



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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## ✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ✠

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: II

For daily link for vespers on Zoom contact [mark-niziolomski@virginmedia.com](mailto:mark-niziolomski@virginmedia.com) For Evening Prayer in church [www.singtheoffice.org](http://www.singtheoffice.org)

Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.30am MASS</b> with Children's Liturgy <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b> 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Marie & Jim Lawton RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	The Hastings family
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass (with school Years 1&5) 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Mary Twomey
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr</b>	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Benjamin Rabvukwa RIP
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass ( <i>Divine Worship</i> )	Raymond & Roseline Njoku RIP
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor</b>	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	Joan Edgington
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, Apostle</b> <i>The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</i>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Josie McGrath (101 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.30am MASS</b> with Children's Liturgy <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b> ( <i>Divine Worship</i> ) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Thomas, Margaret & Martin Dillon RIP The People of the Parish

### THE WORD OF THE LORD

#### Theme of today's readings: The Divine Bridegroom and the Bride

**First reading** *Isaiah 62:1-5* When the chosen people of Israel are in covenant union with God, Scripture often expresses the wholeness of that relationship as a marriage covenant between God the Bridegroom and the covenant people as his beloved Bride. However, when the people apostatise from their vows of faithfulness to the covenant, the once pure Bride falls into the sin of adultery and becomes an unfaithful spouse. Despite the covenant people's failures, God's love for his Bride (his covenant people) never ceases. He is always willing to reclaim his chosen people as his Bride. The Fathers of the Church saw this passage as a prophecy of the wedding banquet of the Lamb and his Bride, the Church, and the prophesied "new name" of "the Bride of Christ" (Revelation 2:17;3:12).

**Psalms 96** is one of a group of psalms celebrating the kingship of God by inviting the peoples of the earth to give glory to God in a new song and join in praising him by invoking his name in worship. God welcomes them to bring their offerings and acknowledge that he is the divine King of all nations, dispensing justice with equity, bringing blessings, and keeping his promises.

**Second reading** *1 Corinthians 12:4-11* St. Paul reminds us that God loves us and gives his Spirit of love to all the members of his Church family. At the same time, God recognises that we are all different and reveals his response to our differences in the various kinds of gifts of the Holy Spirit that he gives us. To make his point, St. Paul names nine types of spiritual gifts. Even though these are "manifestations", the same God produces those works in us to advance the Church.

**Gospel** *John 2:1-11* St. John the Baptist announced that Jesus is the divine Bridegroom (John 3:29). When Jesus began his ministry, it is significant that his first public sign took place at a wedding where he changed water into wine. His miracle prepared us to participate in his royal wedding feast as he neared the climax of his mission at the Last Supper. In the parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 21:1-14) and the announcement of his New Covenant at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:27-28; Luke 22:19-20), Jesus calls all the faithful of humanity to become betrothed to him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism, we are reborn to become "one flesh" with him in the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Ephesians 5:21-33; 2 Corinthians 11:2). Through the Sacrament of Baptism, Jesus, our divine Bridegroom, offers the gift of universal 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](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.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Fintan Ledwith, Greta Flitcroft** and **Linda Alexander** 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](mailto:linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk) / 02476675836 for more information and/or nomination forms. The nomination window closes at 3pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets at 7.30pm on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 next session is on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> January**, the 'Sunday of the Word of God'.

## FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The first of our monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith is on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

### 'MOMENTS OF GREATER INTENSITY'

The first Jubilee was celebrated in 1300 AD at the initiative of Pope Boniface VIII. They are celebrated every 25 years in the Church - though the pope may mark 'extraordinary jubilees' outside of that - and bear the hallmarks of the ancient spirit of jubilee. In the tradition of the Church, a Jubilee is proclaimed by a Papal Bull of Indiction. The Bull for Jubilee 2025 is titled *Spes non confundit* or 'Hope does not disappoint/put us to shame' (Rom 5:5). Pope Francis notes that, as a pilgrim people, we need 'moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps' (*Spes non confundit* §5). The present Jubilee offers those moments of 'greater intensity', opportunities to reorient, refresh, and renew our relationship with the Lord and with our neighbours.

The language of 'greater intensity' is helpful because it suggests that a Jubilee Year is about **returning to the basics of our faith and the Christian life to rediscover their power and vitality**, rather than scrambling around for new things to do. There may well be new things that need to be done, as the Spirit leads us, but not instead of the basics: **Prayer**, every day. **Bible reading**, every day. Attendance at the **Eucharist, every Sunday and Holyday of obligation**. Regular reception of **Holy Communion**. **Confession**, at least once a year, and as needed. **Fasting**. **Almsgiving**. **Works of mercy**. **Supporting the life and mission of the Church**. Let's resolve to give our attention to the basics this Jubilee Year, the foundations of our life in Christ. Fr Paul

**Romans 5:1-15** *Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

## PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is this week,  
18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January

O God and Father of us all, we come before you with humble hearts, recognising the need for a profound spiritual revival within your beloved and holy Church. We acknowledge that, at times, our spirits have grown weary, and our faith has waned. Today, we earnestly ask you to breathe new life into all the faithful. Infuse us with a fresh and fervent zeal for you. May your presence be palpable among us, and may we be open to the transformative work of your Holy Spirit. Renew our love for the Holy Eucharist; for the Holy Church and her teachings; for prayer; for the holy Scriptures. May we never be a hindrance to the unity of Christians and the conversion of others by our bad example or lukewarmness. Rather, may your goodness be made clear to them by the virtue of our lives and the unbreakable bond of love that unites us. Then may they finally be brought to you, the one true God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

**Entrance 716 Offertory 874 Communion 643 Rec 924**  
**Ps. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples**

**CALLING ALL SINGERS** If you are able to be part of a group of singers who give a lead to the congregational singing at the Sunday 9.30am Mass, please have a word with the musicians.

## THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

**My boys (G. Costa)**

## THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

**Teemu Oswald**

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