



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ✠

Sunday 9th March 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: I

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Sun 9 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (<i>Divine Worship</i>) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Hazel Hall RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 10 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Linda, Michael and Christina Pascale RIP
Tues 11 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Dorothy & Ernest parker RIP
Wed 12 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass (with school years 1&5) 10.30am Stations of the Cross	Susan Mary Loughran RIP
Thurs 13 th	Feria	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.15-6.45pm Confessions 6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>)	Claud Coyne RIP
Fri 14 th	Feria	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	Margaret Smith RIP
Sat 15 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass (with a Lenten address) 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Mae Healy RIP
Sun 16 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Anthony John Baker RIP The People of the Parish

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: Profession of faith

First reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Our reading is a confession of thanksgiving from the ritual prescribed for the Old Covenant feast days of First-fruits and Weeks (later called Pentecost). During these feast days, the faithful brought forward the first fruits of the barley in the early spring and wheat harvest in the late spring to God's altar in thanksgiving for his blessings in a fruitful harvest. In this profession, the Israelites recounted the history of the people of God, beginning with Jacob (Israel) and the children of Israel migrating into Egypt (Genesis 46-47) and ending with the Exodus liberation (Exodus 12-15) and the conquest of the Promised Land (Book of Joshua).

Psalms 91 The psalmist proclaims the Lord as his refuge in whom he places complete trust. He has confidence that no evil or affliction can destroy him because he has recourse to his Lord. He has faith that God will send divine help to enable him to cope with any difficulty, from snakes to wild beasts, literally and figuratively, in animal and human form. In response to his faith, God promises the psalmist that he will be heard and saved when calling for help.

Second reading Romans 10:8-13 St. Paul repeats an early Christian baptismal creed in his letter to the Christians in Rome: *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* Our baptismal vows are more elaborate today, but the confession is essentially the same. Only the Lord Jesus Christ offers us the gift of eternal salvation, and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13). To believe in the name of Jesus is to follow his commandments, exercise obedience to everything he taught, and adhere to the deposit of faith that he entrusted to his Church.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13 We hear about the three tests of a covenant ordeal to which Satan subjected Jesus after his forty days in the wilderness. In each trial Satan tried to lure Jesus into the sin of rebellion against God, but each time, Jesus affirmed his obedience to the will of God the Father. He refused to test God. Instead, he put his trust and faith in his Father's divine plan for his life and the future salvation of humanity. Our publicly confessed Creed contains everything we must believe as Christians. We give our answer to Jesus's question, "Who do people say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). We declare that he is the only begotten Son of God who is the Redeemer, the Saviour of the world.

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 Christian books in the parish room – about the Mass, 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.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: **Kevin Shakespeare** (Funeral arrangements to be confirmed) **David Atkinson** (Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 20th March), **Philomena (Phyllis) Ally**, **Kieran Paul McGibney**, **Hazel Sheffield**.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The next of our monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith is on **Wednesday 12th March**, 7.00-8.30pm, in the parish room. It will be a second session on **The Stages of Salvation History**. 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. Please do come along.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE MORNING Our school PTA is hosting a St Patrick's Day coffee morning in school on **Friday 14th March**, 9.15-11.45am. Irish dancing, the Life of St Patrick, live traditional Irish music, raffle, Irish-themed refreshments, cake sale. Admission £1

MONDAY HOLY HOURS IN LENT

On the **Monday evenings of Lent** there will be a guided hour of Eucharistic Adoration (a Holy Hour), **7.30-8.30pm**, with silence, prayers, reflections and hymns drawing on the themes and scripture readings of the previous Sunday. An opportunity to **contemplate the face of Jesus our Saviour and the mystery of his love**.

Monday 10th March **Jesus is victorious over temptation**
Monday 17th March **Jesus' transfiguration: a pledge of glory**
Monday 24th March **Jesus calls us to repentance**
Monday 31st March **Jesus makes possible our homecoming**
Monday 7th April **Jesus: source of forgiveness and grace**
Monday 14th April **Jesus moves towards his glorious Passion**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT There are two opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross each week during Lent: **Wednesdays at 10.30am** (jointly with St. Mary Magdalen's) and **Thursdays at 6.45pm**. It is of course also possible to pray Stations of the Cross privately in church or at home.

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. Free children's Lenten calendars also available.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCHESES Each Tuesday of Lent Christians of the different churches in our area get together for a simple Lenten lunch (soup and bread) at 12noon and for reflection and prayer. We will be the host church on **Tuesday 18th March**. See the poster in the porch for dates and venues.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is on **Friday 14th March**. CAFOD offering envelopes are available at the back of church.

DON'T WASTE YOUR LENT

Have a plan - The best way to waste Lent is not to have a plan. Be specific. "I'm going to pray more," is unhelpfully vague. Once you've determined what you are going to do, stick to it every single day, always with God's help of course.

Make it doable - Often, we are overly ambitious and commit to way too much. When we fail in our lenten goals, we grow discouraged and give up completely. This is a victory for the devil. Make your commitments modest and practical. In fact, true failure is not really possible because failing in our commitments can help us grow in humility and knowledge of our own spiritual poverty, and growth in these is always spiritual advancement.

Examine yourself - Lent is an excellent time to take an inventory of the state of your life and soul. What are your predominant faults? What is keeping you from following the will of God with all your heart? Use a thorough examination of conscience to help you assess your spiritual health. Remember, Lent is not ultimately about giving up sweets or other things we enjoy; it is first and foremost about repentance, which means giving up sin and returning to God, our loving Father. While taking inventory of your sins may be painful, it is a healthy and restorative pain.

Confess your sins - After examining your conscience, the logical next step is to go to confession. Before receiving the sacrament of penance, remember the five requirements for a good confession: 1) Examination of conscience 2) True contrition for having offended God 3) Firm resolution to sin no more 4) Clear confession (don't hold any sins back) 5) Penance for the sins you have committed

Pray - We can all pray more, and Lent is a great time to plan and implement a daily prayer rule that can guide you the rest of the year. During this season, however, we might especially focus our prayers on repentance and contrition for our sins. Some suggestions include The Seven Penitential Psalms, The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, The Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy chaplet, a Prayer before a Crucifix.

Fast - While fasting from certain foods is an excellent ascetical practice, we do not have to limit our lenten fasting to things we eat. Remember the words of Jesus: "If your eye offends you, pluck it out." Nothing should stand between us and the heavenly kingdom, and we should be intentional about cutting off those things that are causing us to sin. Are you addicted to Instagram or Tiktok? Fast from them. Maybe you're binge watching shows on Netflix. Give it up. Maybe you're addicted to criticising others. Make a special effort to fast from negative speech.

Give alms - "God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The generosity of God in Christ should impel us to be generous and merciful to others, especially those poor and in need. This Lent, find a way to give of yourself. Remember the promise of Jesus, "And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The 4th session is on **Monday 10th March**, 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.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 199 Offertory 601 Communion 952 Rec 964
Ps. Be with me, O LORD, in my distress.

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for
George Danvers RIP

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for
Harry Thomson

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