



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always stand in the bright light of truth. 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.



After a year of disruption to parish life we're inviting all our parishioners to a **Parish Picnic** on **Saturday 24 July** in the church garden. Church will also be open for private prayer and for people to have a look around.

Please **bring your own food, chairs and rugs**. Some tables and chairs will be available.

Free **tea, coffee and soft drinks** will be served in disposable cups throughout the afternoon.

No formal start or end. Please just **come and go at your leisure** between 12-4pm and enjoy being back together as a parish family.

There's **plenty of room** in the garden for people to feel comfortable. There'll also be gazebos for shelter (from sun or rain!)

Please deliver/post an invitation to any parishioners who are not coming to Mass at the moment. There are plenty of additional cards available in the porch. Please also sign up in the gazebo at the exit today if you can help with refreshments, setting up etc.

✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

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

Sunday 27th	13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish Jarlah Mellett RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Monday 28 th	St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr	9.30am Mass <i>(with Reception class)</i>	<i>Celia Davies RIP</i>
Tuesday 29th	SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles <i>(ordinarily a Holyday of Obligation)</i>	9.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
		12.45pm Funeral Service	<i>(Kathleen McSorley RIP) at Canley</i>
		7.30pm MASS	<i>William Wheeler RIP Jim Lawton RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
Wednesday 30 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>David Scott RIP</i>
Thursday 1 st July	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.30pm Mass	<i>Paddy Mulligan RIP (1st anniversary)</i>
Friday 2 nd	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Intentions of the Jenkins family (followed by Sacred Heart devotions)</i>
Saturday 3rd	ST. THOMAS, Apostle	8.00am Churches Together Morning Prayer	<i>(on Zoom)</i>
		9.30am MASS	<i>Tom Healy & Armand Megeur RIP</i>
		10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>(Confession)</i>
		1pm Marriage Service	<i>(Colm Jones & Dominika Ungurian)</i>
Sunday 4th	14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish Tom Healy RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
		12pm Holy Baptism	<i>(Dacy-Anne, Skyla -Mae & Bonnie)</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 GOD WHO SPEAKS: CELEBRATING, LIVING & SHARING GOD'S WORD

The Gospel of Matthew: Fulfilment of God's promises

Who wrote this book? This Gospel is associated with the apostle Matthew, one of the Twelve. Many modern scholars believe that, when writing the Gospel, the author had Mark's Gospel in front of him, as well as a store of his own stories about Jesus. Many think it was written in Antioch to tell the story of Jesus there to a largely Jewish community, a significant number of whom became Christians.

What is a Gospel? Matthew's gospel, like all of the gospels, tells the GOOD NEWS story of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Although Matthew's gospel begins with the birth of Jesus, including a visit from wise men from the East, the majority of the stories of Jesus' life focus on his adult life and ministry culminating in his death and resurrection. The Gospel ends with the command to proclaim the good news of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

The focus of this book Matthew's focus in his Gospel is to demonstrate to Jews how Jesus fulfils the promises that God had made to his chosen people over many, many years. He insists on every page that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Law and the long-awaited hopes and dreams of Israel.

Jesus the 'new Moses' Through Moses, the Israelites experienced God's central saving act, the deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Moses also related God's instruction on how to commemorate that deliverance – the Passover, a sacred meal partaken with everyone fully ready to take the journey of salvation. Additionally, Moses is the Law Giver. He brings down from Mount Sinai the Ten Commandments. Obeying The Law cements the Covenant, the bond of faithfulness between God and his people. Matthew structures his gospel to demonstrate that Jesus carries out and brings to complete fulfilment these three actions of Moses. **1. Jesus' death and resurrection is now God's central saving action; 2. the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, is the celebration of salvation and nourishment for the journey; 3. the new commandments are the Beatitudes, Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount."**

God speaks to us "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of time" (28.19-20).

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.

DIOCESAN VISION LEAFLETS You will recall a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley was read out at Mass a few weeks ago. It outlined the vision for the Archdiocese as we move forward. Leaflets explaining **The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan** are available to take away this week. Please take your copy and take copies for those who are unable to come to Mass. More information on the Vision is available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision

PETER'S PENCE Today and at all Masses this week there is a Second Collection for **Peter's Pence**. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful around the world to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. More information on the use of Peter's Pence donations at <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html> It is also possible to give via the Donate button on our website. Apologies that this collection was not advertised in advance.

SINGING IN CHURCH A number of people have asked me what the prospects are of congregational singing resuming in church any time soon. The honest answer is I have no idea! I share people's frustration (putting it mildly) that 60,000 football fans can shout and sing at Wembley and its surroundings, but people are not able to sing in far smaller numbers in church. Admittedly football fans are outdoors where aerosol transmission is reduced, but even limited congregational singing with face masks, as is now permitted in Wales, would be a welcome, and I think reasonable, step forward. Perhaps the Bishops' Conference needs to get UEFA on side - it seems to be a strong influencer of covid policy these days...

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

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 Wednesday at 7pm. We are particularly wanting to build up music at the 9.30am Sunday Mass ready for our return to two Sunday Masses.

DIOCESAN DATA COMPLIANCE MANAGER Displayed in the porches is an advert for a Diocesan Data Compliance Manager. This key role is needed to ensure that the Archdiocese and its parishes continue to remain compliant with European and UK data protection regulations and has a robust approach to managing the increasing number of subject access requests.

RETIREMENT OF MRS QUINN To mark Mrs Quinn's retirement as headteacher of our school there will be a Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 13 July. Owing to the extension of covid restrictions beyond 21 June, attendance will very sadly be by invitation only. However, if you would like to convey a message to Mrs Quinn or you have a particular memory of her time as headteacher that you would like to share, please leave it in the basket in the exit porch or email it to allsoulsco@gmail.com

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), **Paul Mulqueen** and **Thomas Coulthard** (Funeral at 11am on 14 July).

VOTIVE LAMPS This week the light in the Lady Chapel burns for **Paul Mulqueen RIP**. The lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for a **private intention**. 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER MORNING PRAYER This Saturday at 8am it is the turn of All Souls to host the monthly Churches Together 'Prayer Breakfast' (currently still on Zoom). It would be good to see more faces from All Souls this time. 8am is admittedly early for a Saturday, but on the plus side, there's no journey to make to get there! If you are not on the parish e-mailing list and would like the log in details, please email Fr Paul.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Thank you for your continued generosity to the Food Bank. Please leave items in the box in the entrance porch (see poster for most needed items).

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.

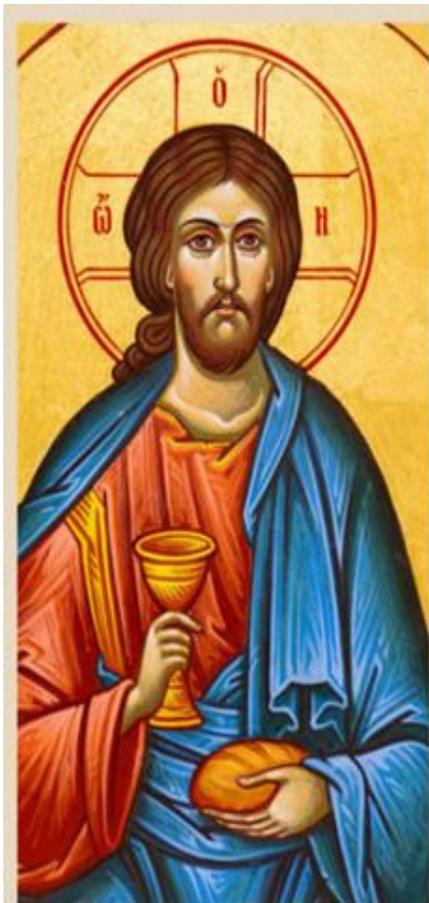
Offertory procession This will take place at Sunday Mass. Those bringing the bread and wine forward will sanitise their hands beforehand. The offertory will still not include the passing around of money bags.

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.

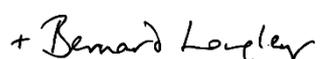
Next year we will be supporting parishes with more training, resources and events to help us in our mission to serve God and to enable the Church to grow – *like a mustard seed which...is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

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
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 grace
in all I say and do
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).