

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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. Daily times for individual prayer are below.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: CELEBRATING, LIVING & SHARING GOD'S WORD

An Introduction to the New Testament

The books of the Old Testament are about a people, the books of the New Testament are about **a person**. All of them spring from the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. The 'movement' which Jesus inspired came to be known as Christianity and the writings which make up the New Testament were written by people committed to that 'movement'.

The Relationship between Old and New

The relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament reflects both the continuity and discontinuity between the Christian and Israelite faiths. Christians believe God had one plan for salvation that was revealed first to the Israelites and then to all peoples through Jesus Christ. The New Testament and Old Testament, then, tell one ongoing story of salvation.

At the same time, the authors of the New Testament were proposing something radically new: Jesus' fulfilment of the Israelites' hope in God's promises.

For the New Testament writers, the Old Testament was Holy Scripture. To tell the story of Jesus, those authors relied largely on the vocabulary and methods of reading scripture that already existed in the Jewish world.

The books of the New Testament are not in *chronological order*. The Gospels reached their final form between 30 and 60

years *after* the death of Christ – therefore, a long time after the letters of Paul. The stories that developed into the Gospels came from a stock of *oral tradition* and *faith memory*; they were stories that had been passed down by believers through the generations.

The New Testament has 4 four distinct parts (genres):

- four **Gospels**: the Good News of Christ's Life, Death and Resurrection; these Gospels are not meant as a biography or history, but a proclamation of faith. **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.**
- the **Acts of the Apostles**: about the early Church
- **Letters**: addressed either to individual Christian communities, individuals or all Christians
The Letters of Paul: Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Philemon, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus (Hebrews)
The 'Catholic Epistles' (letters to all Christians): James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude
- the **Book of Revelation**: a call to Christians to remain faithful in the face of the disasters that they saw happening all around them. A vision of God's victory and of Jesus Christ as Lord and King.

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday 22 nd	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.30am MASS	<i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 23 rd	Feria in Ordinary Time	<u>9.00am</u> Mass (Note the earlier time)	<i>Josephine Goddard RIP</i>
		10.00am Funeral Mass	<i>(Rosalia Terranova RIP)</i>
Tuesday 24 th	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs	9.30am Mass	<i>Special intention of the Rabvukwa family</i>
Wednesday 25 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Margaret Atcheson & family, deceased</i>
Thursday 26 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Josephine Foley RIP</i>
Friday 27 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Intentions of Patrick Healy & family</i>
Saturday 28 th	Our Lady on Saturday	9.30am Mass	<i>Annie Turvey RIP</i>
Sunday 29 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am MASS	<i>People of the parish</i>
		4pm Service of Advent Readings & Hymns	<i>(livestream)</i>

Daily Morning Prayer (Lauds) livestreamed at 9am (see 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

Daily Mass is said *privately* each day at 9.30am, and live streamed. You are encouraged to make an Act of Spiritual Communion (see resources below) either while 'attending' a live streamed Mass or at another time.

Individual prayer Church is open for individual prayer daily. See opening times below. The **Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed.

Confession and pastoral support Please contact Fr Paul to arrange (Friday is his rest day).

Morning Prayer (Lauds) is livestreamed daily at 9am.

Evening Prayer (Vespers) continues daily on Zoom at 6pm.

GROWING FAITH

Week 3: A God who speaks

To help sustain our faith during the challenging winter months, 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 **A God who speaks**. Simply follow the link, press play and enjoy:
<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-3-a-god-who-speaks/>

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 think would benefit.

God bless you. Father Paul

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for **Aidan Tyrrell**, **Rosalia Terranova** (Funeral Mass at 10am on Monday 23 November), **Barbara Redpath** (Funeral Mass at 10.30am on Monday 30 November), **Fr Alan Griffin**, **Beverley Cooper** and **Lionel Farrell** who have died recently.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW ON SAFEGUARDING The final report and recommendations of the independent review of the Catholic Church's Safeguarding Structures and Arrangements in England and Wales can be found on the diocesan website. A statement from the Bishops' Conference, a personal statement from Cardinal Nichols and a message from Archbishop Longley can all be found below, in the church porch and on the diocesan website
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/statement-on-safeguarding-from-the-bishops-conference>

#REDWEDNESDAY is an initiative created by **Aid to the Church in Need UK** on behalf of persecuted Christians. Around the world Christians are being seized and unjustly detained. As faith leaders, priests pose a 'threat' to many regimes. As minorities, Christian women and girls are powerless and vulnerable. This Wednesday we are invited to pray for our brothers and sisters who face terrible suffering for witnessing to their faith in Jesus Christ. You could do this either in church 10.30am-12.30pm or at home. There are some prayer resources below which will be available in church. For more information and to donate to Aid to the Church in Need visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday Why not also light a red candle (safely) in your window as a sign of hope and solidarity, or wear something red.

AN ADVENT SERVICE OF READINGS & HYMNS Next Sunday 29 November, the First Sunday of Advent, Fr Paul will lead a livestreamed service of Advent Scripture Readings and Hymns at 4pm. This will help us to settle into the spirituality and significance of the season of Advent and to sing together (albeit in our own homes!) some of the beautiful Advent hymns.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WALK WITH ME booklets and calendars are available at the back of church. Please consider delivering one to a parishioner who is unable to get to church.

MARY'S MEALS Gemma Love of Mary's Meals UK says: "So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her "yes" brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, donations made to our Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas dinner table](#) or buying a Christmas gift card on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove"

SCHOOL MASSES Classes of children from school will be joining in the livestreamed Mass on Tuesdays – this week, Year 4. The whole school will join on 8 December for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and on 15 December for an end of term Mass. Fr Paul will be leading a live-streamed Advent Prayer Service for Nursery and Reception on Thursday 3 December.

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 a series of zoom meetings on Thursdays at 7.30pm, promoting dialogue, listening & sharing among people of different faiths in the West Midlands. To register, please email interreligdialogue@rcaob.org.uk You will be sent a zoom link before each event. This Thursday is the final session.

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.

FOOD BANK A message from Helen Needham: I am writing on behalf of Feeding Coventry at Foleshill Community Centre to say a huge thank you for all the support we have received from the parish of All Souls since March. Your generous donations have enabled us to feed 500-600 people per week, provide 168 free school meal packs in October half term, 200 breakfast packs every week in the summer holidays and 70 deliveries per week to vulnerable people during the height of the pandemic. Volunteers have come forward from All Souls to help at the centre and make deliveries. Feeding Coventry are incredibly grateful for your support. If you would like to volunteer please contact Helen Needham on 07925 019330 or email feedingcoventrycomms@gmail.com If you would like to contribute food donations towards our Christmas appeal, please see below the wishlist of items we would most like to receive:

Luxury Biscuits, Festive Chocolates, Cranberry Sauce, Packet Stuffing, Tinned Meat/Tuna, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Squash, Jam, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Spread, Cereal, Tinned fruit and veg, UHT Milk, Pasta, Rice. Please place in the box in the porch.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS Details of Christmas arrangements at All Souls will be available very soon. Whatever our family gatherings look like this year, subject to government restrictions, Christians will celebrate the birth of the Saviour of the World. Watch this space!

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

for individual prayer

from 5 November

Sunday	10.30am – 12.30pm
Monday	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday	10.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday	10.30am – 12.30pm
Thursday	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday	10.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday	10.30am – 12.30pm

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

Daily worship

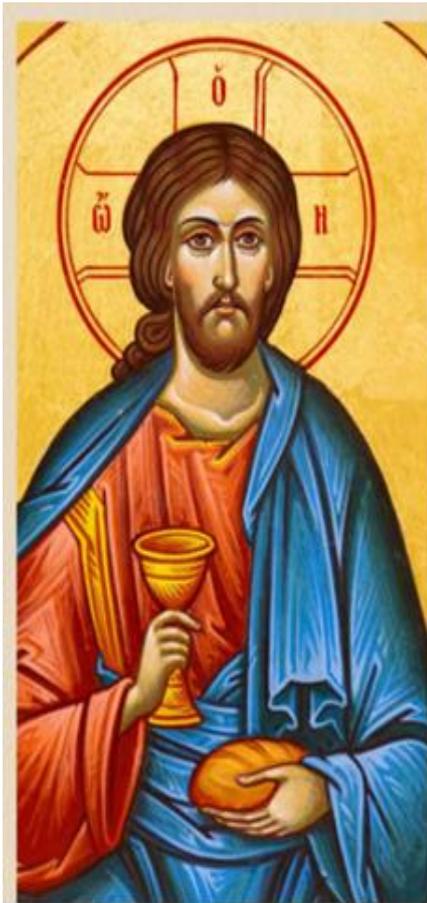
9am Morning Prayer (live streamed)

9.30am Mass (live streamed)

6pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Livestream: visit allsoulscoventry.org.uk and click **All Souls Daily Mass live stream**
Zoom: let Fr Paul have your email address if you want to receive the daily invitation.

Prayers for Spiritual Communion



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from the side of Christ,
wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen
me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within thy wounds hide me
Permit me not to be
separated from thee
From the wicked foe defend
me
At the hour of my death call
me
And bid me come to thee
That with thy saints I may
praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep us all in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Conclude with the following:

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**#REDWEDNESDAY
25TH NOVEMBER 2020**

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#RedWednesday 25 November 2020

A Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Lord Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd
you gave your life for all people.
You call us to serve suffering and persecuted Christians.
In them you continue your Passion for the redemption of the world.
It is a grace to carry the Cross with them.
Grant us love, courage and a readiness to sacrifice
so that we can aid and console our brothers and sisters in faith.
Fill us with your merciful love for one another,
that we may also bless our enemies and forgive them.
Thus we want to joyfully testify to your presence in the world
and the fullness of life in you.
Who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray for all those who are unjustly held for their faith, all those who have been kidnapped. Let us pray that their captors will see the error of their ways. Let us pray also for anyone who has a family member who has been kidnapped, that the Lord will give them strength. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for all persecuted Christians and all those who are oppressed. Let us pray for everyone who faces discrimination, violence and aggression because of their faith, that they will feel the safety of God's love. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the suffering Church in Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan and so many other countries, where Christians face persecution, legal injustices and daily torment, that the Lord will ease the pain of their suffering. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the faithful departed, especially those worldwide who have given their lives rather than abandon the Faith. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for all refugees and those displaced by war, that the Lord will endow them with strength to continue through the difficulties they face. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the work of Aid to the Church in Need and for all its staff, supporters and volunteers, that the Lord will continue to guide and help them in their work.
Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Statement on Safeguarding

Friday 20th November 2020

The account given in the IICSA Report of abuse known to be inflicted on children in the Catholic Church in England and Wales in the past 50 years is shocking and overwhelming. At our meeting this week, we Bishops have stood together in profound shame. We express our sorrow and contrition before God.

We have reflected on our need to reach out afresh to those who bear the wounds of permanent damage caused by this abuse. We commit ourselves to listen more intently to those who have been abused so as to learn from them and benefit from their wisdom. It is through learning from their testimony that hearts are changed.

We are grateful to those survivors who have come forward, not only to lay before us their experience of abuse, but to help us understand the depth of their pain. We invite anyone who has experienced abuse to come forward, no matter how long ago the abuse took place. We undertake to listen carefully to them with open heart and mind and support them on a journey of healing.

We have carefully considered the recommendations of the IICSA Report and formally accepted them. We have already begun work towards their implementation.

The IICSA's generic hearings into the Church began last October. Around that time we commissioned an Independent Review of our Safeguarding Structures and Arrangements in the Catholic Church in England and Wales. This was carried out by Mr Ian Elliott, an experienced safeguarding professional who has worked across the world in this area.

This week, alongside the IICSA Report, we have also examined in depth the Final Report of the Elliott Review and fully accepted its recommendations. It is a searching analysis of our safeguarding work, in its weaknesses and strengths. It proposes a number of remedial and forward-looking recommendations, which accord with the IICSA Report's own recommendations. The work of implementation will begin immediately. It will be carried out in close cooperation with the Religious Orders who play such an important part in the life of the Church.

In all our activities, our desire and resolve is to be a Church in which every child and vulnerable person is not only safe but nurtured into human flourishing. These recommendations present us with steps towards this goal. Key to them is a standards-based approach to safeguarding together with a specially commissioned national body with powers of effective audit and oversight of safeguarding in both Dioceses and Religious Orders. Everyone in the Church will be required to work to clear, published standards of behaviour and action. Most significantly, the Elliott Report has been fashioned with the participation of survivors of abuse. Their insight and wisdom has been crucial. We thank them for their great courage and generosity in working with us and we look forward to continuing this growing collaboration.

The Elliott Report builds on all that has been achieved in our safeguarding ministry in the past 20 years, achievements also recognised in the IICSA Report. Therefore we thank profoundly all who contribute to the work of safeguarding in the Church today: the thousands of Parish Safeguarding Representatives, the professionals who work in our Safeguarding Offices in every Diocese, the Safeguarding Commissions who oversee this work and give objective and professional advice to guide our decisions, the staff of the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service and those who serve on the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission. These, and many others, have contributed greatly to the current work of safeguarding in the Church.

Today, however, we acknowledge without hesitation, our failings, our mistakes, our lack of adequate cooperation. We express our deep sorrow and ask forgiveness, especially from victims and survivors. We affirm our resolve to effect the next step in our work of safeguarding and care for survivors. In prayer we turn to Christ the Good Shepherd, the fount of healing and compassion, asking that this moment of painful truth becomes a time of grace as we strive to fulfil the ministry entrusted to us as bishops in an unshakeable unity of purpose.

Personal Statement of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster & President of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

Press Conference; 20 November 2020

On Tuesday 10 November I received the IICSA Report. It has brought together a picture of abuse inflicted in the Catholic Church over a period of 50 years, together with detailed accounts of that abuse. It is a terrible picture. I remain shocked and ashamed. It is a reality that hangs like a dark cloud over my heart and mind.

I know that the publication of the Report has renewed in so many the lasting pain and wounds they carry as a result of that abuse, no matter how long ago it happened. My first thoughts were and are for them. Indeed many have written to me in these last days. To each and every one, I express my profound sorrow and apologies.

Abuse is a terrible wickedness. It can destroy, or severely damage, a person's capacity for trust and love. It can create of a life an empty shell. One letter I received from a survivor speaks eloquently of its deepest wickedness. She writes that, in the eyes of faith, these are wounds inflicted on the very Body of Jesus Christ, and inflicted by a person who claims to represent Christ and who uses faith, that most precious gift, as a means of controlling their victim. It is a very terrible evil.

I have spent many hours listening to survivors. I have sat and talked with them, shared meals with them and wept with them. Nothing removes from my soul the horror of what has happened to them. I will continue to listen to survivors: hearing them is a humbling and learning experience for me.

I say again: I am so sorry. I say this for many bishops who have gone before me over these 50 years. Many hearing this will feel that we let you down. Yes, we did let you down in many ways, in different times, in different places, for different reasons. I apologise again. I am so sorry for all that has happened over these years.

In these last few days, I have received many letters expressing anger and disgust at what has taken place. I have also received many more letters and messages of respect, support, esteem and encouragement for my continuing ministry. I cannot remove the damage that has been inflicted, but I can tell you that I hear clearly and feel keenly the content and impact of this Report, the messages from survivors, from the public and from so many of the faithful. I take them all to heart.

With profound feelings of both pain and support I came on Monday to our bishops' meeting. I came to be with my fellow bishops, united as we are, in a common life-long

commitment, to a ministry we have been given, in a love for this Church of sinners. I came to continue as their President, to guide and lead our work, to press ahead with the work we have done and are to bring into action, including and beyond the IICSA Report.

Yes, now I look to the future, to the renewal of our work of safeguarding and our response to survivors. There is new work to tell you about, new recommendations for action, shaped by the survivors who work with us and guide us, who give us the fruit of their suffering and wisdom. I thank them, as I thank everyone who works in this important ministry in our parishes and dioceses. Our commitment is strong and refreshed.

And now I hand over the Archbishop Malcolm who will report to you on the work of our Bishops' Conference. He will outline the measures on which we are fully agreed in order to revitalise our work of safeguarding, in order to correct our failings and build something better and stronger for the future. We pray that implementing these measures will help to restore the faith of our people and ensure respect and dignity for every person.

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**Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
about the Independent Review on Safeguarding**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Bishops of England and Wales have met in prayer and dialogue to respond to the final IICSA Report into the Catholic Church. The report shows institutional failures on the part of the Church which failed to keep the vulnerable safe from abuse and failed to offer compassionate responses to those who suffered. It is with shame and profound sorrow that we recognise these failures and accept our need for a change of heart. Our first thoughts and prayers must always be for those who have suffered. In their terrible suffering we must also recognise that they are our best teachers on how to improve.

The bishops have also responded to the Elliot Report. This independent review and report was commissioned by the bishops to recommend changes that are necessary to ensure best practice in safeguarding in the Church at every level. Victims/Survivors of abuse in the Church have played a crucial role in presenting the bishops with these necessary recommendations. The bishops have accepted and will implement all the recommendations contained in both the Elliot and the IICSA Reports.

Safeguarding is the work of all of us in the Church. I wish to thank all the volunteers and clergy in our parishes who help to ensure that they are safe places for all-comers. The IICSA Report acknowledges the vast improvements over the last 20 years in safeguarding practices. The acceptance and implementation of the Elliott Review recommendations will help us all improve further. The Bishops' Conference, under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent, is committed to improve our practices and our responses to those who have suffered.

Abuse has no place in the Church. The Archdiocese will always report allegations to and co-operate fully with the police and statutory agencies. I invite anyone who has suffered abuse to contact the police or if appropriate to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org.

I would encourage you to read the Bishops' Statement in full.

Thank you for your prayers for all those who have suffered abuse, within and beyond the Church, as well as for Cardinal Vincent and the bishops at this important moment.

With my prayers and every kind wish.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ Bernard

20 November 2020