



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that endure forever. 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 wearing of face coverings in church is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** at this time. Thank you.

✦ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✦

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

Sunday 25th	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish Frank & Eileen Duckett RIP (Fr Tim)</i>
			12noon Holy Baptism (Jude Toal)
Monday 26 th	Ss Joachim & Anna, Parents of the BVM	9.30am Mass	<i>Vishley Furtedo (in thanksgiving)</i>
Tuesday 27 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Nancy Creagh RIP</i>
Wednesday 28 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Special intention (of John Shiner)</i>
		12pm Mass of Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Paul & Ciara	
Thursday 29 th	St. Martha	7.30pm Mass	<i>Mary Rabbitte</i>
Friday 30 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Brendan & Darren Smith RIP</i>
Saturday 31 st	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	9.30am Mass	<i>David & Pat Forman (Golden Wedding)</i>
		10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
Sunday 1st Aug	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish Annie Turvey 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 GOD WHO SPEAKS: CELEBRATING, LIVING & SHARING GOD'S WORD

The Acts of the Apostles: Good News travels fast

Second volume Luke's first volume, his Gospel, brought the reader to the climactic point of the Resurrection and the first story of the proclamation of the Good News of the Risen Christ to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The second volume shows the Good News spreading to the ends of the earth. The style, vocabulary, literary structure and theology of Acts leave no doubt that this work is a second volume written by the same mind and pen as the Gospel of Luke.

Who was Luke? Traditionally, it was believed that Luke was a physician and a companion of Paul (mentioned in Philemon 1:24, Colossians 4:14 and 2 Timothy 4:11). There is much discussion about whether Luke was a Gentile or not. He certainly knew and was able to quote from the Jewish scriptures. We can tell from his writings that he was a keen historian and laid out both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles in a style reminiscent of historical accounts of his day.

Good News for Jew and Gentile A huge theme that runs through Acts is the relationship between Jews and Gentiles. Luke writes about Peter's address in the house of Cornelius, when he tells them that he had come to realise that "God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35).

A memorable quotation "And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:38)

Strength of community One of the features of Acts is the strength of community among the early Christians: they "remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42) and "they all lived together and owned everything in common... and they shared their food gladly" (Acts 2:44-46).

Early problems Luke does not paint over difficulties in the church to portray a rosy picture of a perfect church. The early church was not without its problems. Church members lied to one another, there were ethnic/racial tensions between Jews and Gentiles, the most notable missionary team (Paul and Barnabas) disbanded over a disagreement.

God speaks to us The Church is not perfect. Yet, through Luke, perhaps God is telling us that the Church's purpose does not change: to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

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SUNDAY – IT IS OUR DAY

With the Step 4 guidance the bishops have issued a statement entitled '**Sunday – it is our Day**', copies of which are available in church. In the statement the bishops say, "*It is our continuing judgement...that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.*" Of course I wholeheartedly echo the call to 'keep Sunday special' in whatever way is appropriate for each of us at the moment, but I would humbly add my encouragement for all of us, health-permitting, to establish a **regularity** and **pattern** to our Mass attendance on whatever day of the week we can at the moment. Just as eating meals *haphazardly* is not good for our physical health, so worshipping *haphazardly* is not good for our spiritual health. Father Paul

DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Today is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, called by Pope Francis. A message from Pope Francis about the day can be found at <https://youtu.be/bFUSwj3fjLA> Hard copies are also available in church.

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

BAPTISED IN CHRIST We welcome into the Church **Jude Toal** who will be baptised later today.

AN INVITATION TO CHURCH A short video produced by the diocese encouraging people to come (back) to church can be found at <https://youtu.be/JKF3MaNWdLw> It is an excellent resource you could share with others very easily. Please do!

MARCH FOR LIFE UK will take place on Saturday 4 September in central London from approx. 10am-4.30pm. We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year saw 210,860 abortions in England & Wales). More information is available at marchforlife.co.uk or from Isabel on 07773501721@izzyvs@gmail.com. There are 4 coaches leaving for this event from the Birmingham archdiocese. See the poster in the porch for details.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Anthony Toye, Pat (Esther) Kelly, Deo & Catherine Hohensee**.

THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for **Deceased members of the Burke/Twomey families**

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for **Baby Vincent Guest**

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from 19 July 2021 (Step 4)

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CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

Sunday – it is our Day¹

On 19 July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the Covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “The pandemic is not over.” Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

Sunday Obligation

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021.

In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled [*The Day of the Lord*](#). We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: “The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.”

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of *The Day of the Lord*.

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#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS



Message of Pope Francis



Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Dear Elderly Friends,

“I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, “Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer”.¹ Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes,² seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: “I am with you always”. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!

At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand. Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, “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” (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this. It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, “How can a man be born when he is old?” (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And “God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth” (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must “take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies” (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer. The Lord’s closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

The prophet Joel once promised: “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions” (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with memory. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that “even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been.” She went on to say: “For me, memory is life.” I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: “the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.”⁴ He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

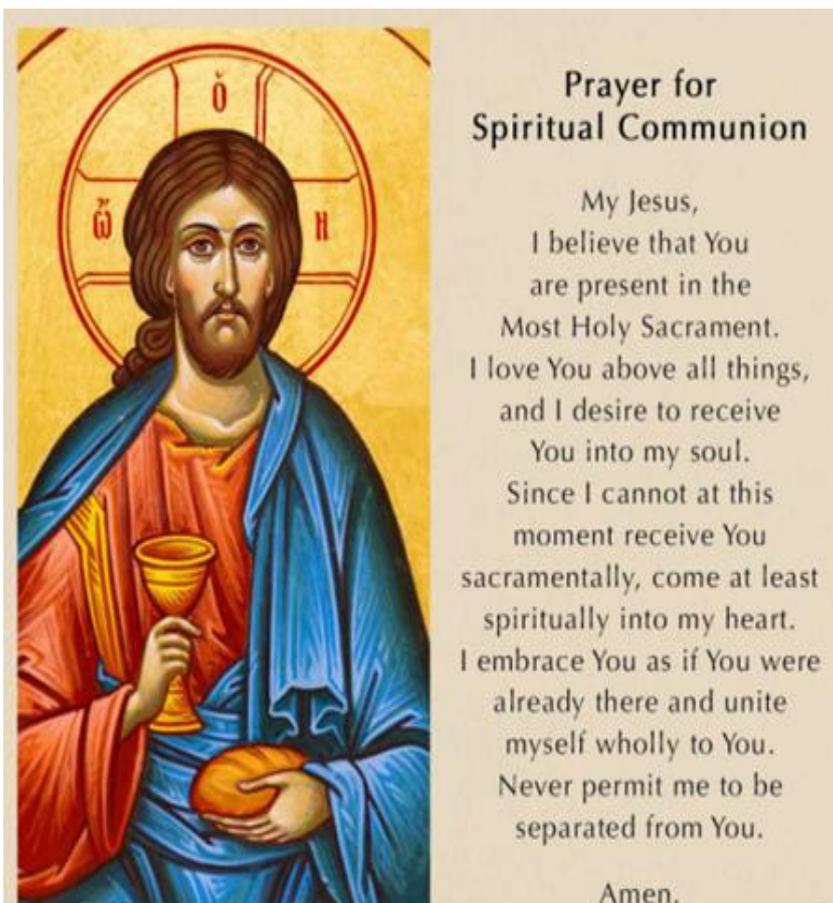
Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to “his desire to feel himself a brother to all” (Fratelli Tutti, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one’s own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: “I am with you always”! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

Franciscus

Rome, St. John Lateran, May 31, 2021, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.