



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2021 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty ever-living God, whom we, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call God our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 3

Sunday 8	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Monday 9 th	ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS <i>(Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	No Mass today	
Tuesday 10 th	St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	No Mass today	
Wednesday 11 th	St. Clare. Virgin	No Mass today	
Thursday 12 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.30pm Mass	<i>Intentions of the Lucas family</i>
Friday 13 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	<i>Barbara Redpath RIP</i>
Saturday 14 th	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	9.30am Mass	<i>John Donnolly RIP</i>
		10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
		11.45am Holy Baptism (Clara Gill)	
Sunday 15th	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.30am MASS	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
		12.45pm Holy Baptism (Eva Grace & Maia Francis McDonald)	<i>Dorothy & David Atkinson RIP (Fr Tim)</i>

NOTE: Livestreaming resumes on Thursday 12 August

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 Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Saint Paul's letters As St Paul travelled the eastern empire spreading the Word, he kept in touch with his little flocks by letter.

In a nutshell Saint Paul wrote to the Romans (the Christians living in Rome) to explain that salvation is offered through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Saint Paul's first communication with Rome This letter is regarded as one of the most important letters that Paul wrote; and it is the longest of all his letters. It was Paul's first communication with the community in Rome since he had not founded that community. It announces his intention to go to Rome. We don't know, as a rule, what Paul said when he first arrived in a new place to proclaim the Gospel. Most of his letters are written to communities that he had founded – so they are the second or third communication to the community, not the first. For this reason, this letter to the Romans gives us an idea of what Paul might have said when he first arrived in a community.

Saint Paul writes this letter to the Romans partly to enlist their support for his proposed mission to Spain, for the Romans knew Spain well (Romans 15:23-24). By way of introduction, Paul laid out his theology in great detail, explaining the good news that he proclaimed (chapters 1-11) and the consequences that he believed this should have in the lives of the Christian community (Romans 12-16).

God speaks to us Through Saint Paul's letter to the Romans God is telling us that all people everywhere have free access to the riches of his grace in Christ as they respond in faith to the Gospel.

Suggested Reading Romans 5:1 - 8:39 is about how we have been justified by **faith**, and can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. This passage leads up to one of the most important statements: that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 12:1-21 tells us what the true marks of being a Christian are.

A memorable quotation "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8.38-39).

THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The bishops of England & Wales recently issued a statement entitled '**Sunday – it is our Day**'. 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."*

Keep Sunday holy Even if we attend Mass on another day of the week instead of a Sunday for now, we should still keep the Lord's day holy and different from all the other days of the week. We can do this by reading the Sunday Scripture readings; making an Act of Spiritual Communion; spending more time in private prayer or as a family; viewing a livestreamed Mass; attending parish vespers on Zoom or praying the Daily Prayers of the Church on our own using, for example, *Universalis*.

Livestreamed Masses have been a blessing to many people during the pandemic, keeping them connected with the life of the Church, but livestreamed Masses can not become the norm. e-Mass is not a substitute for the real thing. There is nothing virtual about the sacraments or the People of God; both are real and tangible and need to be experienced in the flesh. Please do not allow watching Mass on a screen at home become a substitute for being at Mass in church or receiving Holy Communion at home if you are sick or housebound. What has served us well for a time needs to give way to in-person worship once more.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS All the seating in the nave (the long central section of church) is available. Stewards will no longer be showing people to a seat, so please make your own way to a place of your choosing. Please try, however, to spread out if possible. In the two blocks of seating in the transepts (near the side chapels) distancing will remain in place (every other pew in use) for the benefit of those people who would prefer still to be distanced a bit more from others. We do ask that if you sit in these areas, you certainly wear a face covering.



ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS Feast Day 9 August

Edith Stein was born October 12, 1891 to a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany. Though she became agnostic as a teenager, through her passionate study of philosophy as an adult she searched for truth and found it in reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Jesus. In 1922, Edith was baptized a Catholic, and in 1933 entered the Discalced Carmelite Order in Cologne where she took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

During the Nazi occupation she was sent to the Carmel in Echt, Netherlands. When the Nazis occupied the Netherlands all Jews and Jewish converts were arrested. Sister Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa were arrested at this time. She said to Rosa, "Come. Let us go and die for our people."

Sister Teresa Benedicta was gassed and cremated at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942 and died a martyr for the Christian faith after having offered herself as a holocaust for the people of Israel. A woman of enormous intelligence and learning, she left behind a body of writing notable for its doctrinal richness and profound spirituality. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II at Cologne, Germany on May 1, 1987 and canonized on October 11, 1998.

"O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me and I shall meet with peace."

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Next Sunday, 15 August, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her being taken up by the power of Jesus, her Son and Saviour, into the glory of heaven to be reunited with him.

A SUMMER PRAYER O God, Creator of all, I thank you for summer; for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. I thank you for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation. I thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to you this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence and light my path with your word and counsel. As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Author unknown*

SOMETHING GREATER: AN INVITATION TO CHURCH A short video (12 minutes) produced by the diocese encouraging people to come (back) to church can be found at <https://youtu.be/JKF3MaNwDLw> Please share it with others.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please pray for the couples who will married at All Souls in a couple of weeks' time:

Sean Chester & Rhian Miller (Thursday 19 August) and **Mark Metcalfe & Maureen Parry** (Saturday 21 August).

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please pray for the children who will baptised next weekend and for their parents and godparents: **Clara Gill** (Saturday 14 August), **Eva Grace McDonald** (Sunday 15 August), **Maia Francis McDonald** (Sunday 15 August)

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **David Boyle** (funeral at Canley crematorium on Monday 16 August at 10.30am) and **Audrey Christine West** (funeral at Canley crematorium on Tuesday 17 August at 11.15am).

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/lizyvvs@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MASSES We will return to 2 Sunday Masses on Sunday 12 September: 9.30am Family Mass and 11.15am Solemn Mass. Until then Sunday Mass is at 10.30am.

THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

the Marriage of Paul Hutchinson & Lisa Bamforth

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for **Josephine Broderick**

To request a lamp please fill out a white envelope at the back of church AND enter your request on the list in church.

A SUMMER ROADMAP FOR ALL SOULS

from 19 July 2021 (Step 4)

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has issued guidance for churches for Step 4 of the government Covid roadmap. It is heartening that we can begin to take further steps forward, but caution remains necessary while local infection rates remain high. Below I outline a local 'roadmap' for the next couple of months here at All Souls. I am confident that parishioners will exercise responsibility for their own decisions for the good of all who use our church. Unless otherwise stated, these measures take effect from **Monday 19 July**.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available for people's use.

Track & Trace As long as the NHS Test, Track & Trace system is in operation, we will make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship – the NHS App and QR code, and slips of paper in the black box.

Face coverings are 'strongly recommended' to be worn by everybody in church, particularly if you are singing.

Seating & distancing From **Sunday 1 August** all the pews in the nave (the long, central section of church) will be available for people to use. The two transepts (the side sections of the church near the small chapels) will be designated as areas of socially-distanced seating for those who would feel more comfortable being seated further apart from other people. We ask that face coverings certainly be worn by those sitting in these areas.

Stewards will carry on doing the excellent job of welcoming people into church. They will no longer direct people to a seat, but will point out where the 'socially-distanced' seating areas are. They will also continue to facilitate the orderly administration of Holy Communion, and to wipe down high frequency touch points after services.

One-way system The one-way system through church has worked very well indeed, so it will remain in place. Please enter church from Kingsland Ave and exit on to the driveway.

Holy Communion For the time being, Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in one kind only (the Host). If you wish to receive the Host on the tongue, please come forward to Communion at the end of the queue. Ministers of Communion will continue to sanitise their hands and wear a face covering during the administration of Holy Communion.

Ventilation Doors will remain open during services.

Singing Our plan is to gradually increase singing at Mass during the summer period (see the note above about face coverings).

Sunday Mass times From **Sunday 12 September** the pattern of two Masses will resume ie 9.30am ('Family Mass') and 11.15am (Solemn Mass). The bishops plan to reinstate the Sunday Obligation from 28 November, the First Sunday of Advent.

Collection We will not yet return to passing around the collection bags at the Offertory. The very effective system we currently have will continue for now. We strongly encourage online and contactless giving where possible.

Sign of Peace We will continue to exchange the Sign of Peace without physical contact.

Holy water stoups will remain empty for now. Please bring a bottle of water to be blessed.



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.

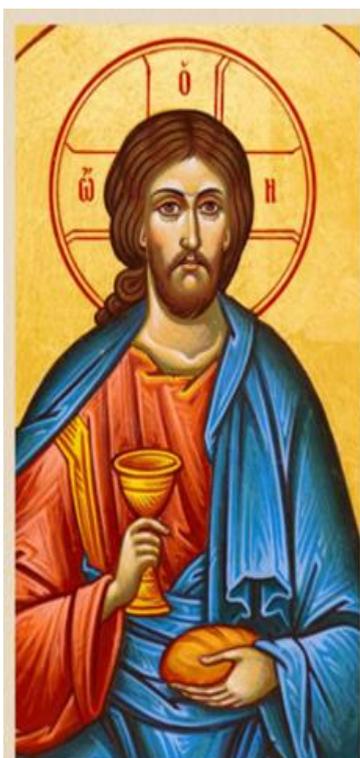
It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021.

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*.

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.