



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ✠

Sunday 16th March 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: II

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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
Mon 17 th	ST. PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Fintan Ledwith RIP
Tues 18 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Toman family (in thanksgiving)
Wed 19 th	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am MASS (with school years R, 3 & 6) 10.30am Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary Magdalen's, with Year 6) 5.00pm Reception into church 7.00pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction	Anne Varney David Atkinson RIP
Thurs 20 th	Feria	12.30pm Funeral Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.15-6.45pm Confessions 6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass (Divine Worship)	David Atkinson RIP Linda Alexander RIP
Fri 21 st	Feria	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	L & D Osmolski
Sat 22 nd	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass (with a Lenten address) 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Jim Corrigan RIP
Sun 23 rd	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Jarlath Mellett RIP The People of the Parish

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: Divine revelations

First reading *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18* The Patriarch Abraham put his faith in God, and he received a reward that echoed down through the generations of his family to find its fulfilment in his descendant, Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 1:1). As a reward for his righteousness, God revealed himself to Abraham and sealed his relationship in a ritual that ratified an unconditional covenant as God's Presence passed through a pathway of the pieces of sacrificed animals in the form of "a smoking firepot and a flaming torch."

Psalms 27 The psalmist celebrates his visit to the Lord's Temple in Jerusalem by proclaiming his joy in his Lord and confidence that God is his light, guiding him on the path to salvation. The risen Christ fulfils the psalmist's hope to one day be with his LORD in "the land of the living" since heaven is the true Sanctuary of God that Jesus has opened for all who believe in Him as Lord and Saviour.

Second reading *Philippians 3:17-4:1* St. Paul wrote that those who occupy their lives with earthly pursuits must let go of those material things and look to heaven for the transforming experience Jesus promised all Christians. The time will come when he will give the faithful a new form to our bodies, just as three Apostles witnessed in the Transfiguration experience. We are destined to receive a glorious transformation and an intimate revelation of God when Christ brings us into his heavenly Kingdom.

Gospel *Luke 9:28-36* The Apostles Peter, James and John experienced a divine revelation to strengthen their faith in preparation for the ordeal they and the other disciples would face at the climax of Jesus's earthly ministry. Jesus led them up a mountain, revealing a divine vision of himself. They saw Christ in his glory and experienced the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity: God the Son in his glory, God the Holy Spirit in the cloud that overshadowed them, and God the Father's voice from heaven announcing his pleasure in his Son and the command to "Listen to him."

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: **Danijel Cukljek, Simon Hayes, Kevin Shakespeare** (Reception into Christ the King at 6pm on Thursday 10th April; Funeral Mass at Christ the King at 12noon on Friday 11th April), **David Atkinson** (Funeral Mass 12.30pm Thursday 20th March), **Philomena (Phyllis) Ally, Kieran Paul McGibney, Hazel Sheffield.**

WALSINGHAM SECOND COLLECTION Next Sunday, at the request of the Bishops of England and Wales, a National Collection will take place in parishes across England and Wales dedicated to supporting the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham. These initiatives aim to enhance the Jubilee pilgrim experience and further the spiritual mission of the Shrine.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The next of our monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith, after an Easter break, is on **Wednesday 7th May, 7.00-8.30pm**, in the parish room. It will be on **The Incarnation**. 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.

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 together 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. There are various sets of reflections and meditations available for your use at the back of church.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCHES 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 are the host church this Tuesday, 18th March**, so please try to be here if you can.

TO KEEP A TRUE LENT

Fasting – either complete abstinence from all food on certain days, or from a particular type of food for the entire forty days – has for centuries been a traditional Lenten discipline. In this poem, Robert Herrick (1591-1674), an English poet and Anglican clergyman, explores the intended meaning behind such self-denial, emphasising the spiritual meaning of a fast. His poem is as challenging as it is beautiful. What is it to keep a true Lent?

Is this a Fast, to keep
The Larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd go,
Or show
A down-cast look and sour?

No: 'tis a Fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife
And old debate,
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.*

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.



* Circumcision is often used as a metaphor for spiritual conversion, as in St. Paul's description of Abraham, who "received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised" (Romans 3:11).

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting of our parish bereavement group is on **Monday 17th March, 2-3pm** in the parish room. If you have been affected by bereavement, please do come along. You will be most welcome. We offer not counselling, but consolation and support which arise from our Christian faith in Christ's victory over death and his promise to be with us always.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The 6th session is **Monday 17th March, 6.30-7.15pm** in the parish room.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The 5th session is on **Monday 24th 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 883 Offertory 610 Communion 210 Rec 770
Ps. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for
Danijel Cukljek RIP

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for
The deceased members of
the O'Connor and Walsh families RIP

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