



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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

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

The Book of Deuteronomy: How to live in the Promised Land

Moses addresses Israel The Book of Deuteronomy is presented as a series of speeches by Moses to the people of Israel.

Recapping the story so far The book begins with Moses reminding the people how they had arrived near the river Jordan (i.e., a recap of the story so far).

God's covenant with his people The book then contains an explanation of God's covenant with his people, including an explanation of the Law, which contains a challenge to them to live up to the covenant and all it required of them. The book ends with the death of Moses and a reassurance that God would keep his promises.

Looking to the future The people of Israel are still waiting to enter the land of Canaan from which their elders have been excluded (Deuteronomy 1:35- 40); but now, the focus is on the immediate future. This is a picture of how things will be when the people are settled in the land: a picture of a peaceful life for the obedient. In particular, all the blessings that God promised to

confer on Israel are presented (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). But Moses then goes on to warn the people with an equally instructive list of the curses that would fall on the disobedient (Deuteronomy 28:15-68).

God speaks to us through Moses today Reading Deuteronomy is like standing with Israel before Moses. He addresses us as a future generation of the covenant people of God, who have passed over Jordan into the good land - and yet still struggle with temptations and opposing forces. Theologian Raymond Brown tells us that the message of Deuteronomy guides Christians to hear and appreciate the timeless relevance of this message: that God's Law comes alive again as a guide to good living, a call to wholehearted repentance, and a promise of healing restoration under God's merciful hand.

Jesus sums up the law and the prophets with a line from Deuteronomy: "love God, and love your neighbour as yourself" (Deuteronomy 6:5).

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday 17th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish Patrick O'Malley RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Monday 18 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Intentions of Boyle and Clancy families</i>
Tuesday 19 th	ST. WULSTAN, Bishop	9.30am MASS	<i>Intentions of Josie Dekkers</i>
Wednesday 20 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Padraig Thornhill RIP</i>
Thursday 21 st	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	7.30pm Mass	<i>Claud Joseph Coyne RIP</i>
Friday 22 nd	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Mohan & Butterly families RIP</i>
Sat 23 rd	Our Lady on Saturday	9.30am Mass	<i>Jemimah Zikpi RIP</i>
		10.30-11.30am	Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)
Sunday 24th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish Marguerite Gallagher RIP (Fr Tim)</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour before Mass Monday-Saturday

Please note: there will be no Zoom vespers at 6pm Mon-Fri this week (see note on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity below)

Confession is also available before Mass and by arrangement.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This week the local churches will join together for a service of evening prayer each evening Monday-Friday at 7pm on Zoom. Each church will host the service in turn:

Monday	St. Mary Magdalen's (Church of England)
Tuesday	All Souls (Roman Catholic)
Wednesday	St. Barbara's (Church of England)
Thursday	Hearsall Baptist
Friday	Earlsdon Methodist

Log in details and orders of service have been sent to all those on the parish emailing list. Contact Fr Paul if you would like them.

Brothers and sisters At the Second Vatican Council the Catholic Church clarified its teachings regarding other Christian churches and communities. It taught that while the fullness of God's self-revelation and the unity that Christ bestowed upon his Church in the beginning *subsists in the Catholic Church*, nevertheless many elements of "sanctification and truth" can be found "outside her visible structure", and that these elements are potential steps towards unity. The Council acknowledged that the Holy Spirit is at work in other churches despite their absence of perfect unity. Members of separated churches are our brothers and sisters, joined to the Catholic Church in a sacramental bond of unity through Baptism, but that bond remains to be perfected...

Avoiding pitfalls In our desire to see greater unity among Christians we need to avoid two common mistakes.

The first is to think that the differences among Christians are really not that great or consequential; that diversity is a part of the very fabric of life, and therefore our differences should not be emphasised. It is true that there are many things we agree on. But honesty demands that Catholics also recognise the areas of *disagreement*. Those differences, whether in doctrine, discipline, or the structure of the Church, create obstacles, sometimes serious ones, to *full* communion. **It is the point of ecumenism to strive to overcome these obstacles in a spirit of charity and fraternity, not to ignore them, nor to "water down" or betray the central and cherished beliefs of our Catholic faith in an attempt to find common ground and be "nice".**

The other mistake is to view the divisions among Christians as so numerous and so entrenched in history and culture that the idea of achieving unity is simply out of reach. This mistake underestimates the power of the Spirit working among us. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "*Christ always gives His Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her.... The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit.*"

It also underestimates the importance for the human race that Christians be united. Jesus prayed: "**that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.**"(John 17). It's as important as that.

A change of heart

First and foremost, ecumenism calls for a change of heart and holiness of life in all of us. We will not grow closer together as Christians unless we draw closer to Jesus. "*There can be no ecumenism worthy of the name without interior conversion. For it is from newness of attitudes of mind, from self-denial and unstinted love, that desires of unity take their rise and develop in a mature way.*" (Second Vatican Council: Decree on Ecumenism)

PUBLIC WORSHIP AT ALL SOULS

A daily public Mass continues at All Souls during lockdown. Individuals must of course decide for themselves whether it is advisable to attend in person and how *frequently* they attend public worship in the week. It is imperative that people do not mingle with others in church or outside church before/after Mass.

PAX CHRISTI SECOND COLLECTION A second collection for *Pax Christi* will be taken at all Masses this week. Please place offerings in the wall slots near the exit.

FOOD BANK staff and volunteers pass on their grateful thanks for the very generous donations from All Souls over Christmas. You donated over 147 items of food and gifts, including 77 cans of food, tea, coffee, pasta and sauce, cereal, biscuits, sweets and toiletries. There is still an ongoing need for the basics - pasta, rice, long life milk and cereal - as the economic impact of the pandemic continues to bite. Donations in the box in the porch.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND. This Christian charity is seeking an Office Administrator. The salaried position is important for our future growth and directly supports the Office Manager. Duties include maintaining the database, responding to enquiries, managing post/emails and sending out materials. The successful candidate will have good verbal and written communication skills, a strong ability to multi-task and be comfortable with using IT (particularly MS Office). The hours of work are negotiable – minimum 20 hours per week, between Mon-Fri. In the current pandemic, some work can be done at home. Normally, the work is conducted from our Kenilworth office. Please contact Jen Hill with your CV, office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick (Cyril) O'Donoghue, Marilyn Walker, and Patrick Joseph Meehan**, who have died recently.

GROWING FAITH

Week 10: The Meaning of Love

This week's session is entitled The Meaning of Love. Simply follow the link, press play and enjoy the video: <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-10-the-meaning-of-love/> Those receiving the link by email will also find an attachment with some material for reflection.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD Pope Francis has decreed 24 January to be the Sunday of the Word of God. We will mark the day in three ways:

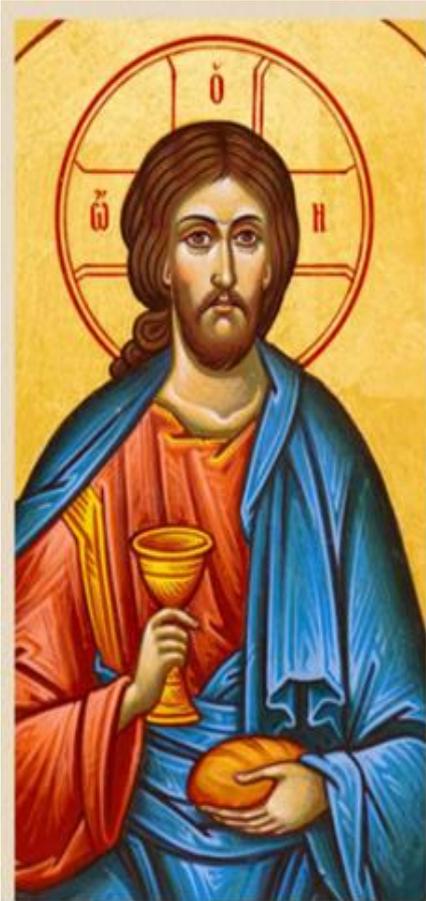
+ We invite you to **bring a Bible** to any Mass you attend next week to be blessed during Mass.

+ Fr Paul will re-commission and ask God's **blessing of our readers**, whether they are able to be at the Mass or not.

+ We invite parishioners to **begin a journey through the whole Bible** in a 7-week course written by David McLoughlin entitled *Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God*. The materials, which are very easy and enjoyable to read, will be included in successive weekly newssheets, but you can access the materials any time at <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/echoes-of-god-journeying-with-the-word-of-god/> This is an ideal course to follow at your own pace in your own home.

MISSIONARY PARISHES, MISSIONARY DISCIPLES The diocesan Evangelisation Team is hosting a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 26 January for those who wish to PRAY, SHARE & REFLECT on how God is calling us to nurture missionary parishes and disciples in this challenging new context. There is a choice of two meetings repeated during the day (1-2pm and 7.30-8.30pm). Contact natalie.oreface@rcaob.org.uk for log in details.

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.