



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2020

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all. **R./ Blessed be God for ever.**

PLEASE NOTE: THE GOVERNMENT'S CHANGES TO CHRISTMAS RESTRICTIONS DO NOT AFFECT PUBLIC WORSHIP

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday 20 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>O Clavis, O Key</i>)	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the parish Seamus Croarkin RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Monday 21 st	Advent feria (<i>O Oriens, O Rising Sun</i>)	9.30am Mass	<i>Susan Mary Loughron & Hazel Hall RIP</i>
		10.15-11.00am	Confessions
Tuesday 22 nd	Advent Feria (<i>O Rex Gentium, O King of the Nations</i>)	9.30am Mass	<i>Margaret Atcheson & family RIP</i>
		10.15-11.00am	Confessions
Wednesday 23 rd	Advent feria (<i>O Emmanuel, God-with-us</i>)	9.30am Mass	<i>Intentions of Josie McGrath</i>
		10.15-11.00am	Confessions
Thursday 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE	9.30am Mass	<i>Brenda Etherson RIP</i>
		10.15-11.00am	Confessions
----- THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST -----			
		3pm Family Crib Service	(Please note: <u>live-streamed only</u>)
		(Vigil Mass) 4.30pm MASS*	<i>PJ Barrett RIP</i>
		('Midnight Mass') 8.00pm MASS*	<i>For the People of the Parish Paddy Mulligan RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Friday 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY	(Mass of the Dawn) 9.30am MASS*	<i>Anne McGee & John Gallen RIP</i>
		(Mass of the Day) 11.15am MASS*	<i>Carmel Jones RIP</i>
Saturday 26 th	ST. STEPHEN, Martyr	9.30am MASS	<i>Mary Helen & George Shiner RIP</i>
Sunday 27 th	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish Angie Carolan RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
		4pm Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols	(<u>live-streamed only</u>)
Monday 28 th	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs	9.30am MASS	<i>Father Faulkner Morgan RIP Tony & Joan Lee RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Tuesday 29 th	ST. THOMAS BECKET, Martyr	9.30am MASS	<i>Frank Brennan RIP</i>
Wednesday 30 th	6th Day in the Christmas Octave	9.30am MASS	<i>Intentions of Anne McDowell</i>
Thursday 31 st	7th Day in the Christmas Octave	9.30am MASS	<i>Intentions of William Wheeler</i>
Friday 1 st Jan	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (The Octave Day of Christmas)	9.30am MASS	<i>Philip Walsh RIP Peggie Flannery RIP (Fr Tim)</i>

* Booking is required for this Mass Telephone 024 7667 4161 or email allsoulscoventry@gmail.com

Please note that if you do not book ahead for a Christmas Mass marked * it may not be possible to attend.

There is no Adoration before Masses in the Christmas Octave

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

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY MASSES

If you would like to attend one of our Christmas Masses (Christmas Eve at 4.30pm & 8pm and Christmas Day at 9.30am & 11.15am) you will need to book in advance on 024 7667 4161 or at allsoulsco@gmail.com

Please note that **there are no more spaces available at the 4.30pm Christmas Eve Mass.** There *are* spaces available at the other 3 Masses. Alternatively, you may wish to attend Mass in the rest of the Christmas Octave (St Stephen's Day, 26 Dec - Mary, Mother of God, 1 Jan). There is no need to book for these other Masses.

How can you help?

To help our Christmas worship run smoothly and safely please:

- + Book in advance.
- + Arrive EARLY, not at the very last minute. Church will be open 45 minutes before each of the four Christmas Masses.
- + Arrive as a household/bubble and come into church all together with the person who made the booking.
- + Follow a steward who will take your household/bubble to its designated place in church.
- + Wait for a steward to direct you to Holy Communion.
- + Wait for a steward to direct you to the exit after Mass.
- + Maintain physical distancing if you visit the crib or light a candle. Please follow the stewards' instructions.
- + Government restrictions require us not to socialise/mingle with other households in and around church. Please adhere to this.
- + Finally, please show respect in church and the reverence that is due to the Holy Eucharist.

Track & Trace Those who have booked places at a Christmas Eve or Day Mass have already provided their contact details, so there is no need to give contact details when you arrive.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Yesterday we witnessed more of our children receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time at yesterday's Mass (**Jack, George, Layla, Czar, Ceide-Mae, William, Leo, Natasza, Oscar, Nikodem, Britney, Ethan**). We look forward to more children making their First Holy Communion on Wednesday this week (**Bella and William**) and at the 4.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve (**Grace, Eden, Sienna, Caitlin, Jarvis**). We pray that they will all be faithful communicant members of the Church and our parish and grow strong in their faith.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS The Sacrament of Confession is available at the times shown above. Please wait in the seating near the Sacred Heart chapel in the places indicated by a green sticker. Disinfectant wipes are available in this area of seating; please wipe your place before you go into the confessional.

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE Fr Paul will lead a livestreamed Family Crib Service at 3pm on Christmas Eve. Please note that this is a livestreamed service only (ie with no congregation present in church). It is not a Mass, but a service of prayers and carols at the crib to take part in either live or at another time during the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS Fr Paul and Fr Tim will lead a live streamed Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols next Sunday, the first Sunday after Christmas, at 4pm. Please note that this is a live streamed service only. It can be viewed at a later date on our Youtube channel. Gather round your computer for a service of the Word and of Christmas Carols.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING envelopes are available at the back of church. Please place in the baskets.



THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Our thanks go to those who have assembled our lovely Christmas crib again this year. It stands ready to receive the figures of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Magi and of course the Christ Child. Like all Christmas cribs, it will help us

contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem stable.

A focus of prayer I encourage you to use the crib as a focus for prayer and devotion. Silver and gold **'prayer stars'** are available at the back of church. You're invited to write a prayer or intention on the white side and place the star in the basket near the crib. These will then be displayed around the crib.

A focus of charity I'd also like us to use the crib as a focus for charity. How could we not be moved to respond to the needy and vulnerable as we adore Christ in the poverty of the stable? Therefore I invite everybody coming to Christmas worship this year to bring an item of non-perishable food for the **Food Bank** and place it in the box near the crib at the end of Mass. Also to make a monetary crib offering for **Friends of the Holy Land**. Friends of the Holy Land aims to ensure a secure Christian presence in the land of Our Lord's birth. This Christmas so many Holy Land Christians, their homes and families, will be affected by a lack of tourists and pilgrims, which means a loss of income. Please place crib offerings in the wall slots near the exit.

Please do not crowd around the crib. Leave a safe distance between yourself and others as you queue.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021 It is now possible to request Masses for 2021. You can use the envelopes in church and post through the presbytery door or make a request via the website.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of **Annie Davin** and **Eileen Holloway** who have died recently. Their funerals will be celebrated at All Souls on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 January respectively.

MRS QUINN TO RETIRE Mrs Caroline Quinn has announced her intention to retire as headteacher of All Souls Primary School from August 2021. There is no doubt that she will be greatly missed by the school community and parish, but as she herself says in her letter to parents, for now, it's business as usual. We will say farewell and thankyou formally when the time comes. Please pray for the Governing Board who will be involved in the process of appointing Mrs Quinn's successor.

GROWING FAITH

Week 7: The Gift of Faith

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 **The Bible**. Simply follow the link, press play and enjoy the video:
<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-7-the-gift-of-faith/>

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. Fr Paul



CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL SOULS

Information for parishioners

A difficult year

This has been a very difficult year indeed because of COVID-19. Some of you will have lost loved ones to the virus; some of you will have had the virus yourselves; others will be facing an uncertain financial future. It is tempting to write off 2020 as an *annus horribilis*, but we know that as Christians we are called to have hope, to acknowledge that God is never absent from us and to believe that he works through the events of human history – even a global pandemic – for good and to establish his perfect kingdom. I would suggest, then, that rather than write 2020 off, we stay alert to what God is saying to us in and through this crisis. What unforeseen good might God bring out of this mess for me, my family, my parish, the Church, the world? What if in this moment God is inviting me to...? He is surely inviting all of us to greater trust in him and dependence on his goodness and mercy.

Churches open for Christmas

Thank God that we are able to gather in church at Christmas to celebrate the Birth of Christ. I look forward to seeing you if your health and circumstances permit. For those unable to attend Mass in person, services will be livestreamed and our prayers will be with you. The livestream is primarily intended for those who really can not be physically present at Mass. Please do not be tempted to use it as a substitute for being at Mass now that public worship is possible again.

Christmas will be different

It goes without saying that things will not be normal this year. Government restrictions remain in place to keep everyone safe. If you come to church you will need to wear a mask and will have to adhere to track and trace requirements. There will be no congregational singing of carols etc. There will be clear instructions about receiving Holy Communion and returning to your place. The number of people able to attend each Mass will be limited. Because of this last restriction parishes are circulating information about Christmas Mass times early.

Planning ahead

Parishes in Coventry will all have some form of 'booking' system over Christmas so that we are not in the position of having over-crowded churches. So please plan ahead now. You are asked please to attend Mass in your own parish (where you live or where you normally worship) and to familiarise yourself with the Christmas Mass times and arrangements. Details of your parish's Mass times and arrangements will be on the deanery website: <https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/>

The obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day itself (or the evening before) does not apply this year. You might therefore consider making one of the days of the Christmas Octave (Christmas week) your 'Christmas Day'. Understandably many people *will* want to be in church on Christmas Day itself or the evening before, so here's the plan at All Souls!

Christmas Mass times at All Souls

Pre-Christmas Confessions: Saturday 19 December 10.30 – 11.30am; Mon 21 - Thurs 24 December 10.15 - 11.15am & by arrangement.

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday 24 December

9.30am Mass (The last Mass of Advent)

3pm Family Crib Service with Carols (**via livestream only**)

4.30pm MASS* (Note: This will not be the usual family Mass)

8pm MASS*

CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25 December

9.30am MASS*

11.15am MASS*

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN Saturday 26 December

9.30am MASS

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Sunday 27 December

10.30am MASS

4pm Service of Lessons and Carols (**via livestream only**)

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS Monday 28 December

9.30am MASS

FEAST OF ST. THOMAS BECKET Tuesday 29 December

9.30am MASS

6th DAY IN THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE Wed 30 December

9.30am MASS

7th DAY IN THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE Thurs 31 December

9.30am MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Fri 1 Jan 2021

9.30am MASS

Booking arrangements at All Souls

If you would like to attend one of the Masses on **Christmas Eve** or **Christmas Day** (marked * above) you will need please to make arrangements in advance in one of the following ways:

TELEPHONE THE PRESBYTERY on 024 7667 4161. You will be asked for **your name, phone number, the total number of people from your household who will be attending and the Mass you wish to attend.** If there is nobody available to take your call please leave all the above information **CLEARLY** in a message or try again later. If you leave a message you will get a call back to confirm your request.

EMAIL Fr Paul at allsoulscoventry@gmail.com In your email please include **your name, phone number, the total number of people (including you) from your household who will be attending and the Mass you would like to attend.**

All information given will be used only for the purpose of Christmas Mass bookings and for Track & Trace, and will be deleted 21 days after Christmas Day.

Please note: If you come to a Christmas Eve or Day Mass (marked * above) without booking in advance, we can not guarantee that there will be space.

God bless you and your loved ones. Father Paul

Prepare
the Way
of the
LORD

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday 19th 10.30-11.30am

Monday 21st 10.15-11.00am

Tuesday 22nd 10.15-11.00am

Wednesday 23rd 10.15-11.00am

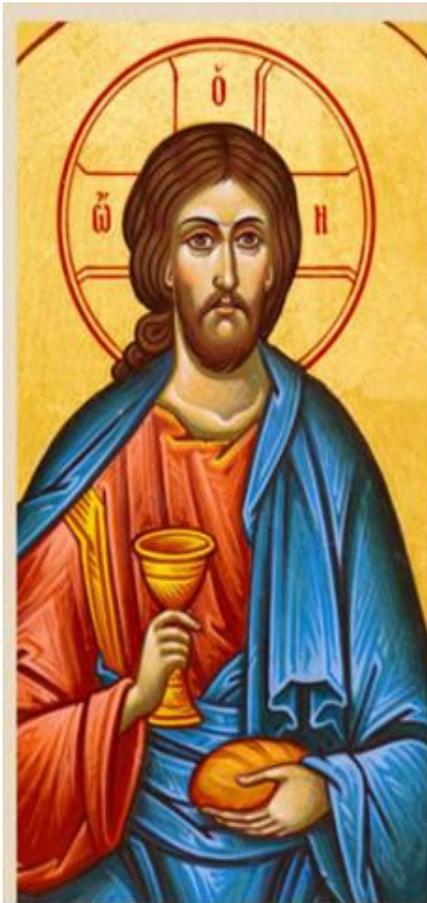
Thursday 24th 10.15-11.00am

or by appointment: 02476674161 or allsoulscof@gmail.com

If you wish to make your confession before any Mass and if time permits, please ask the priest.

**Please wait for Confession in the seating by the
Sacred Heart chapel**

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.

Local Restriction Tier information for places of worship

Activity	Medium (Tier 1)	High (Tier 2)	Very High (Tier 3)
Opening Places of Worship for communal prayer	Open for as many people as can be safely accommodated with social distancing measures		
Attending Places of Worship for communal prayer	Can attend and interact in groups of up to 6 people from different households	Can only interact indoors with your own households, but outdoors can interact in groups of up to 6	Can only interact with your own household both indoors and outdoors
Wedding Ceremonies	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact.		
Wedding Receptions	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact	Cannot take place
Funerals	Can take place with up to 30 attendees, all of whom can interact		
Commemorative events post-death	Can take place with up to 15 attendees, all of whom can interact		
Other Standalone 'Life-Cycle Ceremonies' that do not take place as a part of communal worship	Can attend and interact in groups of up to 6 people from different households	Can only interact indoors with your own households, but outdoors can interact in groups of up to 6	Can only interact with your own household both indoors and outdoors
Supervised Activities for Children	Can take place with no limit on the number of children permitted to attend, following COVID-Secure guidance. Adults must ensure social distancing at all times.		

N.B. Wherever interaction can take place, social distancing of 1m+ should still be strictly maintained between anyone who doesn't live together or are in a 'support bubble'

Baptisms fall into the government category of 'life-cycle ceremonies'. For baptism outside of Mass 6 people are permitted to attend. At baptisms during a regular parish Mass as many people as the building can safely accommodate are permitted, though we will be asking families to limit the baptism group to 30 people, including child, parents and godparents.