



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY ✠



Sunday 29th December 2024

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C		Weekday cycle of readings: I	Divine Office psalter week I
For daily link for vespers on Zoom contact mark-niziolomski@virginmedia.com		For Evening Prayer in church www.singtheoffice.org	
Sun 29th	THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	9.30am MASS 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	The People of the Parish Lainah & Benjamin Rabvukwa RIP
Mon 30th	6th Day of the Christmas Octave	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	John Shiner RIP
Tues 31st	7th Day of the Christmas Octave	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 1.00pm Nuptial Mass 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	David & Margaret Shine Ben Bilverstone & Rebecca Conway
Wed 1st Jan 2025	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	12.00pm SOLEMN MASS (followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish room)	Anne Felix RIP
The Christmas Octave ends			
Thurs 2nd	St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazienzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass (Divine Worship)	Barbara Redpath RIP
Fri 3rd	The Holy Name of Jesus	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass followed by Sacred Heart devotions	Thanksgiving
Sat 4th	Christmas Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Jim Corrigan RIP
Sun 5th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles)	9.30am MASS 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Serviced of Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight (followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish room)	Paddy, Nora, Kathleen, Patrick, Eileen Brennan RIP The People of the Parish

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: The Perfection of the Human Family Reflected in the Holy Family

First reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

This reading recounts the story of a mother honouring her pledge to God. Because of Hannah's faith and obedience, God accepted the gift of her son, called him to divine service as a holy prophet, and used him to move forward his divine plan for humanity.

Psalms 84 recounts the psalmist's desire to go to God's dwelling place, the holy Temple at Jerusalem. He writes that God will bless those who make a pilgrimage to the Jerusalem Temple and praise God in the liturgy of worship. The psalmist offers a prayer for himself and Israel's king. He invokes the LORD as the divine protector (shield) of the chosen people of the covenant, whose protection comes to the people through his anointed Davidic king. Jesus is the final and eternal Davidic King who shields and saves his people and is himself the Living Temple of God.

Second reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

St. John contemplates the wonderful gift of divine sonship that makes baptised Christians children of God. When St. John mentions "the world," he refers to those who do not belong to Christ but belong to the world that is opposed to God's plan for saving humanity through the sacrifice of Christ. The world did not "know" or understand Jesus, and so we must accept that the "world" can not "know" or understand us. We are in the world, but we are not part of the world.

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

This passage recounts the story of twelve-year-old Jesus teaching the priests and scholars of Mosaic Law in the Jerusalem Temple, who were astonished at his knowledge and understanding. As time passed since his birth and Jesus grew up like any other child, his parents may have begun to take his promised mission for granted. This episode reminded them that their son was God's Son and that he knew his true identity and destiny.

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.

THANK YOU for all your Christmas cards, gifts and offerings. I am very touched by your kindness and reminded of the privilege of being your parish priest. God bless you and your families. Fr Paul **CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER** Our parish Christmas Day dinner in the parish room was a wonderful occasion. It was a delight to welcome people who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day, and to see the enjoyment on everyone's faces. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the day a great success.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD New Year's Day is more importantly for us the Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Please try to begin 2025 at the Eucharist at **12noon**.

ENROLMENTS IN THE GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN Congratulations to Denzel, Melvin, Nnamdi and Tobe, who were enrolled in the Guild of Saint Stephen for Altar Servers during Mass on the Feast of St. Stephen (26th December). The Mass was followed by a lovely Christmas social for all our altar servers and their families. A very big thank you to all our altar servers for the invaluable ministry they exercise in the parish.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is at 7.30pm on **Monday 20th January 2025** in the parish room. The main agenda item will be reflection on the Final Document of the recent 'Synod on synodality' in Rome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The first session of preparation for all children in the parish who have completed an application form for First Holy Communion in 2025 is at **6.30-7.15pm on Monday 6th January 2025** in the parish room. **Children must be accompanied by a parent please.**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP next meets 2-3pm on **Monday 20th January** in the parish room.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP As the first Wednesday of January is **1st January**, the Men's Group will gather for Mass at 12noon for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE The Jubilee Year 2025 opened on Christmas Eve with the Rite of the Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome immediately before Pope Francis celebrated 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 today. He also addresses people of the diocese today 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.**

MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

God instituted marriage and the family when he created the first man and woman (Genesis 1:27; 2:21-24). He blessed marriage and the family for the common good of their members and for society's benefit.

Both marriage and family have an essential role in God's plan for humanity's salvation. Throughout salvation history, marriage and family protected the "promised seed" of Genesis 3:15, from which the Redeemer-Messiah was destined to rescue humanity from sin and death. The line flourished in the families of the descendants of Seth, son of Adam and Eve, and his descendant Abraham and his wife, Sarah. Their son Isaac continued the "promised seed" line in his marriage to Rebekah, as God continued the Abrahamic covenant through their son Jacob-Israel. St. Matthew and St. Luke traced that family line in Jesus's genealogy through Joseph and Mary in the Gospels of Matthew (1:1-18) and Luke (3:23-28). The line culminated in the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, and Mary's son, Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit, the "promised seed" sent to undo the work of Satan (1John3:8).

In procreation and the raising of children in the Christian family, husband and wife reflect the Father's work of creation and become his partners in the flow of salvation history.

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with your teaching and example, willed to pass the greater part of your life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to you this day. Protect us, guard us and establish among us your holy fear, true peace and concord in Christian love: in order that by living according to the divine pattern of your family we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

O Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, by your kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us his graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, help us by your prayers in all our spiritual and temporal needs; that we may be enabled to praise our divine Saviour Jesus, together with Mary and you, for all eternity. Amen.

EPIPHANY NINE LESSONS & CAROLS



Next Sunday, 5th January, we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. Please join us at **5.30pm** for a candlelit service of Nine Lesson and Carols, joint with St. Mary Magdalen's. The service will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

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 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 145 Offertory 341 Communion 138 Rec 164 Ps. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O LORD.

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

Edward Trenchard (birthday)

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Pat Kitterick

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