



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 20 JUNE 2021

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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.

A very happy Father's Day to all fathers in our parish.

The Diocesan Vision: A Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley

We have a mandate given to us by Our Lord to spread the good news and serve and grow the faith for the coming decade and beyond. Pope Francis is encouraging us to do something new to help us achieve this. In *Evangellii Gaudium* he encourages us, the Christian faithful, "to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy [of the Gospel] while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come." Pope Francis urged the entire Church "to embark on a new chapter of evangelism". The Church must understand itself as a "community of missionary disciples", who are "permanently in a state of mission". He says that "mere administration" can no longer be enough.

I have commissioned a number of groups who are looking at how we work in our parishes and in the Archdiocese to increase the opportunities that enable us to do God's work and to fulfil the promises of our baptism. I want us to look at how we will individually 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 the work of God. In essence, how will we unfold God's plan for our diocesan church?

When I look ahead, I envisage a Catholic diocese which is:

- + Faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ
- + Full of intentional disciples in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and others
- + Where many more lay people are engaged in collaborative ministry

How can it happen and what will that look like given the challenges we face? There are four areas I am asking us all to focus on: **Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and Worship** and **Social Outreach**. In our work on the four themes it is important that young people and families are a particular area of focus for all that we do. The universal call to holiness finds its first expression within families and its first recruits among young people. Catholic education and our diocesan youth services play an important role in serving families and young people. The links between the family, the parish and the school are vital to ensure that the faith is handed on.

I invite you to join me in looking with fresh eyes at our mission. We must take this opportunity to do all we can to make sure the Gospel is seen and heard through the example of our daily Christian lives.

With every blessing + *Bernard*

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday cycle of readings: Year B Weekday cycle of readings: Year 1 Divine Office psalter week 4

Sunday 20th	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Day for Life)	10.30am MASS <i>For the People of the Parish</i> 12.45pm Holy Baptism (Serena Thompson-Oloko)
Monday 21 st	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	9.30am Mass <i>Frances O'Hara RIP</i>
Tuesday 22nd	ST. JOHN FISHER, Bishop & ST. THOMAS MORE Martyrs	9.30am MASS <i>Mary Harnett RIP</i>
Wednesday 23 rd	St. Etheldreda, Abbess	9.30am Mass <i>Gretta Brennan RIP</i>
Thursday 24th	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	7.30pm MASS <i>Jean Vivian Appleton RIP</i>
Friday 25 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass <i>Intentions of Fr. Gerard Mary Toman</i>
Saturday 26 th	Our Lady on Saturday	9.30am Mass <i>Michael & Julia Walsh RIP</i>
Sunday 27th	13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10.30am MASS <i>For the People of the Parish</i> <i>Jarlath Mellett 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 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 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.



The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. At 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 at all Masses this week 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)



A PRAYER FOR ALL FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus Christ to the care of St. Joseph, his foster father; bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL COUNCIL the Pastoral Council meets in person in the parish room on Monday at 7.30pm.

CALLING ALL SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS If you are a singer or instrumentalist and would like to share your talent with the parish, please come along to a socially-distanced meeting in church on 30 June at 7pm. We are particularly wanting to build up music at the 9.30am Sunday Mass ready for our return to two Sunday Masses.



WEDDINGS More than 30 people may now attend a wedding service up to the safe capacity of the church building, with social distancing measures in place. We ask that people attend by family invitation/consent only.

FUNERALS The number of attendees at a funeral is determined by how many people the building can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place. We ask that people attend by family invitation/consent only.

BAPTISMS Unfortunately the cap of 30 attendees remains in place for Baptism services.

FACE COVERINGS Please continue to wear a face covering for the whole time you are in the church building (unless exempt).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Please pray for **Colm Jones** and **Dominika Ungurian** who will be married on Saturday 3 July.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Mary McSorley** (funeral service at 10.45am on Tuesday 29 June at Canley crematorium)

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND We pray for all the sick and housebound of our parish, among them **Mary Cunningham**.

NEWLY-CONFIRMED CHILDREN We give thanks to God that **Abigail, Alex, Callista, Elijah, Jack** and **Jolvin**, were confirmed yesterday, and surround them and their families with our prayers.

HOLY BAPTISM We pray for **Serena Thompson-Oloko** who will be baptised today.

SCHOOL MASSES This half term we welcome one class each Monday to Mass. The children are able to sit closer together than the rest of us because they constitute a 'bubble' in school.

VOTIVE LAMPS This week the light in the Lady Chapel burns for **J & C Cassidy (50th wedding anniversary)**. The lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for **Elaine Riordan**. To arrange for a lamp to burn for a particular intention/in memory of a loved one, 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. PETER & ST. PAUL The Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul occurs on Tuesday 29 June. Ordinarily this would be a Holyday of Obligation, therefore there will be Mass at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

POSTPONED GATHERING OF PRIESTS Fr Paul was due to attend a residential gathering of priests of the diocese this week, in part to reflect on life and ministry during the pandemic and how we can re-energise our parishes as we move out of the pandemic. Unfortunately the gathering has had to be postponed until the autumn.

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 would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Deacon Paul.

FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



- What has the experience of the pandemic taught us as individuals and as a parish?
- What should we continue/develop as individuals & as a parish?
- What new things come to mind that God is calling YOU to and calling US to as a parish?
- What has been lost during lockdown which should stay lost?
- What has been lost during lockdown which we must regain?
- What was ok/we are grateful for in this season but needs to be laid down?
- What has been gained that must be retained or developed?

DELAY TO LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS

Following the announcement of the Prime Minister on 14 June that the country will not move to stage 4 of the covid roadmap until 19 July, things remain essentially unchanged in church. The only difference is for weddings.

Weddings More than 30 people may now attend a wedding service up to the safe capacity of the church building, with social distancing.

The Conference of Bishops continues to recommend 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 the whole time people are in the church building** (apart from those who are exempt.). At Mass face coverings should of course be taken off briefly for the reception of Holy Communion, then replaced immediately.

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

Social Distancing & Capacity

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.

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 are included at all our Masses.

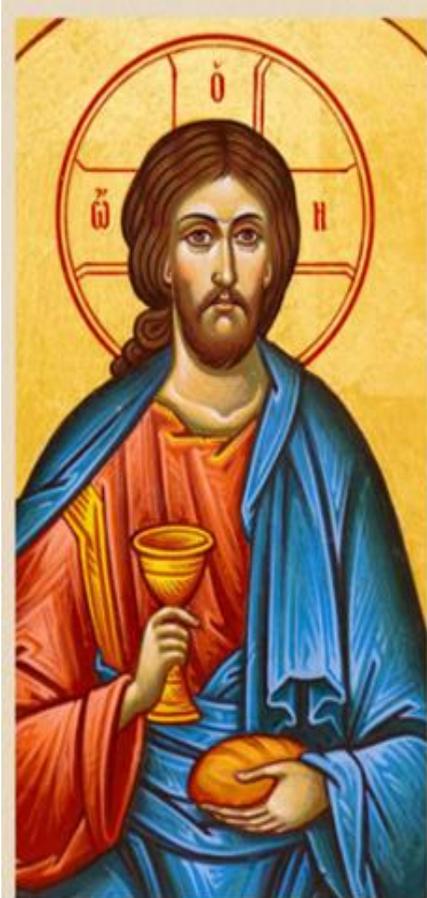
Offertory procession This will take place at Sunday Mass. Those bringing the bread and wine forward will sanitise their hands beforehand. The offertory will still not include the passing around of money bags.

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 and at funerals.



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.

Prayers for Spiritual Communion

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 11th 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?

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.

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.

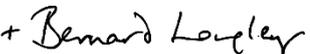
Next year we will be supporting parishes with more training, resources and events to help us in our mission to serve God and to enable the Church to grow – *like a mustard seed which...is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

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
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Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide 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 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (12/13 June 2021).