



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ✠

Sunday 23rd March 2025

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C

Weekday cycle of readings: III

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Sun 23 rd	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (<i>Divine Worship</i>) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Jarlath Mellett RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 24 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Carol Morris
Tues 25 th	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (<i>Solemnity</i>)	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Greta Flitcroft RIP
Wed 26 th		9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am MASS (with school years 2&4) 10.30am Stations of the Cross (with Year 4) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Richard Parker RIP
Thurs 27 th	Feria	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.15-6.45pm Confessions 6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>)	Sonja McKernan RIP
Fri 28 th	Feria	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	Deacon Pat Flanagan RIP & Fr John Buckley RIP
Sat 29 th	Feria	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass (with a Lenten address) 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Phoebe Elizabeth Hanafee RIP
Sun 30 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (<i>Laetare Sunday; Mothering Sunday</i>)	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Con Collins RIP The People of the Parish

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Theme of today's readings: Covenant promise and the call to repentance

God is faithful in remembering his covenant promises, and his intent is for his judgments always to be redemptive. He is a loving Father who continually calls his covenant children to repent of wrongdoings, acknowledge guilt, and return to their covenant family union with him so that they can produce the "good fruit" of righteousness.

First reading *Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15* God tells Moses that he will rescue the Israelites from their Egyptian slavery, fulfilling the covenant promise he made to Abraham, the physical father of His people (Genesis 15:13-16; Exodus 2:24). The voice Moses hears from within the burning bush identifies himself as the voice of the God of the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Psalms 103 reminds us that God made his ways known to Moses and worked mighty deeds on behalf of his covenant people in redeeming them from destruction because "the Lord is compassionate and gracious".

Second reading *1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12* St. Paul writes that the Exodus redemption events were recorded for our benefit. We should understand the Israelites' exodus out of Egypt as foreshadowing our exodus out of sin. Their miraculous crossing of the Red Sea and miracle feeding of the manna in the wilderness prefigured our rebirth into the New Covenant in the Sacrament of Baptism and our feeding miracle of the Eucharist on our journey to the Promised Land of heaven. And like the rebellious Israelites who refused to repent and broke their covenant with God, we will also perish in the wilderness of sin if we refuse to repent of our transgressions and remain faithful in obedience to our covenant union with Jesus Christ.

Gospel *Luke 13:1-9* Jesus gives us a warning in the Parable of the Fig Tree. The fruitful fig tree and the fruitful vine were Old Testament symbols for Israel in covenant union with God (cf. Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1-10). The unfruitful, barren fig tree and vine symbolised Israel's failures to produce the "good fruit" of repentance and righteousness that resulted in covenant judgment and destruction. Lent is an ideal time for us "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance and righteousness. We need to make the best use of the "second chances" God gives us and return to the Father's love. There is no better time to go to confession than in Lent.

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.

WALSINGHAM SECOND COLLECTION Today, 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.

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** (Funeral Mass 1.30pm Wednesday 2nd April), **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, Philomena (Phyllis) Ally, Kieran Paul McGibney, Hazel Sheffield**.

MOTHERING SUNDAY Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday when we will distribute a gift of flowers to our mothers. If you can help this Saturday morning with the preparation of the flowers, there'll be a team of people working on it after Mass over coffee in the parish room (from about 10.15am). The more, the merrier!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN 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. This Tuesday we gather at **Sherbourne Community church**, Lammas Road, Coventry, CV6 1QL

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP We next meet on **Wednesday 2nd April**, 7-8pm in the parish room. The group exists to provide prayer, fellowship, support and encouragement for men living the Christian life. In between meetings we pray for each other and meet up for more social gatherings from time to time. If you're a Catholic man over the age of 18, please do come along.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The 6th session is **Monday 31st 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 960 Offertory 720 Communion 777 Rec 865
Ps. The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Holy Week

Holy Week is just three weeks away now. The full schedule of Holy Week services is displayed in church. The main services are:

Palm Sunday 13th April

9.30am Mass with the Blessing of Palms and Procession

11.15am Solemn Mass with the Blessing of Palms and Procession

Maundy Thursday 17th April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 18th April

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 19th April

8.30pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 20th April

9.30am Mass 11.15am Solemn Mass

EASTER LILIES In preparation for Easter Sunday the church will be decorated with beautiful flowers. **You are invited this year to 'sponsor' a lily in memory of a departed loved one.** The names of those being remembered will be displayed by the Easter Garden in the Sacred Heart chapel. To sponsor a lily please use the envelopes at the back of church. Suggested minimum donation of £5 each. Please place your envelope in the offertory baskets at Mass or hand in to the sacristy or post through the presbytery letterbox.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PALM SUNDAY SERVICE This year there will be a Churches Together service at 6.30pm on **Palm Sunday, 13th April**, here at All Souls. It will be an opportunity to meditate together on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The service will last one hour. Please do come along.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE Join the Candlelight Prayer vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on **Sunday 27th April (Divine Mercy Sunday)**. This event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please come and join in this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection with speeches from Christian leaders as we recall the lives lost and wounded from the legalisation of abortion. No need to bring posters or candles. For more info go to marchforlife.co.uk Be a pilgrim of hope in the Jubilee year and give hope to the unborn.

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**

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

The recently bereaved

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Margaret Mulligan RIP

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