



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect of the Day

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 2
Eucharistic Adoration 30 minutes before Mass Monday-Saturday

Sun 29 th	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS 12pm Holy Baptism 1pm Holy Baptism	For the People of the Parish Jack Ryan Annabelle Donoghue
Mon 30 th	St. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs	9.30am Mass	Intentions of Rene Gardner
Tues 31 st	St. Aidan, Bishop & the Saints of Lindisfarne	9.30am Mass	Crowe & Keenan families RIP
Wed 1 st Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass	Eileen Monaghan RIP
Thurs 2 nd	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.30pm Mass	William Wheeler RIP
Fri 3 rd	St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.30am Mass followed by Sacred Heart devotions	Tony & Joan Lee RIP
Sat 4 th	St. Cuthbert, Bishop	No Mass today No confessions today	
Sun 5 th	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30am MASS	For the People of the Parish

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

The Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Why was it written? The letter to the Ephesians is primarily written to Gentile (non-Jewish) followers of Christ to say that salvation through Christ is offered to Jews and Gentiles alike.

A single household This letter is unlike any of Paul's other letters. Ephesus was a magnificent city; and for some years, it was Paul's base in Asia Minor. The vision of the Epistle (Letter) to the Ephesians is that, in Christ, Jews and Gentiles have been unified into a single household. The letter seeks to encourage its recipients to live this unity in practice. The first half of the book lays out the theology that lies behind this unity exploring in particular the way in which the church is the body of Christ. The second half of the book discusses in more detail what living this unity in practice might look like, and how people should live the Christian life.

How to live the Christian life The letter to the Ephesians offers a vision of how people are to live out the Christian faith. Paul taught that the Christian lives with Christ's life. Already the Christian has been given a place in heaven, though still being built into a dwelling-place of God in the Spirit. This letter is a triumphant summing-up of St. Paul's teaching on salvation.

A favourite quotation "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:10-11).

Suggested reading It is good to read the whole of St Paul's letter, but especially Ephesians 5:1-6:10 about following God's example, walking in the way of love just as Jesus did.

God speaks to us Ephesians lays out a clear vision of what kind of behaviour was expected from Christians and what was not. This vision is still relevant today.

HELPING REFUGEES IN COVENTRY

St Finbarr's are helping *Carriers of Hope Coventry* with the supporting of refugees in our city. Below is a list of items they'll be collecting on **Monday 30th August at Finbarr's between 11am-2pm**. If you have anything to donate, they would love to see you: **baby equipment (especially pushchairs), kitchen essentials (pots, pans, utensils), clocks, nappies and wipes, toilet rolls, small electrical items (kettles, toasters, microwaves), rugs, food, toiletries, suitcases/holdalls, clothes (but not suits, shirts ties; only new underwear and socks)**. Cheques can be made payable to *Carriers of Hope*. Or you can donate online to the link below. If you would like any other information on clothing or furniture donations, volunteering or fundraising please contact *Carriers of Hope*.

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17316#!/DonationDetails>

SUNDAY: OUR HOLY DAY

From **Sunday 12 September** we will return to two Sunday Masses: **9.30am Family Mass** and **11.15am Solemn Mass**. Children's Liturgy will resume at the 9.30am Mass, both Masses will include singing and refreshments will be served after both Masses too.

Although the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is not being restored by our bishops until the end of November (beginning of Advent), **I invite parishioners to see Sunday 12 September as a call back to the practice of attending Sunday Mass**. Sunday is our holy day, the Day of Our Lord's Resurrection, the day in the week consecrated to the worship and service of God.

It is understood that there are those for whom returning to Sunday Mass is impossible: those who are housebound or who live in care homes or nursing homes, as well as those who are sick or vulnerable, or who are fearful because of underlying health conditions. Those people are invited and encouraged to participate via livestreaming, to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, and where possible, to receive Holy Communion at home.

It may also be the case, however, that some parishioners who have now begun to go out more frequently to shop, to socialize and participate in other activities, have not yet returned to Sunday Mass, or Mass on any day of the week. **I encourage us all to prioritise Sunday Mass in our patterns of living as we emerge from the pandemic**. We know that the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith, our compass, enabling us to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus. And we've discovered during the pandemic that without the Eucharist it's very easy to lose our spiritual bearings and to become lost. So please don't stay away from the Eucharist for a day longer than is necessary.

Community is also important. We can be sure that the evil one will make the very most of the scattering effect of the pandemic on the Church. He knows that when Christians are separated and scattered they are weakened. **It is time now for our worshipping community to gather together again and regain strength**. Some may say that they can worship God on their own. Certainly, there is truth to this. But there's greater truth in the words of Pope St. John Paul II: "it is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of Baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God. It is important therefore that they come together to express fully the very identity of the Church" (Dies Domini #31). Please come back to Sunday Mass not just for your own sake, but for the sake of our parish community.

If you need more information or reassurance about worship arrangements at the moment, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in the Lord, Fr Paul

PATTERN OF WORSHIP FROM 12 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	9.30am Family Mass (with Children's Liturgy) 11.15am Solemn Mass		
Monday	9am Adoration	9.30am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer	9.30am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Adoration	9.30am Mass	
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer	7pm Adoration	7.30pm Mass
Friday	7am Adoration	7.30am Mass	
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer	9.30am Mass	
	10-11am Confession & Adoration (note the new time)		

WELCOME TO ALL SOULS If you are worshipping with us for the first time today or returning after a period of time away, you are very welcome. Toilets are available in the porch; disabled access toilets and baby change facilities are available at the back of church.

HOLY BAPTISM We pray today for **Jack Ryan** and **Annabelle Donoghue** who will be baptised today.

MORNING PRAYER IN CHURCH On several days of the week Morning Prayer will be prayed publicly in church at 9am (see above). This service will also be livestreamed.

ONLINE VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER) On Sundays Fr Paul will lead vespers online (on Zoom). The login details will be sent out each Sunday to all parishioners on our parish emailing list. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Fr Paul. On other days of the week a group of parishioners assembles online to pray vespers together. If you would like to join them, please email Mark at Niziolomski-AllSouls@virginmedia.com

ADORATION Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) takes place regularly in our church and has proved to be very much appreciated during the pandemic. From 12 September this will be at the times shown above. On Saturdays there will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration immediately following Mass, during which confessions will be heard.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will resume at the 9.30am family Mass on Sundays from Sunday 12 September. We very much look forward to welcoming more of our young families back to Sunday Mass soon.

SpRed, our parish group working with those with special needs will meet again, for the first time in 18 months on Saturday 11 September for lunch from 11.30am in the parish room. We hope to plan together our programme for the coming months. We would welcome any member of the parish with special needs. Our meeting together provides us with a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith. If anyone feels they would like to be a faith friend - someone who accompanies - you will be most welcome to come along.

PLAYGROUP The Playgroup for parents and babies/toddlers will begin again on 6 September, Mondays 10.00 - 11.30. Recently parents and children have really appreciated coming together. We hope now to be able to integrate singing, stories and snacks as part of the sessions. Do join us!

SERVING SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS Thank you to those who have offered to serve refreshments after our Sunday Masses. If you would like to join a rota for serving refreshments after one of the Sunday Masses, please contact Fr Paul.

SATURDAY COFFEE & CHAT From Saturday 11 September our Saturday coffee morning will resume, 10-11.30am in the parish room. If you could help serve teas and coffees, please let Fr Paul know.

ALTAR SERVERS We would love to see more of our altar servers back in the sanctuary. Deacon Paul will be in touch soon to let you know about a refresher evening in September with pizza dinner. Thank you to all our altar servers and their families for your generosity of spirit in serving our parish.

THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week

in thanksgiving & for family intentions (**Jorge, Lilian & Maria**)

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Kelly McDowell

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jade Fitzpatrick** (funeral Wednesday 8 September) and **Peter Heath** (funeral Monday 6 September) and **Fr Bengt-Ove Jakobsson CHS**

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.

SAMARITANS PURSE There are leaflets in the porch about Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, an annual effort to send shoe boxes of Christmas gifts to the poorest children of the world. The Inner Wheel Club of Coventry is meeting in our parish room at 11am on 14 September to make up boxes to send. Please leave any donations of toys in the box in the porch. The leaflet gives more information about suitable donations. All welcome to help pack.

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

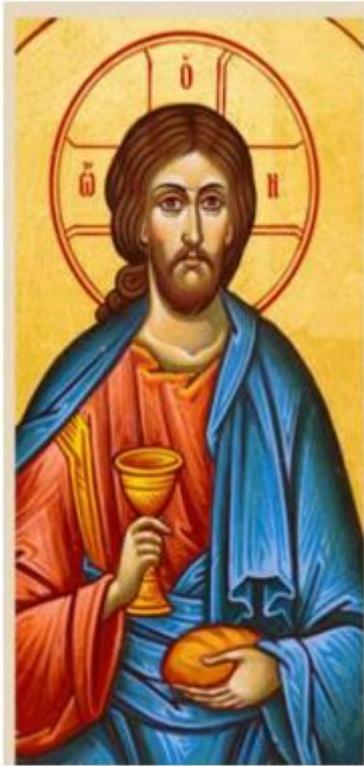
On 19 July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the Covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement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