucifix and candles as a focus for this.

**Individual prayer** Thanks to the generosity of our stewards, the church is open for individual prayer daily. See opening times below. The **Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed on the altar for Adoration during opening times.

**Confession and pastoral support** Fr Paul will endeavour to be in or around church during opening times, so that if you need to talk with him or arrange for confession, you're able to grab him (not literally, of course!). You can of course contact Fr Paul by phone or email in the usual way.

**Morning Prayer (Lauds)** will be livestreamed daily at 9am. For those without their own office book the text will be emailed to those on the parish e-mailing list the day before. It can also be found on Universalis (with some deviations because of copyright)

**Evening Prayer (Vespers)** continues daily on Zoom at 6pm uninterrupted since March! The text of the office will be emailed to those on the parish e-mailing list during the day.

Unfortunately **Baptisms** and **First Holy Communions** will have to be postponed until after lockdown. **Weddings** are permitted only in exceptional circumstances.

Garden – a public outdoor space – is a safe place for two people to meet for this purpose. Please wear a face covering.

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED** Please pray for **Patrick Goyer** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated last week. Pray also for **Aidan Tyrrell** (Funeral Mass on 18 November) and **Rosalia Terranova** (Funeral Mass on 23 November). Funeral Masses and Funeral services are permitted in church during lockdown with a limit of 30 attendees.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Thank you for your donations to the Food Bank. It is so important that this response during the pandemic, which has been such a significant part of parish life over these past months, continues and develops. Please place items in the box in the porch.

**A DAY OF PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC** On Saturday 21 November, the Eve of the Feast of Christ the King, we are encouraged by Cardinal Nichols to set aside a time of prayer before the Eucharist especially for the global COVID crisis. Church will be open as usual 10.30am-12.30pm.

**DARE TO HOPE** *What gives hope to people of faith & how do they cope with the challenges of the covid-19 crisis?* The Diocesan Commission for Interreligious Dialogue has organised an autumn series of zoom meetings on Thursdays at 7.30pm, beginning on Thursday 12 November, promoting dialogue, listening & sharing among people of different faiths in the West Midlands. To register, please email [interreligdialogue@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:interreligdialogue@rcaob.org.uk) You will be sent a zoom link before each event. Fr Paul is taking part in the second session on Thursday 19 November with Mohammed Hammad of the Iqra Centre, Coventry.

**NHS TRACK & TRACE** Each time you come to church 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 OR Bring a **piece of paper with your name and contact number** and post it in the metal box in the porch.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PRAYER** As we remember and pray for all those killed in warfare and violence, we pray for the gift of true peace which can only come from God: *Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray thee, in every heart the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations, that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, til the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## NEW 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.

**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. On your piece of paper (there are some slips at the back of church) please write clearly: the **names of the dead**, their **dates of death** (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020), plus **your name** and a **contact number** (just in case we can't read your writing!). You can also email your names to Fr Paul or phone them through or post them through the presbytery door. 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.

## GROWING FAITH

Let's use this time of enforced separation from the sacraments and one another as a time to grow in our faith and love of God.

Beginning this week, to help bolster our faith during the challenging winter months ahead, we are providing 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.

This week's session is entitled **The Search for Happiness**. Simply follow the link, press play and enjoy: <https://www.sycamore.fm/start/session-guides/session-1-the-search-for-happiness/>

Those receiving the link by email will also find an attachment with some questions for reflection/discussion plus some related passages of scripture and teaching of the Church. You may wish to use the resources on your own or as a family. Please feel to pass them on to others who you thinking would benefit. God bless you. Father Paul

**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).

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Please contact Fr Paul if you require Confession during lockdown. The Peace

# CHURCH OPENING TIMES

for individual prayer

from 5 November

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>10.30am – 12.30pm</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>2.00pm – 4.00pm</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>10.30am – 12.30pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10.30am – 12.30pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>6.30pm – 7.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>10.30am – 12.30pm</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>10.30am – 12.30pm</b> |

Please wear a face covering in church, observe physical distancing and follow the stewards' instructions.

## Daily worship

9am Morning Prayer (live streamed)

9.30am Mass (live streamed)

6pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Livestream: visit [allsoulscoventry.org.uk](https://allsoulscoventry.org.uk) and click [All Souls Daily Mass live stream](#)

Zoom: let Fr Paul have your email address if you want to receive the daily invitation.