



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. 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 Books of Maccabees (Old Testament)

**In a nutshell:** The two Books of Maccabees contain independent accounts of events that accompanied the attempted suppression of Judaism in Palestine in the second century B.C.

**A fight for freedom** The struggle of the Judean state for religious freedom and finally for political independence is related in two important sources. One is the Jewish historian Josephus, who wrote his *Antiquities of the Jews* about 100 AD. The other is the two Books of Maccabees. They tell the story of the heroic fight for freedom.

**Holding firm to the covenant** The first Book of Maccabees deals with the fate of those Jews who resist the inroads of foreign influences on their way of life. Under the heroic leadership of the Maccabees, the Jews resisted the cultural and military domination in of Antiochus Epiphanes and fought for freedom.

**Worshipping the Lord alone** Perhaps the best-known story recorded in the second Book of Maccabees tells the tale of a mother who witnessed the martyrdom of her seven sons before Antiochus IV Epiphanes, following their refusal to violate the law by eating pork or that they bow down to idols. Each of the brothers undergoes terrible tortures and is ultimately killed. The

mother in this story is depicted as so pious and noble that she encourages her own sons to hold fast to their ancestral traditions even if it means guaranteeing their own deaths (2 Maccabees 7:1).

**Belief in resurrection** The mother declares that God created the world and the human race out of nothing, as the Torah itself says, and she tells her youngest son not to fear, to accept death "so that in God's mercy I may get you back again along with your brothers" (in 2 Maccabees 7:27-29). Her assurances that she will see her sons again after their deaths is a bold statement of her belief in resurrection.

**The main theme** of the Books of Maccabees is that the martyrs' sufferings make amends for the sins of the entire Jewish people. These books were preserved only by the Christian church. St. Augustine supposes that they were preserved for their accounts of the martyrs.

**Something for today** Christians today can be inspired by the accounts of the Maccabean martyrs in the living out of their faith.

### ✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

<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>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	<u>No Mass today</u>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Denis Burke RIP</i>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Freeman family intentions</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	7.30pm Mass	<i>Kerry Cullen</i>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Towey &amp; Duffy families deceased members</i>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Feria	9.30am Mass	<i>Marie Lawton RIP</i>
		10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
		12noon Holy Baptism (Tiana Cawley)	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b>	<b>10.30am MASS</b>	<i>For the People of the Parish Mary Harnett 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 was celebrated last Friday.

## COVID-19: NO CHANGE TO CHURCH RESTRICTIONS YET

Although 17 May sees a significant lifting of covid restrictions across society, **things in church remain essentially the same** until we receive further guidance from the Bishops in the coming weeks. It remains very important that we all continue to observe the following: **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. Thank you for your patience and consideration. Father Paul

## STATEMENT ON THE HOLY LAND

### from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

As people of peace, we pray for an end to the airstrikes, shooting, missile attacks, and communal violence engulfing the Holy Land. Pope Francis reminds us that: "Every act of violence committed against a human being is a wound in humanity's flesh; every violent death diminishes us as people." The local churches have clearly stated that peace requires justice. We echo their calls for an end to the occupation, discrimination and human rights violations that propagate violent attacks on civilians, standing in the way of a stable and peaceful future for Palestinians and Israelis. We reaffirm our commitment to the internationally recognised status of Jerusalem, the Status Quo of its holy sites, and the equal rights of Jews, Christians and Muslims in the city. At this critical time let us also offer our support to those humanitarian organisations working tirelessly to save lives and alleviate suffering.

Bishop Declan Lang, *Lead Bishop for International Affairs*  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

**SECOND COLLECTION** Today is **World Communications Day** when we pray for all communicators of the Christian Gospel and are asked to give generously to a second collection for Catholic Communications. 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)

**THE DAY OF THE LORD** The Bishops of England and Wales have written a letter to the faithful entitled *The Day of the Lord*. Copies are available from the table in the exit porch. In the letter the bishops pay tribute to Catholics for their faithfulness during the pandemic. They also acknowledge the challenges the pandemic has created, and the difficulty of the task of re-establishing parish life and the practice of the faith. **They remind us crucially of the centrality of the Eucharist to the Catholic life and put before us the invitation to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.** It is heartening to see more and more people returning to Mass on Sundays and during the week. Please God we will soon return in greater numbers and return to our normal Sunday pattern of worship.

**FUNERALS** Although the government has lifted the restriction on the number of mourners permitted to attend a funeral after 17 May, attendance at funerals at All Souls will continue to be at the invitation of the family only for now. This is to avoid the situation of too many mourners arriving than can be safely accommodated and the distress this may cause. The family of the deceased will be advised that attendance must not exceed the safe capacity of

the church. We will also continue with the practice of a Funeral Mass being distinct from the regular parish Mass of the day.

**BAPTISM** Thanks be to God that from 17 May the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will resume, with 30 people permitted to attend a Baptism service. Please pray for all the parents who are preparing for their child's baptism in the coming weeks.

**MARRIAGE** Weddings have been permitted for some time but with a very strict limit on the number of people to attend. From 17 May the limit is raised to 30 people. Please pray for all the couples who are preparing to be married here this year.

**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** 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 **Kitty Hennessey**. The lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for **Paddy Hennessey**.

## COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

### 9 days of prayer for our parish



When Jesus ascended to the Father he instructed his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Ever since, the Church has used the days between the Feast of the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost to pray for a 'new Pentecost' for the Church. I invite you to use this week as a time of prayer especially for our parish. The work we have to do in moving forward out of the pandemic needs to be built on prayer. The Pentecost novena booklet available in church includes readings, reflections and prayers for each of the nine days. **Please don't leave it to others; your parish needs YOU!** Father Paul

**ROSARY INTENTIONS** If you have prayer intentions to be offered up at the daily rosary, please post them in the black wall box by the Lady chapel. These will not be read aloud. We are asked to pray the rosary during May for an end to the pandemic.

**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)

**DEMENTIA GROUP VOLUNTEER ROLE** Supporting people with dementia to enjoy activities throughout the day. Friendly team, lunch and refreshments included. No experience needed, just a friendly/happy/kind/helpful/patient person. Apply to Charmaine 07597782738 / [hello@dementiaactivitydays.co.uk](mailto:hello@dementiaactivitydays.co.uk)

## 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

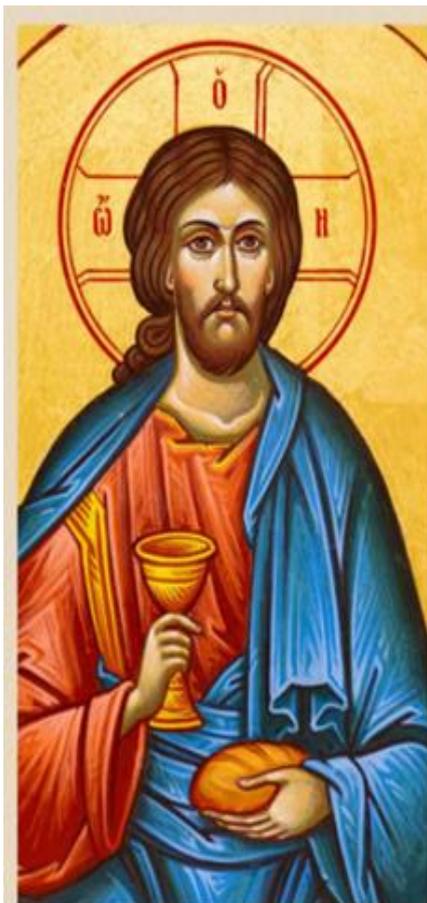
### **May 30:**

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.