



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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Hail Mary

✠ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

Blessed are you

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C		Weekday cycle of readings: I		Divine Office psalter week IV	
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<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	<b>9.30am MASS</b> with Children's Liturgy <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b> 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Hazel & Rose Hall, Susan Mary Loughron RIP The People of the Parish		
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria <i>O Emmanuel</i>	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Seamus Croarkin RIP		
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass ( <i>Last Mass of Advent</i> ) 10.00-11.00am Confessions 12noon Crib Service (approx. 30 minutes)	Anne Felix RIP		
	<b>Christmastide begins</b>				
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	<b>4.30pm VIGIL MASS</b> <b>11.30pm SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS</b>	PJ Barrett RIP James & Josephine Foley RIP		
		<b>9.30am MASS OF THE DAWN</b> <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b>	John Gallen & Anne McGee RIP The People of the Parish		
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST. STEPHEN, The First Martyr</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Edward Slevin RIP		
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST. JOHN, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Charlie Mullen RIP		
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Frank Brennan RIP		
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>9.30am MASS</b> <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b> ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	The People of the Parish Lainah & Benjamin Rabvukwa RIP		

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

On this last Sunday of Advent, the readings reveals the identity of the Messiah whose coming God promised from the time of Adam's fall from grace (Genesis 3:15) and foretold down through the centuries through his holy prophets.

**First reading** *Micah 5:2-5a* One of those prophets was the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC prophet, Micah. He reveals that the Messiah is more than a mortal man; he will be a ruler whose origin is "from ancient days." The faithful must look for his mother to give birth in Bethlehem, the city of the great King David, with whom God made an eternal covenant and promised that an heir from David's lineage would rule forever. Micah also prophesies that the Davidic Messiah's rule will be universal, reaching "to the ends of the earth."



**Psalms 80** comes from a communal lament of the people of Israel when they were threatened with destruction and exile by the Assyrians in the 8<sup>th</sup> century before Christ. They pleaded for God's intervention to save them, despite their failures. They petitioned God to send a man chosen by God upon whom his favour rests, to save them from destruction. God sent such a man to save his holy people at the turning point in salvation history. "Son of Man" is Jesus' favourite title for Himself. He came to save not only the "lost sheep" of Israel but to redeem *all humanity*.

**Second reading** *Hebrews 10:5-10* Jesus is the promised Davidic heir. He is both the son of David and the Son of God, destined to reign as an eternal King. Jesus is the High Priest of the New Covenant. Unlike the high priests of the Sinai Covenant, selected because of their hereditary link to Aaron, the first high priest, Jesus Christ is God's choice. He is sent by the Father and comes to do the Father's will.

**Gospel** *Luke 1:39-45* When Mary visits Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb, St. John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Spirit, leaped for joy to be in the presence of the Redeemer and Messiah in Mary's womb. Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, declared that Mary is "the mother of my Lord" who has honoured her with his presence. Do you also recognise Jesus's true identity? Is he your Lord and God who came to save you from your sins and set you on the path to eternal life? If so, rejoice like St. John the Baptist and Elizabeth because your understanding of Jesus's true identity as the Son of God and our Saviour is a gift from the Holy Spirit.

## 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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE** In addition to the regular Christmas Mass times, 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** Please pray for God's blessing on our Christmas Day dinner in the parish room - on our guests and on our volunteers. It is an opportunity to reach out to others with the love of Christ and celebrate the joy of Christ's birth together.

**EPIPHANY NINE LESSONS & CAROLS** Joint with the parish of St. Mary Magdalen's, there will be an Epiphany Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight at All Souls at **5.30pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, followed by seasonal refreshments.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Madeline Smith, Dorothy Richards** (Funeral Mass 12pm Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan) and **Eileen Butterly** (née **Mohan**; Reception at Christ the King, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 6pm; Funeral Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 11am).

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE** The Jubilee Year 2025 opens Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm with the Rite of the Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome immediately before Pope Francis celebrates Midnight Mass. The Holy Door represents the passage to salvation which Jesus opens to humanity. Archbishop Bernard will be celebrating a Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**, the Feast of the Holy Family. Next Sunday he will speak about the Jubilee Year in a pastoral letter. **May the Jubilee Year be an opportunity for all of us to be renewed in hope in these troubled and confusing times, to experience afresh forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ, and to proclaim him as the Only Hope of the World.**

## FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The first of our 2025 monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith will take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 (foundations) of our Faith. Our first session will be on **Creation and the Fall**. The aim 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.

## HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

**Entrance 112 Offertory 600 Communion 339 Rec 116 Ps. Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.**

## CHRISTMAS 2024

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOR EVER** (Hebrews 13:8)



This year we are celebrating the centenary of our church. The pinnacle of our celebrations is very fittingly our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, to whose honour and glory this and every church is built. The first Mass offered in the church of The Precious Blood & All Souls was the Christmas Midnight Mass of 1924.

As we celebrate Christ's birth this year and give thanks once again to God for the unfathomable gift of his beloved Son, please join me in giving thanks to God also for the gift of our beautiful church, in which we meet with and worship the living God day by day, week by week, year by year. We give thanks to God that the Good News of the saving Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ has been celebrated and proclaimed here for 100 years, and seek his grace to be joyful heralds of that same news today. Fr Paul.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
born in the wood of the manger,  
you stretched out your arms of love  
and shed your most Precious Blood  
on the hard wood of the Cross,  
so that all people might come  
within the reach of your saving embrace.  
As we give thanks for 100 years of our church,  
and place its future years into your hands,  
confirm us in faith,  
strengthen us in hope  
and perfect us in charity,  
that offering you the spiritual sacrifice of praise,  
and reaching out our hands in love,  
we may bring many people  
to know, worship and obey you,  
our Salvation, our Life and our Resurrection,  
who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.

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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Church designates certain holy days throughout the year as days of obligation, when the faithful are required to participate in Mass (not the same as an obligation to receive Holy Communion). Christmas Day, of course, is one of them. There are four opportunities at All Souls to fulfil the Christmas obligation:

**Christmas Eve Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.30pm VIGIL MASS**

**11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS**

**Christmas Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am MASS OF THE DAWN**

**11.15am SOLEMN MASS**

## THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

**James Foley RIP**

## THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

**Josephine Foley RIP**

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