



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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Stay awake

✠ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Pray at all times

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C		Weekday cycle of readings: I	Divine Office psalter week I
For daily link for vespers on Zoom contact <a href="mailto:mark-niziolomski@virginmedia.com">mark-niziolomski@virginmedia.com</a>		For Evening Prayer in church <a href="http://www.singtheoffice.org">www.singtheoffice.org</a>	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship) 6pm Advent Service at Earlsdon Park Village	Gallen & Devine families RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confession 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	John McKernan Jr RIP
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 5.00pm Evening Prayer (6.00pm Mass at Earlsdon Park Village)	David Cross RIP
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confession 9.30am Mass (withs school Years 2&4) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Eileen Godfrey RIP
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ST. BIRINUS, Bishop</b>	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm MASS (Divine Worship)	Tom Healy RIP
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass followed by Sacred Heart devotions	Fisk, Bewick and Phillips families RIP
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	David Parnell RIP
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (The Immaculate Conception is transferred to 9th Dec)	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 1.00-9.00pm Continuous reading of St. Luke's Gospel	Jim & Marie Lawton The People of the Parish (Fr Paul) Deceased faith friends and members of the SpREd group (Fr Tim)

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

The theme of today's readings: By perseverance you will save your lives

At this point in salvation history, we are between Christ's two comings: his first Advent, when God the Son came enfleshed to live all that humanity experiences and preach the Gospel of salvation, and the promised Second Advent of his return. The angels revealed this future event at Jesus's Ascension to the Apostles and disciples. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

**First reading** *Jeremiah 33:14-16* The prophet Jeremiah reminds the people of God's promise of a Davidic Messiah who will re-establish justice and peace in the land and shepherd a spiritually renewed covenant people.

**Psalms 25** reminds us that God is merciful to sinners and gracious to the humble. When we are depressed by injustice in the world, weighed down by personal suffering, and tempted to lose patience in waiting for the Lord's return, we should make our prayer: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**Second reading** *1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2* St. Paul writes about the necessity of persevering in holiness until Christ returns. We need to pray for this kind of persistence in holiness for each other so, in answer to Jesus's question in Luke 17:8: "But when the Son of man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" our response will be a resounding, "Yes!"

**Gospel** *Luke 21:25-28,34-36* Jesus speaks in the apocalyptic language of the Old Testament prophets, describing the cataclysmic event of the return of the "Son of Man", whose arrival will impact all creation. The present age of the Church is the final age of humanity, ending when Christ returns to judge the righteous and the wicked. He will condemn the wicked to everlasting punishment and welcome the righteous to eternal bliss (Matthew 25:31-46). Advent should be a time for self-evaluation and humble repentance. The Church is waiting to celebrate Christ's birth, but also for his Second Coming, which will determine our eternal future when we hear his call. We must persevere in holiness and obedience to his commands to present ourselves in a state of grace, ready to greet our King and Saviour.



## SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is John Corroon. He can be contacted at [sg.allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 and [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Please take this sheet away with you for Mass times this week, upcoming events and general information.**

**A WARM WELCOME** to Mass today, especially to anybody joining us for the first time. Please introduce yourself to the clergy and if you're able, stay for refreshments in the parish room.

## PARENTS AND CHILDREN

It's a great joy to see so many young families in church. For the benefit of parents and parishioners, if young children become restless during Sunday Mass, parents are encouraged to make use of the livestreaming of the Mass on the smart screen in the parish room. Thank you. There are also some child-friendly books in the parish room – about the Mass, prayer, the saints, the Bible - for young children and parents to enjoy.

## ADVENT: A SEASON OF WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

Advent can be described as a season of waiting. And what are we waiting for? The Church is waiting for what the prophet Isaiah wrote about in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Isaiah. We are waiting for the day when God will remove the veil separating people and nations from one another and from God (Isaiah 25:7). When that day comes, God will "wipe away the tears from every cheek," and we shall see things for what they are (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 7:17;21:4). In this season we are looking back in time to Jesus's First Advent, when he came to earth as God enfleshed as a tiny baby. But we are also awaiting his promised Second Advent. The word "advent" means "arriving or "coming". At the end of time as we know it, Jesus will return, arriving as the divine King and Judge to gather all of his Church to himself.

**ADVENT SERVICE AT EARLSDON PARK VILLAGE** Members of the local churches are invited to join residents of Earlsdon Park Village in Albany Road for an ecumenical service for Advent at **6pm this evening**. Fr Paul will be leading the service.

**POOR PARISHES SECOND COLLECTION** There will be a collection for the poorer parishes of the diocese next Sunday.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP** The next gathering of our Catholic men's group is **this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7-8pm** in the parish room. Our aim is to support one another as men trying to live the Catholic faith and Christ-like lives.

**READING OF ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL FROM BEGINNING TO END** On **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1-9pm**, there will be a prayerful reading of St. Luke's gospel in its entirety in church. Please do come along. There is a sign-up sheet for readers, particularly our regular readers, on the table at the back of church.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER BREAKFAST** The next Churches Together Prayer Breakfast, a monthly occasion, is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at 8am at St. Mary Magdalen's.

**HOSPITAL PETITION** Please add your name to a deanery petition urging the hospital (UHCW) to maintain the necessary level of provision for Catholic patients and staff, including emergency on-call cover. The petition is at the back of church.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AT ALL SOULS** are intending to provide food parcels to some of those in need this Christmas and would like to invite parishioners to help by donating non-perishable items such as jars, packets, tins and suitable festive food items. There will be a collecting box at the back of the church up to and including Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December for donations. The group are also holding a fund-raising raffle to help support those in need. Raffle tickets for a selection of festive goodies will be available for the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your generous support.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025** Dates of the preparation sessions for both First Holy Communion

and Confirmation are displayed in the porch. Children should be accompanied by a parent please.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jim Corrigan, John Glass, Catherine Duffield** and **Madeline Smith**, recently departed.

**PRAYERFUL READING OF SCRIPTURE** after the Tuesday 9.30am Mass in the parish room. All very welcome.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2025** A provisional booking for a parish pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham has been made for **Mon 27<sup>th</sup>– Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025**, which is autumn half term. **Please contact Fr Paul or the parish office if you would like to book a place.**

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** Our school and community carol service will be at **6.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Come along and enjoy our children re-telling the Christmas story and leading us in worship. Refreshments will be served in the parish room afterwards.

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** of prayer and reflection Advent and Christmastide are available for sale at the back of church priced £1. Children's calendars are free of charge.

**STREETLINK: HELPING THOSE SLEEPING ROUGH** There is information displayed in the porch about StreetLink, an organisation that exists to connect people sleeping rough with local services. You can make a referral at [thestreetlink.org.uk](http://thestreetlink.org.uk)

**THE BLESSING OF THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS CRIB** will take place **TODAY** at 4pm in Broadgate, Coventry.

**NEW THIS YEAR: CHRISTMAS CRIB SERVICE** In addition to the regular Christmas Mass times, this year there will be a **Crib Service at 12noon on Christmas Eve** – a simple service of short Bible readings, carols and prayers for young children and families. You may know people who, while not churchgoers (yet!), may like to come to church at Christmas for this sort of service.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH** If you could be part of a team of parishioners who might prepare and serve a Christmas Dinner in the parish room on Christmas Day for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day, please speak to Fr Paul. Please also let Fr Paul know if you would like to be a guest.

## CONFESSION TIMES DURING ADVENT

During the season of Advent the Sacrament of Confession will be available at the following times:

Mondays 9.00-9.25am (before Mass)

Tuesdays 4.45-5.15pm

Wednesday 9.00-9.25am (before Mass)

Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm (before Mass)

Saturdays 10.00-11.00am

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00-11.00am

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) 10.00-11.00am

## FROM THE PARISH NOTICE BOOK

**A window on to parish life in times past**

*Entry for 15<sup>th</sup> February 1942*

*To help raising the necessary [amount to be repaid on the church debt], £980 [£38,599 in today's equivalent], I want every worker in the parish to promise a definite sum towards it; to be paid either in one donation or by instalments spread over the next 5 weeks. A band of special collectors, as far as possible, [will] call for your donations unless you prefer to hand them indirectly to Father B[urbage] or [my]self.*

## HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 983 Offertory 610 Communion 88 Rec 110  
Ps. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

## THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

**Esther Cummiskey (birthday)**

## THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

**Richard Coles (birthday)**

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