



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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Prepare a way

✠ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

for the Lord

Sunday 8th December 2024

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C		Weekday cycle of readings: I		Divine Office psalter week II	
For daily link for vespers on Zoom contact mark-niziolomski@virginmedia.com		For Evening Prayer in church www.singtheoffice.org			
Sun 8 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	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)		
Mon 9 th	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Con Collins RIP		
Tues 10 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00am School KS2 Adoration & Confession 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Brendan McCooey		
Wed 11 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Lainah Rabvukwa RIP		
Thur 12 th	Feria	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass (Divine Worship)	Nuala Tennant RIP		
Fri 13 th	St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	Danny & Eileen Mulvenna and May Cunningham RIP		
Sat 14 th	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Brenda Etherson RIP		
Sun 15 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Angie Carolan RIP The People of the Parish		

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The theme of today's readings: **Journeying together**



First reading Baruch 5:1-9

This reading sets the theme of our readings. First, it describes the promised joyful return of the Jewish exiles of the Babylonian captivity to Jerusalem in the 6th century BC. Then, the passage looks beyond that historic return to the journey of redeemed humanity to the heavenly New Jerusalem of Christ the King.

Psalm 126 is one of the so-called "Songs of Ascent" that pilgrims sang on the journey up the Judean mountains to the holy city of Jerusalem to celebrate the annual feasts and worship in the Jerusalem Temple. In the hymn, the pilgrims remember the joyful journey of the returning exiles to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. However, this "Song of Ascent" can also be seen as the symbolic anticipation of all the righteous as they continue their earthly journeys with the hope that they may one day ascend to worship in the heavenly New Jerusalem which Jesus has prepared for his redeemed people.

Second reading Philippians 1:4,6,8-11

St. Paul prays for the Christian community at Philippi. He writes to praise them for their growth in charity, characterised by their love in action. Such works, he tells them, are a supernatural virtue that includes wisdom in discerning the will of God that leads them to attain a better knowledge of God and, thereby, a greater union with him.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

We learn that St. John the Baptist is the mysterious, unidentified prophetic voice from Isaiah's prophecy in the 8th century BC. His is the voice that announced the coming of God among his people in Jesus's First Advent and the all-encompassing change his arrival will have on the world. Nothing will stand in his way to hinder his coming or message, and all humanity will see the salvation of God. We are called during Advent to respond anew to St. John's prophetic voice; to confess and repent of those sins that separate us from God; to make straight our paths on the journey of salvation.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 and 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 PENITENTIAL SEASON?

Strictly speaking, Advent is no longer considered by the Church to be a penitential season, even though it looks like one – no Gloria, purple vestments etc. Why? I have absolutely no idea!! Nowadays the Church speaks of Advent being “a period of devout and expectant delight”. But what is the *cause* of our delight? What is “the reason for the season” (of Christmas)? Why do we look forward to Christ's second coming with confidence? Because in the first coming of Christ, **God and sinners are reconciled**. Christmas proclaims: We are sinners; we need a Saviour; and his name is Jesus Christ, born of Mary. The Incarnation and the Birth of Jesus Christ happened *for our salvation*. Therefore it seems entirely fitting that the season of Advent include a grappling with sin and conversion ie have a penitential character. I think St. John the Baptist would agree and encourage us to pick up some of the Church's traditional penitential practices in the run-up to Christmas, recognising that they can help us to grow in our life in Christ. Confession ought to be part of our preparations anyway (the Church does still insist on that), but so might additional fasting, prayer and almsgiving be. Let's prepare our hearts to celebrate the Birth of Christ in the ways Catholics have always valued, and by a bit of Advent discipline put to death everything that hinders Christ's coming to us today. Fr Paul.

POOR PARISHES SECOND COLLECTION There is a second collection today for the poorer parishes of the diocese.

ALTAR SERVERS' SOCIAL Altar servers and their families are invited to a Christmas social on **Saturday 14th December**, 5-6pm in the parish room.

READING OF ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL FROM BEGINNING TO END Today from **1-9pm**, there will be a prayerful reading of St. Luke's gospel in its entirety in church. Please do come along if you are able, for part or all of the reading. Readers, please collect your readings from the back of church.

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, Madeline Smith, Dorothy Richards** and **Eileen Butterly** (née Mohan).

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 27th– Thurs 30th 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 16th December**. Come along and enjoy our children re-telling the Christmas story. Refreshments will be served in the parish room afterwards.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE 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. This service is not intended as a substitute for Mass. Attendance at it does not fulfil the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with providing a Christmas Day dinner in the parish room for those who would otherwise be on their own. We will meet after the 11.15am Mass today for a quick planning meeting. Please let Fr Paul know if you would like to be a guest.



FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The first of our 2025 monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith will take place on **Wednesday 29th January**, 7.00-8.30pm, in the parish room. This is open to all, with an emphasis on communicating the Church's teaching on the basics of our Faith. Our first session will be on **Creation and the Fall**.

Saint Paul was very aware of the persistent danger in the Church of false teaching and of the thirst for novelties in doctrine, and so addressed the young bishop, Timothy:

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. 2Timothy 4:1-5

The aim of these sessions is to help us know and defend the Sacred Traditions of the Church, the sound doctrine which we need in order to understand the Word of God. The Sacred Traditions of the Church are the basis of the New Testament, without which we have no anchor to keep us from floating away in a sea of inventions that are brought about by those who prefer their own ideas than those of Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PARISH NOTICE BOOK

A window on to parish life in times past

Entry for 26th May 1946

Special course of instruction in prep[aration] for Confirmation begins tonight 6:30 in church. Course for children at N.C. [non-Catholic] schools Sat[urday] 10:30 - no child can be admitted for confirmation without instruction. Sister Francesca will give talk to girls over school age tomorrow at 7:30 in school on the work of her Community.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 115 Offertory 603 Communion 84 Rec 92
Ps. What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

The Taylor family

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMPS

burn this week for

Samantha Frost RIP

John Paul Brogan RIP

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