



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ✠

Sunday 16th February 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: II

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Sun 16th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Deceased members of the Grant family</i>
Mon 17 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass	<i>Mollie, Pat & Lyle Bennett RIP</i>
Tues 18 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Declan Callaghan RIP</i>
Wed 19 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass	<i>Fr. Alec McGavin RIP</i>
Thurs 20 th	Feria	6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>)	<i>Baldwin family (living and deceased)</i>
Fri 21 st	Feria	No Mass today	
Sat 22nd	THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	<i>Catherine Redpath RIP</i>
Sun 23rd	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	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>Charlie Mullen RIP</i> <i>Spencer Eaton</i>

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: Blessings and woes

The Sinai Covenant was a formal relationship that bound God to the children of Israel as his faithful people. There were promised blessings for the people if they obeyed the covenant's laws (Leviticus 26:3-13; Deuteronomy 28:1-14), but there were also judgments for disobedience (Leviticus 26:14-43; Deuteronomy 28:15-68). Under the Sinai Covenant, the blessings and judgments were material and temporal; under the New Covenant in Jesus Christ, they are spiritual and eternal.

First reading *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

In this poetic passage the prophet Jeremiah contrasts the arid and fruitless lives of those who trust only in themselves or others with those who live spiritually nourished lives because they have faith in God to provide for them, even in times of distress. "Heat" and "drought" represent the struggles every human being faces in a world corrupted by sin, while "water" is a symbol of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of those who are in union with God, placing their hope and trust in him. Even though the blessed person who trusts in God will encounter the same dangers others face, the power of God will sustain him in his struggles.

The cursed who separate themselves from God

Trust solely in other human beings
Reject the spiritual in favour of solely the material
Are like barren bush in the barren desert – fruitless

The blessed who are in union with God

Place their trust in God
Place their hope in God
Are like a tree planted beside life-giving water, always nourished,

Psalms I is a preface to the entire Book of Psalms. It opens the book by contrasting the destiny of the good and the wicked, using vivid similes to describe the choices between following the good and righteous path, or the way of sin that leads to destruction.

Second reading *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

St. Paul addresses the Christian belief in a bodily resurrection when Christ returns in his Second Coming. He forcefully defends the resurrection of Christ as an essential truth of the Christian faith. He states that by rising from the dead, Christ began the completion of God's work of redemption that will come in the resurrection of the just and the wicked at the end of time, and the eternal blessing that will follow for the righteous (see Catechism of the Catholic Church 1042-1050). When Christ returns, all humanity will arise bodily as the completion of the final human harvest in God's call to the Last Judgment. For the just this will end in the blessing of eternity with Christ in his heavenly Kingdom (1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 20:11-15; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1038-1041).

Gospel *Luke 6:17,20-26*

The first reading and the psalm prepare us for the Gospel reading, Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. He too contrasts the destiny of those who trust in themselves, in riches and in material things, and those who trust in God and things of the 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 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.

DEACON PAT FLANAGAN RIP We pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Pat Flanagan of Christ the King parish, who died last week. We pray too for his family, and for parishioners who will greatly miss Pat's love and devotion and care. Deacon Pat's Funeral Mass is at **12pm on Friday 28th February** at Christ the King.

HALF TERM We pray for all the children of the parish, and their families, who are having a half term break this week. We pray too for our teachers and their families.

LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS are available at the back of church as a spiritual companion during Lent. Please put money in the wall safe in the back wall of church.

MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY Saturday 22nd February 12.00pm - Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, by the fountain. We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant. For more information contact Ben – 07885505116 Also see the poster in the porch.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting is tomorrow, **Monday 17th February**, 2-3pm in the parish room. If you have been bereaved, you will be most welcome. The group does not offer counselling or claim any expertise, but is a space in which people can talk with others who have experienced bereavement in the context and in the light of Christian faith.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, is on **Wednesday 5th March**. Please make a note of the Mass times:

9.30am Sung Mass (with the whole school)

7.30pm Solemn Mass

OLD PALM CROSSES If you have any old palm crosses at home, these can be brought to church to be burned to make this year's ash. Please place them in the basket at the back of church.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS If a relative or parishioner is admitted to hospital, please let Father Paul know. If everyone assumes that someone else has told him, he will never get to know, or not until it is too late. Please also contact the chaplaincy office at the hospital, or ask ward staff to do so, so that pastoral and sacramental ministry can be arranged for them. If YOU are admitted to hospital, please do the same, if you are able. If you are a volunteer at the hospital and discover that some of our parishioners are patients, please ask them if they are happy for you to let Fr Paul know that they are in hospital, so that the parish can exercise its pastoral and sacramental ministry properly too. Thank you.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY Parishioners who use the church car park are asked please to drive slowly and with care, especially on busy Sunday mornings and on weekday mornings when there is lots of school and nursery traffic - cars and pedestrians. Thank you.

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 those who have died recently: **Phyllis Ally** (Funeral Mass 1pm Wednesday 5th March), **Deacon Pat Flanagan** (Funeral Mass at Christ the King, 12pm Friday 28th February), **Kieran Paul McGibney** (Funeral Service 11.15am Tuesday 4th March), **Fintan Ledwith, Greta Flitcroft, Linda Alexander, Hazel Sheffield** (Funeral Mass 12pm Wednesday 26th February).

CHURCH OPEN We are fortunate that we are able to keep church open safely during the day. Please do drop in for a prayer. It is also helpful to keep the church secure if there are lots of people passing through during the day.

CATHOLIC LENDING LIBRARY The Catholic lending library which used to be in the parish room, has now been moved into church where it is more accessible to those visiting church during the day. **Reminder: if you have Catholic books in good condition to donate, please bring them to the parish office or sacristy rather than putting them straight on the shelf.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The 5th session is on **Monday 3rd March**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The 3rd session is on **Monday 24th 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. If all 60 children who have expressed a desire to receive the sacraments this spring were at Mass each Sunday with their families, we would be spilling out on to Kingsland Avenue. As it is, we're not...

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The next of our monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith is on **Wednesday 26th February**, 7.00-8.30pm, in the parish room. It will be a second session 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. Please do come along.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 816 Offertory 908 Communion 814 Rec 847

Ps. Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

James Foley (anniversary)

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Kieran Paul McGibney RIP

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