



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ✠

Sunday 26th January 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: III

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Sun 26 th	3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (<i>Divine Worship</i>) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Thomas, Margaret & Martin Dillon RIP</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Mon 27 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Katrina Caldwell</i>
Tues 28 th	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass (with school Years R,3,6) 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Fr Gerard Mary Toman</i>
Wed 29 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>Addie Griffin RIP</i>
Thurs 30 th	Feria	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>)	<i>Charlie Mullen RIP</i>
Fri 31 st	St. John Bosco, Priest	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	<i>Sarah Ann & Joseph Morris RIP</i>
Sat 1 st Feb	Our Lady on Saturday	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	<i>Charles Walsh RIP</i>
Sun 2 nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Kitty Hennessy RIP</i>

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: The Word and the Body

In the first reading, the 6th century BC priestly scholar of the Law, Ezra, and in the Gospel reading, Jesus in the first century AD, stood up before the assembly of the covenant people – the Jews - to read the word of God from Sacred Scripture. After the reading, both Ezra and Jesus interpreted the Scriptures so that the people of God who were present might understand God's message.

First reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10

The people of Judah were liberated from captivity in Babylon and returned to the Promised Land and the holy city of Jerusalem. They assembled to listen to Ezra, the priest, who read from the Book of the Law and explain what it meant to obey God's commandments. They rebuilt Jerusalem, its protective walls, and the Temple where, as a "body" of one people in covenant with God, they again offered the twice-daily Tamid sacrifice for their atonement and sanctification. They celebrated their sacred feasts, praised and worshipped God, and committed themselves to living in obedience to his holy word.

Psalm 19 proclaims the goodness of God's gift of the Law and lists eight statements concerning its perfection in one's life.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

St. Paul told the Christians at Corinth that as individuals and a community of faith, they are part of the unity of believers who form the Church, the Body of Jesus Christ. St. Paul wrote to the mixed Jewish and Gentile Christians at Corinth about their diversity and unity. Each has received different spiritual gifts and has a mission in service to the Body of Christ. Paul tells them (and us) that faithful Christians should do their part in service to Christ to the best of their abilities and contribute to the well-being of the entire Church in carrying forward the Gospel of salvation.

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The events in the first reading prepare us for the Gospel reading, where Jesus visits his hometown at Nazareth to keep his Sabbath obligation in the local synagogue. That particular Sabbath Jesus was chosen by the president of the synagogue to read the Scripture. Jesus read the word of God from the scroll of the book of the prophet Isaiah to the congregation. Then, he interpreted the passage by announcing to the assembled believers that **he** is the promised anointed Messiah who has come to liberate his people from the curse of sin and death. He is the eternal **Jubilee**. This is the same announcement that every Gospel reading reveals to Christians of every generation. Jesus is *our Jubilee* and our Liberation.

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.

PRAYERFUL READING OF SCRIPTURE Read and reflect prayerfully on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings with other parishioners after Mass on Tuesdays in the parish room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL At its meeting last week the Parish Pastoral Council engaged in a lengthy discussion on the final document of the 'Synod on synodality'. The final document is the product of an extensive process of consultation, prayer, deliberation and discernment of the universal Church over several years. Pope Francis has called on dioceses to accept and implement the proposals in the document. The Pastoral Council expressed the hope that such implementation not be done hastily or unilaterally by parishes or individuals or groupings within the Church, but after prayerful reading and reflection of the whole document by the whole Church and individual dioceses, and under the authority of the bishops. What the proposals mean for our parish necessarily follows prior consideration of what the proposals mean for the universal Church and for our diocese. A summary of the key proposals of the final document is displayed in the porch.

DISCOVER RADIO MARIA Don't miss an upcoming special broadcast on Radio Maria at 10am on Tuesday, 28th January, featuring Fr. Conor McDonough, O.P. from the Dominican House of Studies in Dublin. He'll explore the fascinating trend of young people, particularly young men, rediscovering Christianity through figures like Jordan Peterson. Radio Maria England is a Catholic radio station bringing uplifting music, engaging discussions, and faith-filled programming to inspire your daily life. Tune in for live Mass, prayers, and thought-provoking talks from leading Catholic voices. You can listen via DAB+, the Radio Maria Play app, on the Alexa Smart Speaker or online at www.radiomariaengland.uk

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

You may be interested in some events coming up at The Christian Heritage Centre, based at Stonyhurst College in Lancashire:

MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES 30 MARCH-4 APRIL 2025

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH: EDITH STEIN 14-16 MARCH 2025

Fr Matthew Blake OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Fintan Ledwith** (Funeral Mass 12pm Wednesday 5th February), **Greta Flitcroft** (Funeral Mass 1pm Thursday 13th February) and **Linda Alexander** who have died recently.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The third session is on **Monday 27th January**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The second session is on **Monday 3rd February**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room.

Parents are reminded of the need for frequent attendance at Sunday Mass as part of their child's preparation to receive the sacraments later this year.

THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE

Pope Francis established this Sunday as 'Sunday of the Word of God' to encourage clergy and laity to seek a deeper understanding of Sacred Scripture. We live in a time where there are so many conversations, so many opinions, so many thoughts on everything, and social media has provided so many different platforms to express these conversations. It can be an awful lot of noise. The importance of making God's voice the *leading* voice for our whole life has never been more significant. The problem is that we live in a time when probably we have never been worse at listening! We're not good at concentrating and being attentive to the spoken word, including Bible readings in church. It's vital that our readers in church read well, and their ongoing formation in their ministry is important, but it also falls to listeners to **listen well**. When Ezra the scribe read from the Book of the Law from daybreak to noon (Nehemiah 8:3, today's first reading), we're told that "**all the people listened attentively**". How can we do that better? Some suggestions:

- + Be mindful that this is **God's holy and living word** being proclaimed. It deserves our attention.
- + Be mindful that **God is speaking to you** in the readings. God is calling each of us by name and speaking to us what we need to hear.
- + **Read the Sunday readings beforehand**, a day or two before, so that you're familiar with them as they're being read aloud.
- + **Arrive at Mass in good time** and use the time before Mass to **pray**, asking God to help you hear his voice.

And some practical ways we can help each other: **be still and quiet** during the Liturgy of the Word; **avoid unnecessary coughing; switch your phone to silent; avoid arriving late** so that you're not causing a distraction by walking into church during the readings; take **restless children** into the parish room.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

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.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 979 Offertory 858 Communion 832 Rec 864
Ps. Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

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

Joanne Anker

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Josie McGrath (101st birthday)

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