



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 20th April 2025

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Sun 20 th	EASTER SUNDAY <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	9.30am MASS 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship) 5pm Eucharistic Adoration concluding with 5.45pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	The People of the Parish Jim Corrigan RIP
Mon 21 st	EASTER MONDAY	9.00am Adoration 9.30am MASS	Anna Cormack O'Dwyer
Tues 22 nd	EASTER TUESDAY	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS	James & Mary Doherty RIP
Wed 23 rd	EASTER WEDNESDAY	9.00am Adoration 9.30am MASS 10.15am Stations of the Resurrection	Christine Tyler
Thurs 24 th	EASTER THURSDAY	6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm MASS (Divine Worship)	Greta Flitcroft RIP
Fri 25 th	EASTER FRIDAY	9.00am Adoration 9.30am MASS (note the later time)	Michael Coyne RIP
Sat 26 th	EASTER SATURDAY	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am MASS 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confession	Fintan Ledwith RIP
Sun 27 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)	9.30am MASS 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 1.00pm Holy Baptism 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Jim & Marie Lawton RIP The People of the Parish Alexander de Almeida

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The theme of today's readings: Christ the Lord is risen today!

First reading Acts 10:34a,37-43 St. Peter begins to move forward with God's divine plan to fulfil the mission Jesus gave the Apostles to carry Jesus's Gospel of salvation beyond Jerusalem and out into the world. In his homily to a group of Gentile Romans, Peter proclaimed the living Christ and preached a summary of Jesus's mission from its beginning at his baptism by John the Baptist to his crucifixion, to his mission's climax at his Resurrection. Peter's discourse began the mission of Jesus's Apostles and disciples to carry the Gospel message beyond Jerusalem to the world of the Gentiles. He told them that God the Son died to liberate humanity from bondage to sin and death, and everyone who believes in Jesus and submits to baptism in his name would receive forgiveness for their sins and the hope of eternal life with Jesus Christ in heaven.

Psalms 118 We sing the same hymn of thanksgiving that the Old Covenant people of God sang in liturgical worship during the eight days of the Feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread. Psalm 118 begins by proclaiming God's enduring love for his people and then announces that "the Lord's right hand" has been "lifted high." We understand this verse as a foretelling of Jesus Christ, who, after giving us new life and victory over death in his Resurrection, was raised to glory when he ascended to the Father's right hand in heaven. Jesus is the "stone," which the Old Covenant "builders" rejected, who became the "cornerstone" of the Church of the New Covenant.

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4 St. Paul instructed Christians about the implications of Jesus's sacrificial death and the significance of his Resurrection for humanity. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we have died to our old sinful selves and are raised out of the waters of baptism to a new life in Christ Jesus as Christians. And by the Spirit's presence within them, Christians enjoy a new life and relationship with God. They are no longer children in Adam's family. Instead, they become adopted children in the family of God and heirs through Christ, whose sufferings they share on their journey to salvation so they might also share his glory in heaven.

Gospel John 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene and the Apostles Peter and John discover the empty tomb on the "first day of the week" that we call Sunday. It was the "first day" because it was the first day of Creation (Saturday was the seventh day in Genesis 2:2), and it became the first day of the New Creation in Christ!

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 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. **Parents are also reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their children whilst in church.**

THANK YOU to those who worked so hard, and showed much love, during Holy Week to ensure our celebration of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection was beautiful and worthy of our God.

EASTER MONDAY MASS Bishop Richard Walker will celebrate Mass at 10am at St. Osburg's on Easter Monday.

AN HOUR WITH THE LORD A number of Catholics, pilgrims of hope, will meet at All Souls **on Saturdays at 2pm** (except the first Saturday of the month) to pray for the spiritual renewal of our parishes and the Church in our country. All are very welcome.

WeBelieve, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefefestival.com

CENTENARY CONCERT OF FAURE'S REQUIEM To celebrate the centenary of our church, which was built as a memorial to those killed in the Great War of 1914-1918, the Coventry Philharmonic Choir will perform Faure's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine at All Souls at **5.30pm on Saturday 21st June**. Tickets priced £8 and will be available after Easter.

CONFESSION BEFORE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Families are reminded of the need for the children to make their confession before Sunday 4th May. See the regular confession times on the weekly newssheet.

PRAYERFUL READING OF SCRIPTURE The next meeting is on **Tuesday 29th April** after Mass.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: **Michael McCormack, John Martin, Bernard Gallen** (Funeral Mass 10am Wednesday 30th April), **Simon Hayes, Kevin Shakespeare, David Atkinson**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION The 8th session is **Monday 28th April**, 6.30-7.15pm in the parish room. There will also be a catch-up session on **Saturday 3rd May** at 9am for those who have not attended all the sessions.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION The 7th session is on **Saturday 10th May**, 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.

HELP DEFEAT THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL AT ITS THIRD READING Please take a card – **Help us to live, not to die** – from the back of church and send it ASAP to your Member of Parliament urging them to attend Parliament for the Third Reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill **on or soon after 25th April** and to **VOTE AGAINST IT**.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER!

I wish you all a very happy Easter. May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Fr. Paul

Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate your Resurrection, renew our faith in you. Breathe fresh life into our spirits and help us trust you more deeply. Where doubt has crept in, replace it with unshakable belief. Let this Easter season be a turning point where our faith grows stronger, anchored in the truth of your victory over death. Who live and reign with the Father, in the unity the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

From an Easter homily by Saint Melito of Sardis, 2nd cent. bishop:

The prophets announced many wonderful things about the Passover mystery which is Christ. To him be glory forever. Amen. He descended from heaven to earth for the sake of suffering mankind, clothed himself with a human nature through the Virgin Mary, and appearing in our midst as a man with a body capable of suffering, took upon himself the suffering of those who suffered. By his Spirit which could not die, he slew death, the slayer of men. Led forth like a lamb, slain like a sheep, he ransomed us from the servitude of the world, just as he ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt. He freed us from the slavery of the devil, just as he had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh; and he has marked our souls with the signs of his own blood. He has clothed death with dishonour and he has grieved the devil, just as Moses dishonoured and grieved Pharaoh. He has punished wickedness and taken away the children of injustice, just as Moses punished Egypt and unchilded it. He has brought us from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from death to life, from tyranny to an eternal kingdom.

He is the Passover of our salvation. He was present in many so as to endure many things. In Abel he was slain; in Isaac bound; in Jacob a stranger; in Joseph sold; in Moses exposed; in David persecuted; in the prophets dishonoured. He became incarnate of the Virgin. Not a bone of his was broken on the tree. He was buried in the earth, but he rose from the dead, and was lifted up to the heights of heaven. He is the silent lamb, the slain lamb, who was born of Mary the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock and dragged away to slaughter. Towards evening he was sacrificed, and at night he was buried. But he who had no bone broken upon the cross, was not corrupted in the earth, for he rose from the dead and raised up man from the depths of the grave.

CHURCHES EAST & WEST CELEBRATE EASTER TODAY

Both the Orthodox and Catholic Churches celebrate Easter on the same day this year, a joint celebration that doesn't happen often. Let us echo Pope Francis's prayer, "that this coincidence may serve as an appeal to all Christians to take a decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for Easter."

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs, granting life.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS next Sunday at St Mary & St Benedict Raglan St from 2.00pm, with Mass at 3.45pm. All are welcome to attend. There is also the opportunity for Confessions.

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)** in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please come and join in this peaceful gathering. Be a pilgrim of hope in the Jubilee year and give hope to the unborn.

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for

Harrison family (birthday thanksgivings)

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

Amy Osvald (God's guidance)

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