



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2021

## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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.*

### First Holy Communions

We pray for our year 3 children who received Holy Communion for the first time this weekend - that it will be a step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. We pray that Christ will give them a hunger for this sacred food, so that they turn to him for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. We pray too that their parents and godparents will continue to take to heart the promises they made for their children at Baptism, and give them the best possible chance to grow in their faith and participation in the life of the Church.



Ryan  
Terrelle  
Percy  
Hudson  
Joseph  
Zachary  
Jonah  
Katherine  
Evie

Leo  
Grace  
Cameron  
Reggie  
Christian  
Lukas  
Jaromir  
Isabel  
Lyla

Fabian  
Ollie  
Nicholas  
Joshua  
Macie  
Shaye  
Rosie

and **Bartosz** who will make his first Communion in his home parish

### A prayer for our children

*Father of love and abundant mercy, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into union with him. Guide our children: strengthen their bond with you, give them a special love for the Eucharist, and mould them into the living stones of your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### ✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday cycle of readings: Year B Weekday cycle of readings: Year 1 Divine Office psalter week 3

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| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> | <b>10.30am MASS</b> For the People of the Parish<br>Noel, Stephen & Paul Cross RIP (Fr Tim) |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>       | Feria in Ordinary Time                         | 1pm Holy Baptism (Matilda Russell)  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>      | Feria in Ordinary Time                         | 9.30am Mass Leslie Paul Bonner RIP  |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop</b>       | 9.30am Mass Mary Hayes RIP  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>     | Feria in Ordinary Time                         | 11.00am Funeral Mass (Margaret Mulligan RIP)  |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH</b>  | 9.30am Mass Intentions of Mary Anne Feehan  |
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>     | <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>                    | 7.30pm Mass Intentions of Carol   |
| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> | 9.30am MASS Tracy Anne Rolf RIP   |
|                               |  | 9.30am Mass (with Confirmation) Con McHugh RIP  |
|                               |  | 10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)                                      |
|                               |  | <b>10.30am MASS</b> For the People of the Parish  |
|                               |  | 12.45pm Holy Baptism (Serena Thompson-Oloko)  |

**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

## ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER & THE DIOCESAN VISION

Today the Archbishop addresses the faithful of the diocese by means of a pastoral letter. This is an important letter which we should all take seriously and reflect on. *"The present moment offers an opportunity to focus on renewal here in our Archdiocese –being open to change. I want us to look at how we can each respond to God's call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and undertake the work of God. How are we to unfold God's plan for our Church?"* Copies of the letter are available in the exit porch. An audio recording is also available at <https://youtu.be/7HG32kwVgWU> There is also a prayer card to accompany the pastoral letter. It contains the Diocesan Vision and a Prayer for the Diocesan Vision.

### The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. Visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision) to find out more and to sign up for updates.

### Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

*Spirit of God, descend on me this day, Grant me the Spirit of joy to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name, in love of you in my prayer, and in my actions towards others. Come, Holy Spirit, into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of your grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.*



**DAY FOR LIFE** is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The

Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on Sunday 20 June in England and Wales. At

[www.dayforlife.org/home/resources/](http://www.dayforlife.org/home/resources/) you will find information on subjects which cover the journey of life, as well as documents and publications released by the Catholic Church and her bishops on the key issues. A Second Collection next Sunday will help to fund organisations which support the dignity of human life and the Church's teaching. This is especially important this year when a Bill has been introduced into the House of Lords on assisted suicide. Funds made available from the second collection, alongside the support of prayer, will assist the Church's campaign to oppose this Bill. Copies of a letter from Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life are available in the exit porch (and at [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org))

### FATHER PAUL'S 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

On Saturday 12 June I marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination as a Catholic priest. It was a day to quietly thank God for the privilege of sharing in the priesthood of Christ and of serving his holy people; also an occasion to thank him for the blessings and graces of my journey of faith as an Anglican which under God's providence eventually brought me to the fullness of the Catholic Faith and communion 10 years ago. Deo gratias!

*Almighty and everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to call me, thy unworthy servant, to minister at thine altar, be merciful to my sins, and make me a fit minister to thee, that thou mayest graciously receive sacrifice at my hands, and number me amongst thy faithful priests: let the holy office with which I have been invested render me acceptable in thy sight, O Lord; and grant that, trusting in thy mercy, though in myself most unworthy, I may worthily partake of those holy mysteries which I presume to celebrate; through Christ our Lord. Amen.* (Collect from Divine Worship Missal)

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** We very much look forward to the Sacrament of Confirmation being conferred on six more children during Mass on Saturday morning this week. Please pray for **Abigail, Alex, Callista, Elijah, Jack** and **Jolvin**, as well as their families and sponsors. We also express our thanks to



Barbara, our parish catechist, who has worked so hard to prepare them for the Sacrament.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Mulligan** (funeral Mass at 11am on Tuesday 15 June) and **Kathleen Mary McSorley** (funeral service at 10.45am on Tuesday 29 June at Canley crematorium)

**BAPTISM** We welcome into the communion of the Church **Matilda Russell** who will be baptised today. We pray too for **Serena Thompson-Oloko** who will be baptised next Sunday.

**SCHOOL MASSES** Each week of this half term one of the school classes (a 'bubble') will attend the Monday morning Mass at 9.30am. This Monday we welcome year 4.

**'THANK YOU' FROM FEEDING COVENTRY** Displayed in the porches is a letter of thanks from *Feeding Coventry* for the support of All Souls parishioners. *Feeding Coventry* is an independent charity working to end food poverty in Coventry. It delivers projects which alleviate poverty and prevent hunger by addressing both immediate needs, and the underlying causes.

**VOTIVE LAMPS** This week the light in the Lady Chapel burns for **Brian and Claire Herlihy**. The lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for a **sick parishioner**. To arrange for a lamp 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.

**ST. OSBURG'S CHURCH EMERGENCY REPAIRS** See the poster in the entrance porch about supporting emergency works to the guttering of St. Osburg's church.

**MISSIO BOXES** Again there will be no house collections for the Red Boxes. If you wish to empty your Red Box please take an envelope from the back of Church and return it on the collection plate at the door. If you need help with your collection contact Jean Keenan 7667 0671.

**MEMORIAL MASSES** It is possible to arrange through the diocese to have a Mass offered at All Souls annually. Most often this is for the repose of the soul of a loved one or for oneself after one's death. To arrange this please take a form from the back table and send to the diocesan offices at the address given.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** If you know of parishioners or family members who need the Sacrament to be brought to them at home, please contact DeaconPaul.

**ATTENDANCE AT FUNERALS** We ask parishioners to attend to funerals by family invitation/consent only and provide the family with Track and Trace details before the day of the funeral.

# COVID: THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

Although the vaccine rollout programme is very successful to date the risk of transmission is still live. Therefore it is important to continue to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission in church. The Conference of Bishops recommends that two key measures to help reduce aerosol and droplet spread remain in place in churches for now:

1. **hand sanitiser** for those entering churches
2. the **wearing of face coverings** (apart from those who are exempt.).

In addition, **routine cleaning** and **ventilation** are very important.

## Social Distancing & Capacity

The Government Roadmap states that new sectors which were permitted to reopen on 17 May are “*Some large events, including conferences, theatre and concert performances and sports events. Controlled indoor events of up to 1,000 people or 50% of a venue’s capacity.*” This applies to single one-off events, moderated by the Local Authority, and **not** to regular worship in churches. Our seating arrangements will remain unchanged. Stewards will continue to welcome worshippers and guide them to a seat, to Communion and to the exit.

## Track & Trace

Our system of gathering details of those attending worship will continue. Stewards will still be on hand to welcome and assist, but individuals entering church should take responsibility for leaving track and trace details themselves.

## THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

**Congregational singing** Indoor congregational singing is still prohibited at this stage. Further guidance from Public Health England is expected before the 21 June Step 4 date is reached.

**Water stoups** remain unfilled. Father Paul will happily bless pre-filled bottles of water for use at home.

**The Prayer of the Faithful** (Bidding Prayers). Brief bidding prayers will be reintroduced to all our Masses.

**Offertory procession** This will be reintroduced at Sunday Mass. Those bringing the bread and wine forward will sanitise their hands beforehand. The offertory will still not include the collection of monetary offerings.

**Sign of Peace** The physical exchange of the Sign of Peace remains suspended, as it would mean physical engagement with people outside family groups or bubbles. This will be kept under review as we continue the journey towards easing restrictions.

**Holy Communion** will continue to be distributed in one kind (the Host). The distribution of Communion will follow the same pattern under the guidance of stewards. The minister will continue to use hand sanitiser and wear a face covering, but will now announce “The Body of Christ” to each communicant.

It is recommended that Communion be distributed in the hand, but it is *permitted* to receive on the tongue. **Those who wish to receive on the tongue are asked to sit on the outer end of a pew and to come forward for Communion at the end of the distribution of Communion. The minister will sanitise his hands after each time he distributes Communion on the tongue.**

**Incense** is now permitted and will be used at the 10.30am Sunday Mass.



## 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.



**PASTORAL LETTER OF THE  
MOST REVEREND BERNARD LONGLEY, ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM  
FOR THE 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 12/13 JUNE 2021**

*I will take a shoot and plant it myself...it will sprout branches and bear fruit.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to welcome you back to church, as the pandemic restrictions are easing, if you have recently returned. With all the hardships we have endured over the last year, we are learning to deepen our trust in God's loving care and to respond in ways that express our care for each other.

Even though our church buildings haven't been fully open, the communal life of our Church has continued. I have seen wonderful work from so many people across the Archdiocese. People have continued to witness - stepping forward to support foodbanks, or to make PPE, helping to keep our churches open by becoming stewards or simply checking their neighbours' wellbeing. In such difficult times you have risen to the challenge, sacrificing your time and energy to serve others.

We are now making a fresh beginning in a very different setting. Following Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we build-up the Body of Christ. The pandemic has focused our minds on our faith and on the role our churches play in society. We now have a fresh opportunity to make sure the Gospel is heard and seen through the example of our daily Christian lives.

I invite you today to reflect on what we have learned about our faith during this time. For my part, I have very much missed being able to visit you in the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. At the same time, it has been a blessing to spend the whole liturgical year as part of the Cathedral community at St Chad's and to keep in touch through the live-streaming service.

I wonder what you may have learned about yourself and your faith in the past year? What has fanned the flames of your faith? What will you do differently in future?

The present moment offers an opportunity to focus on renewal here in our Archdiocese – being open to change. I want us to look at how we can each respond to God's call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and undertake the work of God. How are we to unfold God's plan for our Church?

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Pope Francis has recently announced that every diocese will be asked to consult the People of God in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. That consultation is due to begin in October this year. Over the coming weeks, we want to begin a dialogue with you about how we fulfil our diocesan vision, and how each one of us can use the charisms given to us through baptism to play our part.

To prepare the way for this dialogue I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

**Evangelisation** – Encouraging others to know God's love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

**Formation** - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support – helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

**Liturgy and Worship** - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

**Social Outreach** - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

We have all had to review our plans because of the pandemic, and now I am inviting you to join me in looking with fresh eyes at our diocesan mission. Where is the mustard seed that the Lord is asking us to plant for him? Can it take root and flourish in one of these four areas of growth?

These are the actions that I shall be taking:

I will ensure that priests, deacons, Religious and parishioners are supported to work together, so that we can share responsibility for the mission of the Church and deepen our relationship with God.

I will put the structures of the archdiocese at the service of our mission. This will begin with a re-arrangement of our deaneries, enabling us to begin a dialogue about how our parish structures can change so as to create or enhance vibrant parish communities.

I will put young people and families at the centre of our diocesan planning. Working with and through our wonderful Catholic schools, we will listen to them and actively encourage and support them to use their talents in the life of the Church and thus build even stronger relationships between our schools and parishes.

In two weeks' time some leaflets will be distributed at Mass and you will be able to find a new dedicated space on our diocesan website about the vision, together with more details of the diocesan plan to deliver it.

In July I will be inviting parishes to participate in a summer event, supported by the Archdiocese's Evangelisation group, to extend a hand of welcome to their local communities.

Next year we will be supporting parishes with more training, resources and events to help us in our mission to serve God and to enable the Church to grow – *like a mustard seed which...is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

I will be praying about all that lies before us as we continue this pilgrimage of faith. I invite you to pray the vision prayer with me and to make a pledge: to pray for our Archdiocese, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us forward and to make our faith fruitful in good works. So let us pray together:

Spirit of God,  
descend on me this day.  
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,  
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,  
the Spirit of love to surround me and  
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,  
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,  
so that I may grow in worship of your name  
in love of you in my prayer  
and in my actions towards others.  
Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.  
Strengthen and defend me,  
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Help me this day and always  
to be a channel of grace  
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and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

Yours devotedly in Christ

+  Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham

Given at Birmingham on the 3 June 2021 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (12/13 June 2021).