



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 15 AUGUST 2021

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Collect of the Day

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. 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

Sun 15 th	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.30am MASS 12.45pm Holy Baptism (Eva Grace & Maia Francis McDonald)	For the People of the Parish Dorothy & David Atkinson RIP (Fr Tim)
Mon 16 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass 10.30am Funeral of David Boyle at Canley crematorium	Arthur Thornhill RIP (6 th anniversary)
Tues 17 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass 11.15am Funeral of Audrey West at Canley crematorium	Intentions of Kathleen Forde-Johnston
Wed 18 th	Feria in Ordinary Time Diocesan novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi begins	9.30am Mass	Samantha Frost RIP
Thurs 19 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	1pm Wedding Service (Sean Chester & Rhian Miller) 7.30pm Mass	Eugene & Agnes Heavey RIP
Fri 20 th	St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	9.30am Mass	Paul Burke (health & healing)
Sat 21 st	St Pius X, Pope	9.30am Mass 10.30-11.30am Confessions 1pm Wedding Service (Mark Metcalfe & Maureen Parry)	Finnegan & Atcheson families RIP
Sun 22 nd	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	For the People of the Parish Peter & Joseph Hughes RIP (Fr Tim)

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: CELEBRATING, LIVING & SHARING GOD'S WORD

The First & Second Letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Who wrote these letters? Paul had spent 18 months (49-51 AD) working at his trade as a tent-maker while he established the Christian community at Ephesus. A couple of years he writes the first letter to the church at Corinth from Ephesus. It deals with a number of problems in the arrogant and quarrelsome community, particularly its disorderly worship. The second letter was written to establish Paul's authority as an apostle and because it was evident that his first letter had not fully accomplished its purpose.

Addressing issues at Corinth In the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul is responding to an independent report from "Chloe's people". Paul replies in chapters 12 and 13 that they should approach all the ethical dilemmas that they faced and all the conflicts they were experiencing in the knowledge that they were all members of the body of Christ and that they should behave towards one another with love. This is a letter addressing the particular concerns and issues of its recipients. Possibly more than in any other epistle, in 1 Corinthians Paul addressed both what he had heard about the Corinthians and the questions that they had sent to him in a previous letter.

The second letter was written when things were going badly wrong between Paul and the Corinthians. It is clear that relationships between the Corinthians and Paul have deteriorated badly. He knows he has hurt them but it is clear he has also been hurt by them. As a result 2 Corinthians reveals a vulnerable Paul probably more clearly than any other letter. In it Paul lays out his love for the Corinthians, his passion for the Gospel as well as his belief that vulnerabilities are the way in which Christ's power is made complete and God's glory shines into the world.

Some memorable quotations "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant; or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

God speaks to us Through the letters of St Paul to the Corinthians, God is telling us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is relevant still today – and there is still much for the Church today to learn from these important letters.

SUNDAY: OUR HOLY DAY

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY In an age of sensuality and materialism today's Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us of the dignity and destiny of our human body, extols the dignity of womanhood, and turns our eyes to eternal life beyond the grave. Ask Mary today for the grace to keep your mind fixed on things above and to aspire continually to be united with her in the glory of the Resurrection.

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 choice. 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 ask that if you sit here, you certainly wear a face covering.

RETURN TO TWO SUNDAY MASSES We will return to two Sunday Masses on **Sunday 12 September**: 9.30am Family Mass and 11.15am Solemn Mass. Refreshments will be served after both Masses. Until then Sunday Mass is at 10.30am.

THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Jean Surplice in thanksgiving for her 60th birthday

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Sarah-Ann & Joseph Morris RIP

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

NOVENA TO BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI This Wednesday marks the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi – this is a prayer on 9 consecutive days for his canonisation. The Feast Day of Blessed Dominic Barberi is on Thursday 26 August.

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for us. Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please pray for the two couples who will be married at All Souls this week: **Sean Chester & Rhian Miller** (Thursday 19 August) and **Mark Metcalfe & Maureen Parry** (Saturday 21 August).

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please pray for **Clara Gill** (baptised 14 August) and **Eva Grace McDonald** and **Maia Francis McDonald** (15 August). May they and their families grow in their love for Christ and his Church.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **David Boyle** (funeral Monday 16 August), **Audrey West** (funeral Tuesday 17 August) and **Jade Fitzpatrick** (funeral Wednesday 8 September). Also for those who were killed in Plymouth last week.

SATURDAY COFFEE & CHAT In September we hope to resume our Saturday coffee morning which was gaining popularity before lockdown the first lockdown. If you could help serve teas and coffees or bake some cakes, please let Fr Paul know.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE will take place on Saturday 9th October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it, then let Lianne know! The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email – marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk Closing date to register is 1st October.

MARCH FOR LIFE On Saturday 4 September Father Stephen Fawcett (newly-appointed parish priest of Corpus Christi & St. Anne's Coventry) and Vivien McDonald are travelling to this year's March for Life in London via National Express, leaving Pool Meadow at 7.30am and returning to Coventry on the 5pm coach. If you would like to travel with them, please buy your ticket from www.nationalexpress.com and also let Vivien know on viv_mcdonald@hotmail.com

CHURCH GARDEN PRODUCE Please help yourself to kale and chard from the raised beds in the church garden. There's plenty!

OPEN DOORS As you know, Coventry is the UK City of Culture 2021. To recognise the importance of faith as part of culture there will be a "Faith Weekend" throughout the city from Friday 10th September to Sunday 12th September. Part of the weekend involves asking churches to remain open for visitors under the banner of "Open Doors". We're looking, therefore, for volunteers to help keep All Souls open 10am-4pm on Saturday 11 September and perhaps serve some light refreshments in the parish room. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you can help. The usual round of morning worship (9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass and 10.30-11.30am Confessions) will take place as usual, and we have a Mass of Thanksgiving for a recently-married couple at 1pm, but visitors are very welcome to any or all of these!

ST. ROCH (also known as **St. Rocco**) is the patron saint of those suffering from infectious diseases. His feast day is 16th August. St Roch was born in a wealthy family in France at the end of the 13th century. His parents died when he was 20 years of age, after which he gave all his inheritance to the poor and devoted his whole life to charitable work and serving the poor and sick. It is said that through his powerful intercession many cities and towns were spared the plague or cleansed and healed of diseases.

O Blessed Saint Roch, Patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

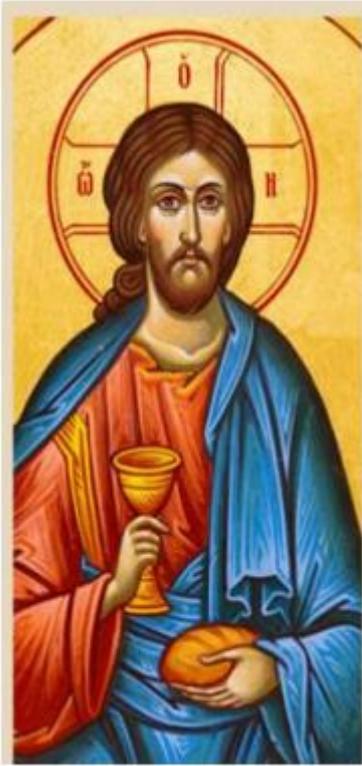
On 19 July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the Covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “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.