



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 Judith (Old Testament): A Jewish heroine saves her people

**A book of contrasts** The Book of Judith is a story of contrasts. In the first seven chapters, the masculine military force, led by Nebuchadnezzar and his general Holofernes, attempts unsuccessfully to dominate the Israelites. Chapter eight then introduces Judith and her plans to save Israel. A widow once married to a man named Manasses, she leaves the village with her maid to befriend this enemy leader Holofernes. Judith promises to provide him information regarding the Israelites. However, after he becomes drunk in his tent and passes out, Judith beheads him. She returns to her village with his head and is celebrated by the Jewish people and the enemies flee in defeat.

**God's deliverance** The Book of Judith relates the story of God's deliverance of the Jewish people at the "hand of a woman" and is meant to recall the "hand" of God in the Exodus story (Ex 15).

**Steadfast fidelity and courage** The name of the heroine,

Judith, simply means "Jewess" – a symbol of Jewish steadfast fidelity and courage. The story tells the triumph of fidelity to the Law, supported at every step by prayer. There is no overt divine or miraculous intervention, though prayer is prominent and effective; rather, God's designs are fulfilled by human efforts and initiatives.

**Not found in all Bibles** The Book of Judith is included in the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christian Old Testament of the Bible, but Protestants assign it to the Apocrypha (a collection of books which protestants consider as useful for reading, but do not recognise as part of the Bible).

**The message of the book** The story of Judith conveys the message that we should trust God in times of hopelessness.

### ✦ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✦

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>10.30am MASS</b>	<i>For the People of the Parish Carmel Smith (Fr Tim)</i>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Intentions of Madeline &amp; Colin Smith</i>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Nigel Williams RIP</i>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Maurice Blount RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.30am MASS 7.30pm MASS</b>	<i>Judy Morrison RIP For the People of the Parish James &amp; Moira Davis RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ST. MATTHIAS, Apostle</b>	9.30am MASS 11.00am Funeral Mass (Anthony Croke RIP)	<i>Ada &amp; Fred Keates RIP</i>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass 10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Susan Mary Loughron RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>10.30am MASS</b>	<i>For the People of the Parish Hugh, Agnes, Mary &amp; Jim McLaughlin RIP (Fr Tim)</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

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony (Tony) Croke** whose funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday 14 May. We extend our prayers and condolences to his family.

**TAKING THIS NEXT STEP WITH CARE** It is very important that we all continue to observe restrictions in church. These restrictions 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. It is also very important that we continue to **co-operate with the stewards** in being seated safely. **Arriving in good time** for Mass is also of great help.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL** We welcome Peter Rand to our Mass today who will be making a brief appeal on behalf of Friends of the Holy Land at the end of Mass. There will be an opportunity to give to a second collection today and at each of the Masses this week. The Spring edition of the Friends of the Holy Land's newsletter can be found at <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/issue-23-newsletter>

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. While this year it is not strictly a holyday of obligation because of the pandemic, it is nevertheless a very important feast day in the Christian calendar when we are encouraged to be at the altar. Mass will be celebrated both at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** Next Sunday we pray for all communicators of the Christian Gospel and are asked to give generously to a second collection. The Communications Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the mission of the bishops to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ. You can find out more at [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) You can also sign up for all the latest news, events, resources and spiritual content from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/catholic-news-newsletter-signup/>

**APPEAL FOR MORE STEWARDS** Since last July when church re-opened for public worship, a very dedicated team of stewards has done the parish proud in keeping us all safe and making a daily Mass possible. They have also been on duty at funerals, weddings, Confirmations, First Holy Communions etc. Several stewards have had to step down, so to lighten the load of the remaining stewards **could you offer your services?** Offering to steward at one Mass in the week would be a very big help. Please see Celia Lewis if you are able to help?

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EARLSDON & CHAPELFIELDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** takes place on Monday 10 May at 7pm on Zoom. Please contact Fr Paul for the login details.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** Our Year 3 children are in the process of preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12 June at 4pm. Attendance at this Mass will be for the children and their household only.

**CONFIRMATION** We look forward to the Confirmation of six more children during the Mass on Saturday 19 June.

**VOTIVE LAMPS** The large lamps in the Sacred Heart chapel and Lady chapel burn night and day. These lights give honour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady. They also show our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer, even though we have to leave church and go about our daily business. If you would like one of the week-long lamps in the side chapels to burn for a particular intention or in memory of a loved one, please add the

intention to the list at the back of church and enclose an offering of £3 in one of the envelopes and place in the offertory. This week the light in the Lady chapel burns for **Helen's recovery**. The lamp in the Sacred Heart chapel burns for **Children preparing for the Sacraments**.

## A PENTECOST NOVENA

9 days of prayer for our parish



The nine days between the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost have always been days of intense prayer for the Church, right from the time of the Apostles, who stayed in Jerusalem after Christ's Ascension to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. I invite you this year to use it as a time of prayer especially for our parish. The Pentecost novena booklet available today includes readings, reflections and prayers for each of the nine days. As we move forward out of the pandemic we need all our efforts to be undergirded by prayer. **Please don't leave it to others; your parish needs YOU!** Father Paul

**PRAYING FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC** The month of May is being dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church. Together with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, each day of the month is characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the plight of the pandemic, for example: *for those who have not been able to say goodbye to their loved ones, for all health care personnel, for the poor, the homeless and those in economic difficulty and for all the deceased*. A list of each day's shrine and prayer intention is available in the exit porch. **Please add your prayers to this very necessary initiative.**

**ROSARY INTENTIONS** You are very welcome to join those who pray the Rosary after the morning Masses. Or if you have prayer intentions you would like to be offered up at the daily rosary, please post them in the black wall box by the Lady chapel.

**STAY & PLAY GROUP** All Souls' Stay and Play Group is now open to welcome parents and pre-nursery children on Mondays 10.00-11.30am. Unfortunately we are still limited in number and activities by government guidelines, but we are able to provide a safe place where your children and yourselves, as parents, are able to socialise. If you would like to join the group, you may have to wait a week or two before you are given a place. We operate on a first come, first served basis. In order to join the WhatsApp group, which will provide the guidelines and the details you will need, please contact Enala on 07508314837, or by email: [nalabn@icloud.com](mailto:nalabn@icloud.com)

**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.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for 2021/22 are available on the table in the exit porch.

**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).

**KNEELERS** Could you please leave the kneeler in your place down to indicate to the stewards which pews require cleaning.

## Rosary Marathon Calendar: prayer for an end to the pandemic

### **May 1:**

Saint Peter's (Vatican): Prayer for wounded humanity led by the Pope.

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Our Lady of Walsingham (England): Prayer for the deceased.

### **May 2:**

*Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary Sanctuary* (Nigeria): Prayer for those who could not say goodbye to their loved ones.

### **May 3:**

Czestochowa Shrine (Poland): Prayer for the sick.

### **May 4:**

Basilica of the Annunciation (Holy Land): Prayer for pregnant women.

### **May 5:**

Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary (South Korea): Prayer for children and adolescents.

### **May 6:**

Our Lady of Aparecida (Brazil): Prayer for young people.

### **May 7:**

National Shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, also known as the Antipolo Cathedral (Philippines): Prayer for families.

### **May 8:**

Our Lady of Luján (Argentina): Prayer for people involved in communication.

### **May 9:**

Our Lady of Loreto (Italy): Prayer for the elderly.

### **May 10:**

Our Lady of Knock (Ireland): Prayer for people with disabilities

### **May 11:**

Notre-Dame de Banneux (Belgium): Prayer for the poor and people in economic difficulty.

### **May 12:**

Notre-Dame d'Afrique (Algeria): Prayer for lonely people who have lost hope

### **May 13:**

Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary (Portugal): Prayer for prisoners.

### **May 14:**

Our Lady of Health (India): Prayer for scientists and medical research institutes.

### **May 15:**

Mary Queen of Peace (Bosnia and Herzegovina): Prayer for migrants.

### **May 16:**

St. Mary's Cathedral (Sydney, Australia): Prayer for victims of violence and trafficking.

### **May 17:**

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, D.C., United States): Prayer for those responsible for international organizations.

### **May 18:**

Notre-Dame de Lourdes (Paris, France): Prayer for nurses and doctors.

### **May 19:**

Shrine of the House of the Virgin (Meryem Ana, Turkey): Prayer for people at war and peace in the world

### **May 20:**

Our Lady of Charity of Cobre (Cuba): Prayer for pharmacists and health personnel.

### **May 21st :**

Our Lady of Nagasaki (Japan): Prayer for social workers.

### **May 22:**

Our Lady of Montserrat (Spain): Prayer for volunteers.

### **May 23:**

Our Lady of the Cape (Canada): Prayer for law enforcement, military and firefighters.

### **May 24:**

*To be determined*

Prayer for those who guarantee essential services.

### **May 25:**

Ta'Pinu National Shrine (Malta): Prayer for teachers, students, and educators.

### **May 26:**

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico): Prayer for workers and entrepreneurs.

### **May 27:**

Mother of God Pochaevskaya (Ukraine): Prayer for unemployed people.

### **May 28:**

Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting (Germany): Prayer for bishops, priests and deacons

### **May 29:**

Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon) Prayer for consecrated persons

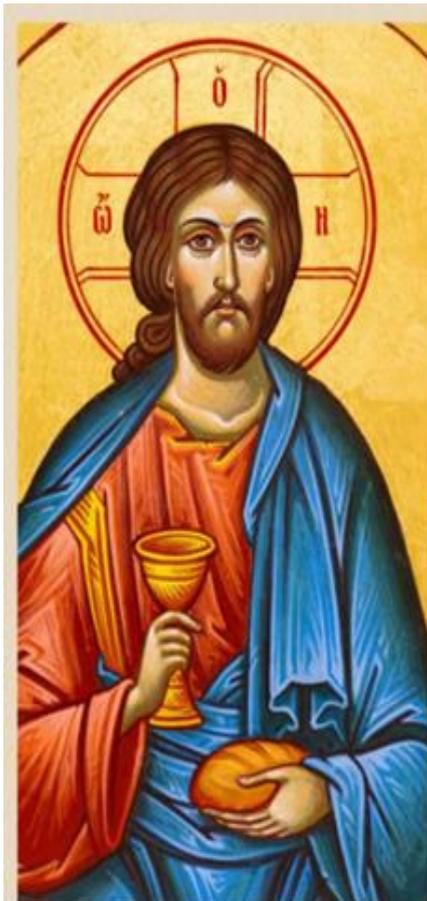
### **May 30:**

Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompei (Italy): Prayer for the Church

### **May 31st:**

Vatican Gardens (Vatican): Prayer for the end of the pandemic and the return to work

## 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.