



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ✠

Sunday 12th January 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: II

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Sun 12th	THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (<i>Divine Worship</i>) 1.00pm Holy Baptism 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>John Cunningham RIP</i> <i>Ojunugwa Ariella Adaji</i>
Christmastide ends			
Mon 13 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Joan & Trevor Hudgell RIP</i>
Tues 14 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Joylene Kane RIP</i>
Wed 15 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction	<i>David Mahon RIP</i>
Thurs 16 th	Feria	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>)	<i>Quigley family (living and deceased)</i>
Fri 17 th	St. Anthony, Abbot	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	<i>Edward Leyland, Joseph Cardine & Michael Armstrong RIP</i>
Sat 18 th	Feria <i>The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	<i>Armand Meguer RIP</i>
Sun 19th	2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Marie & Jim Lawton RIP</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: The Baptism of the Chosen Servant

First reading *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

God sent Isaiah as his messenger to Zion (the covenant people) to announce that he is coming in power and authority to "shepherd" (rule over) them. It will be another theophany, like the theophany of God on the holy mountain of Mount Sinai in Exodus Chapter 20. But this time, the theophany will be on Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem. In John Chapter 10, Jesus made the same announcement in Jerusalem to the covenant people, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy by declaring that he was the Good Shepherd sent by God to redeem the "lost sheep" of the house of Israel.

Psalm 104 follows the sequence of the creation narrative in Genesis Chapter 1: God created the heavens, the sea, and the earth. He filled the sea and the land with living creatures and provided their food. The Spirit of God is the source of all life, and none of the earth's creatures can live without the breath of God's Spirit.

Second reading *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

St. Paul writes that the "grace of God", who has appeared for the salvation of all people, is Jesus Christ. Christ has called us to renounce the world and its disordered passions and to embrace proper worship through godly lives dedicated to good deeds as we await the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, at the end of time. The Christian life of righteousness is the fruit of grace. God is the source of that grace, and salvation is our goal through Christ Jesus. Divine grace manifested in the Incarnation is actively redeeming each Christian. It is also the basis of our hope in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Gospel *Luke 3:15-16,21-22*

St. Luke speaks of Jesus' baptism by St. John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan River. The Gospels relate his baptism as another epiphany (manifestation) of Jesus as the promised Messiah, the "Chosen One" and "Servant" Son of God promised by the prophets. Jesus's baptism is the event in Scripture that presents for the first time the revelation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Holy Spirit descending from heaven in the form of a dove, the voice of God the Father heard from heaven, and Jesus identified by the divine voice as God the Son.

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.

ORDINARIATE CLERGY FAMILY FUND COLLECTION

Today there is a second collection for the Ordinariate clergy family fund, which supports those clergy of the Ordinariate with families who have need of additional financial support.

SpREd The SpREd group meets for the first time this term on Saturday 18th January, 12-2pm in the parish room.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Greta Flitcroft** who has died recently.

GOVERNOR VACANCY All Souls Catholic Primary School is currently seeking nominations from interested parents of children registered at the school to fill a Parent Governor vacancy. Interested parties should contact Mrs Linsey Rae (school business manager) linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk / 02476675836 for more information and/or nomination forms. The nomination window closes at 3pm on Thursday 23rd January.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets 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.

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION Please come along if you can to this beautiful service of Evening Prayer **this Wednesday** at 7pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The preparation for First Holy Communion got off to a great start last Monday evening, with excellent attendance and lots of enthusiasm. The next session is on **Monday 13th January**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room. A full list of dates is posted in the church porch. **Children must be accompanied by a parent please. Parents are also reminded of the need for frequent attendance at Sunday Mass as part of their child's preparation to receive Holy Communion in May.**

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The first session of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on **Monday 20th January**, 6.30-7.15pm 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.

COVENTRY PHILHARMONIC - FAURÉ'S REQUIEM As part of our centenary celebrations the Coventry Philharmonic Choir will perform Gabriel Fauré's Requiem in our church at 5.30pm on **Saturday 21st June 2025**. The concert will be followed by refreshments in the parish room. Please put the date in your diary. Tickets will be on sale soon at £8.

COMMISSIONING OF READERS Our readers will be commissioned during the Masses on **Sunday 26th January**, the 'Sunday of the Word of God'.

THANKYOU for all your greetings, gifts and cards on my recent 'significant' birthday. I'm very blessed. Fr Paul

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

What is a Jubilee Year? Jubilee years are a time of newness. They have been celebrated throughout the history of the Church, but their roots go back to the Old Testament, when the Israelites were commanded to celebrate a jubilee every 50 years. Beginning with the blowing of a ram's horn - the yobel, from which the word jubilee comes - on the Day of Atonement, it was meant to be a kind of 'reset' or 'refresh' for their relationship with God and with each other. Debts would be forgiven, misappropriated land returned, slaves freed, and the land given rest. It was a stark and dramatic reminder for the ancient Israelites that nothing was absolutely theirs - not even the Promised Land. The Israelites were to live as if everything was a grace and blessing from the God who brought them out of Egypt. **In this Jubilee Year 2025 we are called to live as if everything – our whole life and being - is a blessing and grace from God, who has freed us from our debt of sin in Christ, and delivered us from the power of the devil. May it be a year in which we all experience God's grace with greater intensity.**

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

As we observe this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we thank God for the fruit that has been borne as a result of Christians of different traditions praying together, working together and trying to understand one another better over many years. We see such fruit locally in the life of Churches Together in Earlsdon and Chapelfields (CTEC). Significant progress has been made, but there is a long way still to go. Christians are self-evidently not one, as Jesus calls us to be, and the obstacles to unity which remain are substantial. Faced with a very difficult way ahead, a seductively attractive temptation is to settle for a less demanding ecumenical vision, which "closes the books" on old disputes which "drag us back", and concentrates instead on questions of justice, peace, and the protection of the environment. These questions are of course not unimportant – we *should* express in common action the communion that we already share – but they are not the ultimate goal of the ecumenical journey. A document of the Second Vatican Council called *Unitatis redintegratio* (Restoration of Unity), defines the Catholic Church's ecumenical goal: Unity consists of the **"confession of one faith... the common celebration of divine worship... the fraternal harmony of the family of God...this unity, which of its very nature requires full visible communion of all Christians, is the ultimate goal of the ecumenical movement."**

To that end let us all pray and work. Fr Paul

THE CHURCHES TOGETHER FELLOWSHIP MEAL this year is at Earlsdon Methodist church, 6.00 for 6.30pm on **Saturday 18th January**. Tickets are available from Janet Vaughan priced £8.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 94 Offertory 846 Communion 795 Rec 172
Ps. Bless the LORD, O my soul. My God, how great you are

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

Edward Trenchard RIP

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Good guidance (A.O)

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

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The first of our monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith is on **Wednesday 29th January**, 7.00-8.30pm, in the parish room. The 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.