



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

Collect of the Day

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday cycle of readings: Year B; Weekday cycle of readings: Year I; Divine Office psalter week 2

Sun 21 st	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	9.30am FAMILY MASS 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 1pm Holy Baptism	Con Collins RIP For the People of the Parish Lionel Farrel RIP (Fr Tim) Frederick Anthony Quaid Esfahani
Mon 22 nd	St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass	Adrian Spencer RIP
Tues 23 rd	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	Jemimah Zikpi RIP
Wed 24 th	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & companions, Martyrs	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass	Mary Cunningham RIP
Thurs 25 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am Morning Prayer 11am Funeral Service 7.00pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass	Mary Craig RIP Josephine Foley RIP
Fri 26 th	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	Richard Heneghan RIP
Sat 27 th	Our Lady on Saturday	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10-11am Adoration & Confessions	Brenda Etherson RIP
Sun 28 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am FAMILY MASS 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship) 1pm Holy Baptism	Intentions of Martin O'Donnell The People of the Parish John Lesley RIP Louie Hartwell

Vespers Sunday: Led by Fr Paul on Zoom. An email invitation is sent to all parishioners on our emailing list

Monday – Saturday: Please contact Mark at Niziolomski-AllSouls@virginmedia.com for a daily text and Zoom link.

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

The Three Letters of John

Who wrote these letters? The author is not identified in 1 John. If the author of 1 John is John the apostle, then, he was the brother of James, called by Jesus to follow him early in his ministry. He is often thought to be the beloved disciple of John's Gospel (see introduction to John's Gospel for more on this); if he was, then when he was on the cross, Jesus handed over care for his mother to him. Christian tradition states that he took her to live in Ephesus, where he lived to a ripe old age (around 100). If the author is a different John, then we know much less about him.

The First Letter of John: In the face of dissidents who have left the community because they deny that Jesus is the Messiah (Christ) and who claim to be without sin, the writer teaches that sin is ever present and ever forgiven, that Jesus died to overcome the sins of the whole world. To know this Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and to live according to the commandment of love. The false prophets who teach otherwise are antichrists and belong to the world of sin. True believers recognise that Jesus is the Son of God.

The Second Letter of John: From an anonymous elder to a Christian household, the letter repeats the essential commandment: love one another. Anyone who does not acknowledge that Jesus is truly the Messiah and truly a human being is to be rejected.

The Third Letter of John: Directed to a certain Gaius, this letter praises his adherence to the truth and begs assistance for fellow workers in the service of God's truth. Diotrephes is condemned. Demetrius is commended. All are enjoined to imitate what is good.

Favourite quotations "Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4.7-8). "I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another" (2 John 1.5). "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God" (3 John 1.11).

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 907 Offertory 716 Communion 768 Recessional 320
Psalm response: **The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed**

WELCOME TO ALL SOULS If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, a very warm welcome. Please make yourself known to parishioners and to one of the clergy. If you are returning to Mass after a period of time away because of the pandemic, welcome back! It is lovely to see you today.

BISHOPS' STATEMENT: HONOURING SUNDAY The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a statement about the importance of returning to Sunday Mass. A full copy of the statement is displayed on the noticeboards in church. "At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass. We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass."

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE Today there is a **second collection** for the Catholic Youth Service, supporting youth ministry in the parishes of the diocese.

HOLY BAPTISM We pray today for **Frederick (Freddie) Anthony Quaid Esfahani** who will be baptised today. Also for his family and godparents.

THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick at this time, and for the housebound and infirm who can no longer be with us at Mass. Also for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take the Blessed Eucharist to them in their homes.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Craig** (Funeral Service 11am Thursday 25 November), **Anne Condren** (Funeral Mass 12pm Thursday 2 December), **Maureen Franklin** (Funeral Mass 11.30am Friday 3 December), **Michael Collins** (Funeral Mass 11am Wednesday 8 December) and **Michael Doherty** (Funeral Mass 11am Wednesday 15 December).

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent which marks the beginning of a new liturgical year.

BLESSING OF THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS CRIB The Christmas Crib donated to the city by the Catholic community of Coventry will be blessed next **Sunday, 28th November**, the First Sunday of Advent. Parishioners across the city are invited to the Service of Blessing at 4.00pm in Broadgate.

MASS INTENTIONS 2022 Mass intentions are now being taken for 2022. Please hand Mass envelopes to Fr Paul or post them in the collection bags and boxes.

MISSIO CALENDARS Please take a *Missio* calendar from the back of church. *Missio* builds churches and classrooms, supports seminaries, trains catechists, helps sisters working with vulnerable children and enables missionaries to comfort the sick in remote communities. Many thanks to all who contribute through the Red Box and to all the collectors. For more information see Jean Keenan 7667 0671.

ADVENT 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS & CALENDARS are available at the back of church. Booklets £1, calendars 50p.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DIOCESAN PLAN at a Zoom Meeting Wednesday 24th November 7pm. Archbishop Bernard introduced us to the Diocesan Plan last summer and now we are also hearing about "synodality". You are invited to attend an online meeting at which you can hear from the Chief Operating Officer of the Archdiocese about the Diocesan Plan and what it is hoped it will deliver for the Diocese. Please register your interest by sending an email to actabhm@gmail.com.

STUDENT FELLOWSHIP GROUP If you are a student at Warwick or Coventry University and would like to meet with fellow-students for fellowship and prayer, please come along to our new Student Fellowship Group which meets fortnightly on Wednesday 7-8pm in the parish room and/or church. The next meeting is on

Wednesday 24 November. For more information contact Kirstie at stagekirstie@gmail.com or Lucia at lucia.gaetani@libero.it

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On **Wednesday 15 December at 6.30pm** we will be holding a Christmas Carol Service for school and the wider local community. **We need your help in delivering a flier and invitation to the homes of our parish so that it is a real community event. A good start would be for each of us who are physically able to deliver to the homes of our own street and/or a neighbouring street. Next week there will be a list of streets at the back of church. Please put your name next to those you can cover.**

At the end of the carol service we will move outdoors for more carols for passers-by to enjoy and join in. Weather permitting, refreshments will be served outdoors too. Please put the date in your diary and encourage family, friends and neighbours to come along.

BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bishop Ullathorne School, the Catholic secondary school on this side of the city, invites parishioners to a Christmas party at the school on Friday 10 December. The event will run from 12.30 -2.30pm and will include festive food, games and maybe a surprise visitor!

REPOSITORY The repository at the back of church is now open after Sunday Masses. Among other things, Advent calendars, Christmas cards and 2022 diaries are available. It is possible to pay electronically by card using the Digital Collection Plates in church (there is one near the piety shop). A selection of card sand books will be on display outside the shop during the week.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING 10-11.30am this Saturday.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, please have a word with Father Paul.

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION The next Coventry Pioneer Meeting will be on Monday 13th December at 2.00pm in the Library at Christ the King church in Coundon.

SINGING FOR THE OFFERTORY HYMN It's understandable that we sit for the hymn during/after Communion when we're likely to be praying, but I've never understood why we don't stand to sing the offertory hymn in the same way we do for the entrance and recessional hymns. Apart from anything else, it's quite difficult to sing while seated. I'm proposing that we stand to sing the offertory hymn, but if you prefer to sit, that's fine. Fr Paul

RECENT WORKS Our thanks go to Mark Niziolowski who has spent many hours in recent weeks and months arranging and overseeing works in church and on the church site, including surface repairs to parts of the driveway and car park, the reduction of a long row of very overgrown trees near the old school building and repairs to lighting in the sanctuary and side chapels and external lighting around the church building and site. We are very grateful to Mark.

INTRODUCING DIVINE WORSHIP

Having reflected on feedback from parishioners during the last week, including at the meeting of parishioners last weekend, and after a good deal of prayer, I have decided that a more gradual introduction of *Divine Worship* to the parish will be helpful. You will recall that *Divine Worship* is the form of the Mass which the Archbishop has invited the ordinariate community to share in the parish as an addition to the existing treasury of Catholic liturgy and devotions.

From next Sunday the **11.15am Solemn Mass** will alternate between the 'normative' form of the Roman Rite and the form known as *Divine Worship*:

Sunday 28 November *Divine Worship*

Sunday 5 December

Sunday 12 December *Divine Worship*

Sunday 19 December

Sunday 26 December *Divine Worship* etc.

In addition, **Mass at 7.30pm on Thursdays** will be celebrated using *Divine Worship*. I hope this pattern of worship will allow people to experience and become familiar with *Divine Worship* in a more gradual way and help us move forward together as a parish. Fr Paul

THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for the **Crowe & Holmes families**

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for the **McGaffney family**

To request a lamp please fill out an envelope at the back of church

Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday

Friday, November 19th, 2021 @ 12:00 pm



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During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been restrictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practice their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming.

As people begin returning to more regular patterns of parish life and following the first face to face meeting of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in Leeds, the bishops have issued the following statement about the importance of honouring Sunday:

Honouring Sunday

As the Synodal Pathway of listening and discerning unfolds, we the bishops of England and Wales, are paying particular attention to the hopes and fears, the joys and anxieties of all who are sharing their thoughts and feelings with us.

Longing for our Lord

We are attentive to the experience of the last year or so, when we have lived our faith through the limitations of the pandemic. We have heard of the longing which some express as a “homesickness”. We want to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We yearn to celebrate the sacraments together, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We desire to be nourished by our Lord in Holy Communion. The live streaming of the Mass and the remarkable response of our Catholic communities to those in need, have provided comfort, sustenance and resilience.

The Eucharist, source and summit

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. Many people have said to us that they have appreciated the noble simplicity of the Mass at this time, which has allowed the mystery and majesty of our Lord's sacrificial love to shine through.

The central appeal of the Mass, its beauty and its transcendence, raises our minds and hearts to God in an unambiguous and compelling manner. Our Lord Jesus invites us to receive anew the gift of Sunday as the preeminent day, the day of the Resurrection, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Here we stand together before our heavenly Father, offering our thanksgiving and prayer, through our Saviour in the Holy Spirit. Here we receive Christ in his Word. Here we are nourished by Christ in his precious Body and Blood. This is our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength.

The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

Responding to the Gift

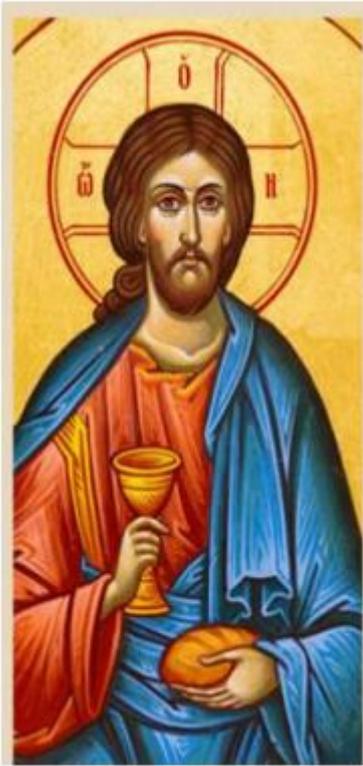
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The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on, renewing our gratitude and our hope. When we say "Amen" to Christ in receiving his Body and Blood, we express the love of God which is deep within us, and at the end of Mass, when we are sent forth, we express our love for our neighbour, especially those in need. These two dimensions reveal the full meaning of our faith. We are gathered together and sent out, we pray and are fed, we worship and we adore; these are intrinsic to our lives as those baptised into Christ.

Approved at the Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Leeds.

Thursday 18 November 2021

Prayers for Spiritual Communion



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.

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.