



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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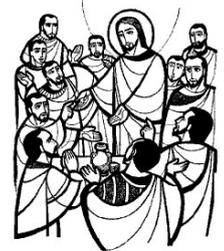
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SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 Ezra

The book of Ezra begins as the exile of the Jews in Babylon ends. Having defeated the Babylonians, King Cyrus of Persia issued a decree releasing all exiles and allowing them to return home.

**Returning home and rebuilding the Temple** Chapters 1-6 describe the initial return under Zerubbabel and the reconstruction of the temple. Despite their efforts to rebuild the temple and the city when they got home, there was an atmosphere of tension and uncertainty among the returning exiles. They rejoiced at the laying of the foundations of the new temple shortly after the first return (Ezra 3:10-13) and again later after its completion (Ezra 6:16-22); but the builders and their leaders, especially their governor Zerubbabel, were harassed by opponents who declared that they had no right to build (Ezra 4-5) and who caused a long delay lasting many years until the reign of Darius (Ezra 4:24).

**Restoring Israelite faith** The scene shifts in the next three chapters (Ezra 7-10) when Ezra is sent to restore the practice of Israelite faith according to the instructions in the Law of God. Ezra faces two major problems. Many Israelites had married Gentiles and this prevented them from keeping the law. As a chosen people, they needed to be holy and to live apart as a community to

give witness to other nations. The second problem was to re-establish the whole range of practices that most characterised Israel's special way of life. Ezra called two assemblies. At each, he read the law of God; they celebrated a penance service and a renewal of the promise to obey the covenant on everything. Ezra was able to restore the spirit of the people and set the underpinnings for the ideals of holiness. Most important of all, the authentic traditions of the past were written down in the Pentateuch as a normative guide book for the future; and, this showed a concrete way to put these traditions into daily practice for ordinary believers.

**The theme of the Book of Ezra** is faithfulness to the Lord, both in keeping the Mosaic law and in worship. Because of his concern about worship, Ezra stresses the importance of rebuilding the temple.

**God speaks today** God moved the hearts of secular rulers to allow and even encourage and help the Jewish people to return home. He used these unlikely allies to fulfil his promises of restoration for his chosen people and he continues to fulfil those promises today.

### ✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>10.30am MASS</b>	<i>For the People of the Parish Anne Callan RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass 5.30pm Reception of the body of Mick Lynch RIP	<i>Intentions of Clare Oliver</i>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass (Mick Lynch RIP)	<i>Marcus &amp; Maureen Lapsa (40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)</i>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Feria ( <i>St. Anselm</i> )	9.30am Mass	<i>Blanche Hortence RIP</i>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Feria	7.30pm Mass ( <i>of tomorrow</i> )	<i>Mick Lynch RIP</i>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ST. GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England</b>	<b>9.30am MASS</b>	<i>Paul McDowell RIP</i>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass 10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 1pm Wedding Service ( <i>Susanne Finnegan &amp; Luke Arnold</i> )	<i>Angie Carolan RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> ( <i>'Good Shepherd Sunday'</i> )	<b>10.30am MASS</b>	<i>For the People of the Parish Rosaleen &amp; Michael O'Connor RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
		12noon Mass of Confirmation ( <i>confirmandi, family &amp; sponsors only</i> )	

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for 30 minutes before Mass Monday-Saturday

## THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

*The eternal God is your dwelling place,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms.*  
Deuteronomy 33:27

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Lynch** (funeral Mass on 20 April), **Janina Hopkins** (funeral service on 21 April), **Con Collins** (Funeral Mass on Friday 30 April) and **Fr. John Kearns CP**. We extend our prayers and condolences to all their families.

### PRAYERS FOR HIS LATE ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy Saints:  
where sorrow and pain are no more;  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.  
Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man:  
And we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.  
For so thou didst ordain, when thou createdest me, saying,  
Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.  
All we go down to the dust;  
and, weeping, o'er the grave, we make our song:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Russian Kontakion of the Departed Tr. William John Birkbeck (1859–1916)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, including the members of the Royal Family, that casting all their care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LIVESTREAMING** Please note that all regular parish Masses are currently livestreamed. Our broadband is being upgraded on Wednesday 21 April, so there may be some disruption, but the upgrade should improve the quality of the stream.

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS** Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. One aspect of the day traditionally is to pray for more vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life. The challenge of a diminishing number of priests in active ministry, and of men offering themselves for the priesthood, is a very real challenge for us. Priests don't drop out of the sky. They are men who have been nurtured in a parish and with the help of the Church have discerned the Lord's calling. Please pray that the Lord will open the ears and hearts of more men to that calling. But it is also a day to pray for *ourselves* – to ask Christ the Good Shepherd to make clearer to each of us what he wants us to do for him and how he wants us to serve his Church. We all have a particular vocation. Discerning what it is takes prayer and time.

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND** There will be a second collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund next Sunday and at all Masses in the week following.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** Next Sunday at 12 noon Father Paul will confirm many of our year 6 children. Father Paul has been granted the faculty to confirm by the Archbishop, as last year, because of the pandemic. Please note that this Mass will be attended only by families and sponsors of the confirmandi. It is not an additional public Sunday Mass.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND PENTECOST CHALLENGE** this year has a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost) or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can register to join an 84 mile virtual pilgrimage

between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using your daily exercise. How about obtaining sponsorship from friends or family or looking on the website for parishioners you know to support those already walking, running or cycling! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, email office at [office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or telephone 01926 512980.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL** On Sunday 9 May Peter Rand will be making a brief appeal on behalf of Friends of the Holy Land at the end of the 10.30am Mass. The Spring edition of the Friends of the Holy Land's newsletter can be found at <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/issue-23-newsletter>

**WEDDING** Please pray for Susanne Finnegan and Luke Arnold who will be married here on Saturday at 1pm.

**BAPTISMS** Please pray for all parents who are preparing for the Baptism of their children. The government covid roadmap permits the public celebration of baptism after 17 May, when 30 people will be permitted to attend.

**RECEPTION OF JANET WATERS** Please pray for Janet Waters who will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the 7.30pm Mass on Thursday 29 April. We look forward to welcoming members of Janet and Paul's family to share in this very special occasion.

**HOLY WATER** If you would like holy water for use at home, please bring your own bottle ready filled with water which Fr Paul will be happy to bless.

**MISSIO** Thank you to all Red Box holders who have donated to *Missio* this year. All Souls' parish has raised £1092, a truly remarkable effort during these difficult times.

**COVID RESTRICTIONS STILL APPLY** It is very important that we all continue to observe restrictions in church. These include: **sanitising your hands** as you enter and leave the church, **leaving contact details** as you enter, **wearing a face covering** whilst in the building and **maintaining physical distance** from other people.

**DAY OF PRAYER** The Catholic Church in England and Wales will observe Tuesday 4 May as a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse.

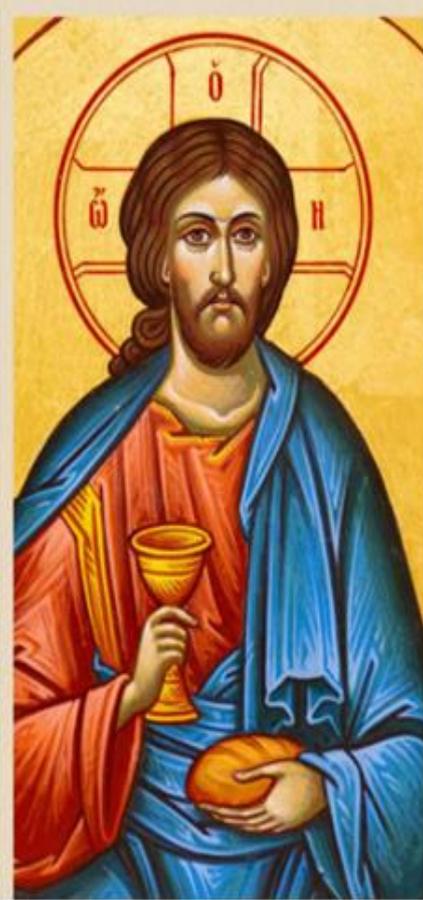
**TALK ON CHURCH FINANCES IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC** by Rev David Palmer, former Treasurer of the Archdiocese of Birmingham today at 1.45pm for a 2pm start. To register for the Zoom Meeting, Email: [actabham@gmail.com](mailto:actabham@gmail.com)

**NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE for September 2021** All Souls' Nursery, located in the heart of Chapelfields, offers a caring, engaging and motivating environment in which your child can be happy, thrive and develop. With a creative curriculum, 'Forest School' and extensive outdoor space, our setting is the ideal place for your child to learn whilst having lots of fun! We can also offer afternoon sessions (30 hour funding available for 3 year olds) with wrap around care available from 7:45am to 5:45pm through All Sorts – our onsite pre-school offering early years care for children from 2 years of age (subject to availability). If you would like further information or to request an application form, please email [linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk](mailto:linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk).

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for 2021/22 are available in the parish room after Mass. Please leave church via the usual exit and enter the parish room through the door directly opposite.

**ONLINE AND CONTACTLESS GIVING** It is possible to donate to our parish and to any advertised Second Collections on our website using the DONATIONS button. You can also donate using the card reading devices in church (entrance and exit).

## 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.