



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2020

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

(Sunday within the Octave of Christmas)



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

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 Carol Service (live-streamed only)
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>
Sat 2 nd	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazienzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	9.30am Mass <i>Martin Convey RIP</i>
Sun 3 rd	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	10.30am MASS <i>For the People of the Parish Bridie Morrow RIP (Fr Tim)</i>

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).

A Christmas Hymn and Prayer: O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity:
Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee;

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal decree;
But of lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility:
Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee;

The foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest
In the shade of the cedar tree;
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,

In the deserts of Galilee:
Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee;

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary:
Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for thee.

When heaven's arches ring, and the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee!"
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for thee.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM FATHER PAUL

I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Though things are different for us all this year, our cause for rejoicing is unchanged: Christ our Saviour is born. Alleluia! I pray that this Christmas we will all have time and space for God, that God will find room in us and enter into our lives.

THANK YOU

I have so many people to thank:

- + Those who assembled our crib.
- + Everybody who sent me and the family Christmas greetings, cards, presents and offerings. Your generosity is touching and greatly appreciated.
- + The stewards at our Christmas (and many other) Masses who made things run so smoothly and safely.
- + Those who read at our Christmas Masses.
- + Keith and Annette Ainsworth for providing music at our Christmas Masses and each Sunday. It is sad that we have not been able to sing the traditional Christmas carols together in church this year, but Keith and Annette's contributions have brought a beauty, dignity and solemnity fitting for the celebration of the birth of Christ.
- + Those who cleaned and prepared the church so beautifully for our Christmas worship.
- + Everyone who came to our Christmas Masses, for booking in advance, arriving in good time and following the stewards' instructions. All of which contributed to a very prayerful and reverent atmosphere in church.

CHRISTMAS INTERCESSIONS

In this time when the goodness and kindness of God our Saviour have appeared, let us humbly pour forth to him our prayers, trusting not in our own good works, but in his mercy.

Let us pray:

- + For Christians all over the world celebrating the Lord's birth.
- + For the gift of peace to every part of the earth.
- + For those who lead and govern us in political and civic life.
- + For those whose lives are enveloped in the darkness of war, oppression and injustice.
- + For the hungry and the lonely.
- + For all the families of our parish, especially those experiencing strain and difficulty at this difficult time.
- + For the members of our families we have been unable to spend time with this Christmas.
- + For our sick, elderly, housebound and vulnerable parishioners who are not able to be physically present at Mass.
- + For those working in our hospitals, care homes and nursing homes this Christmas.
- + For the homeless and unemployed in our parish and city, and for those facing an uncertain financial future.
- + For the bereaved and those for whom Christmas brings sadness each year.
- + For the departed, especially Annie Davin, Eileen Holloway and Nancy Cairns, who have died in recent days, and for all whom we love but see no longer.
- + For all those intentions named around our Christmas Crib and which occupy our hearts at this time.

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER Today the Archbishop addresses the faithful of the archdiocese by means of a pastoral letter to be read at Mass.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Fr Paul and Fr Tim will lead a live streamed Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols today at 4pm. Please note that this is a live streamed service only. It can be viewed live or at a later date on our Youtube channel. Gather round your computer for a service of the Word and of Christmas Carols. The order of service, including full text of the Bible readings and words of the carols, is available on the website in 'Christmas 2020'.



THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Please make a visit to our Christmas Crib. It helps us to 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 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 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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS It was lovely to receive greetings from the members of the Muslim Iqra Community wishing everyone at All Souls a happy Christmas: "*May you have a spiritually uplifting Christmas despite the unusual circumstances.*"

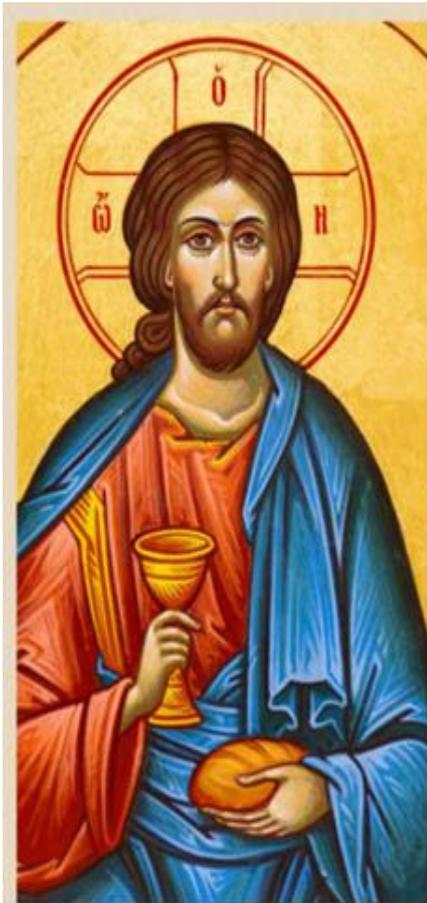
MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021 It is now possible to request Masses for 2021. You can use the envelopes in church and post through the presbytery door or make a request via the website.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of **Annie Davin, Eileen Holloway and Anna (Nancy) Cairns** who have died recently. Their funerals will be celebrated at All Souls on Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Monday 11 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 thank you formally when the time comes. Please pray for the Governing Board who will be involved in the process of appointing Mrs Quinn's successor.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE On Friday 1 January 2021, the World Day of Peace, Fr Paul will say prayers for peace in the Peace Garden at 12noon using prayers on the website in 'Prayers for Peace'. This is not intended as a public act of worship but please join him in spirit.

Prayers for Spiritual Communion



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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.