

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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Sunday 25th May 2025

Sun 25 th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF	9.30am MASS	Barney & John Gallen, Anne McGee RIP
	EASTER	11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship)	The People of the Parish
		5.30pm Evening Prayer	
Mon 26 th	St. Philip Neri, Priest	9.00am Adoration & Confessions	
		9.30am Mass	Deceased members of the Murray family
		5.30pm Evening Prayer	
Tues 27 th	ST. AUGUSTINE OF	9.00am Morning Prayer	
	CANTERBURY, Bishop	9.30am MASS	Michael & Thalia Hamilton RIP
		5.30pm Evening Prayer	
Wed 28 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions	
		9.30am Mass	Margaret Curtin
Thurs 29 th	THE ASCENSION OF	9.00am Morning Prayer	
	THE LORD	9.30am MASS	Barry Michael Bennett RIP
	Holyday of Obligation	5.30pm Evening Prayer	
		6.30-7.15pm Confessions	
		7.30pm SOLEMN MASS (Divine Worship)	The People of the Parish
Fri 30 th	The Solemnity of	7.00am Adoration	
	Dedication of churches	7.30am MASS	The Holy Souls
Sat 31 st	THE VISITATION OF THE	9.00am Morning Prayer	
	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am MASS	Thomas Keenan RIP
		10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	
Sun I st	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF	9.30am MASS	Con McHugh RIP
June	EASTER	11.15am SOLEMN MASS with the	The People of the Parish
	World Communications Day	Sacrament of Confirmation	
		5.30pm Evening Prayer	

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The theme of today's readings: The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

First reading Acts 15:1-2,22-29

The Church community of Jewish and Gentile Christians at Antioch, Syria, became embroiled in the Church's first great internal crisis that threatened to destroy the unity of the Body of Christ. The problem concerned what the Church should ask from Gentile converts: should they be required to submit to Old Covenant laws like circumcision and become Jews before becoming Christians, or has the New Covenant nullified the old rituals of the Sinai Covenant with a higher Law? In the Church's first great council, the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), God the Holy Spirit guided St. Peter and the assembly of Apostles, the Church's first Magisterium, in the decisions that continue the unity and growth of the Church today.

Psalm 67 looks forward to the day when God will extend his gift of salvation to all nations. Today, as the heirs of the New Covenant in the community of the Church, we praise God for his gift of eternal salvation, which, in his mercy, extends to all peoples of all nations and ethnicities on the earth.

Second reading Revelation 21:10-14,22-23 The inspired writer of the Book of Revelation, Saint John, describes his vision of the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven. He sees the splendour of the heavenly Jerusalem descending to earth as a symbol of the unity of the earthly and heavenly Church from one perspective. There is no longer any need for light from the sun or moon, since the New Jerusalem of the Church has the brilliant light of the divine indwelling of God and the Lamb, Christ the King.

Gospel John 14:23-29 The Gospel Reading is from Jesus's Last Supper discourse. Reading it should magnify our faith and fill us with confidence. Just as God was with Israel, dwelling in the desert tabernacle and later in the Jerusalem Temple, we have Jesus's promise that if we love him and keep his word, we will never be alone. Nor should we ever be afraid because God the Son and God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, make their dwelling place, not in any building like the Jerusalem Temple, but within every baptised Christian, making our bodies the temples of the Holy Spirit. Always faithful to her mission in the world, the universal Church continually renews herself to proclaim the Gospel to each new generation. She does this by reaching out and embracing every generation as guided by the Holy Spirit, but without compromising the continuity of the teachings entrusted to her by Jesus Christ. The message is always the same, but the means of sharing it changes over time to meet the needs of the times, so that all people might one day share St. John's vision of the unified Church of the heavenly Jerusalem.



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 <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> 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 if you are 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.**

AN HOUR WITH THE LORD A number of Catholics, pilgrims of hope, 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.

DAY FOR LIFE Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the *Day for Life*, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it is on **Sunday 15th June**, Trinity Sunday. The bishops invite us to join in praying the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the *Day for Life* page of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website. On the website you can also find a special message from the bishops and more prayers and resources. On Sunday 15th June our parish will hold a **second collection** for the *Day for Life Fund*. Every year the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants to organisations which promote respect for life in various ways. Donations can be also made online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website, where you will find out more information about *Day for Life*.

DEANERY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS The month of June will be a month of prayer for vocations in Coventry and Nuneaton deanery. Throughout the days of the month each parish will be a focus of prayer for vocations to the ordained and religious life. **On Tuesday 17th June All Souls will be the focus parish**. Following Mass at 9.30am, which will be attended by Years I and 5 pupils from our school, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration until 8pm, giving us ample opportunity to spend time before the Lord, whose Body we are and whose Church we are.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION Parishioners around the deanery are cordially invited to join a Corpus Christi Procession, **Sunday 22nd June**, 2025 starting at 3pm at St Anne's Catholic Church, Dunsmore Ave, CV3 3AG, processing to Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Langbank Ave, CV3 2QP. You are invited to stay for a picnic on the grass at 4pm - drinks and nibbles provided! First Holy Communion children are especially invited - to lead the procession in their First Holy Communion outfits.

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 <u>www.webelievefestival.com</u>

SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday for Catholic Communications on World Communications Day.

PARISH MISSION 30th June- 4th July 2025

At the end of June Fr Royston Price CSsR and Fr Peter Morris CSsR, priests of the Redemptorist order (Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer), will lead a **parish mission** to round off our centenary year. During our centenary year we have thanked God for the faith and witness of our Catholic forebears in this part of Coventry, and we also ask for God's grace to strengthen and inspire us to keep the torch of faith burning in our parish and families today and tomorrow.

Today we welcome Fr Peter Morris CSsR, one of the priests who will be leading the mission. Fr Peter will preach at today's Masses and introduce the mission to us.

Please take with you today a leaflet about the mission and a prayer card and share it with others. I'm sure we all have members of our families and circle of friends whose participation in the life of the Church is minimal and whose faith has waned. Why not invite them and bring them along to one of the services? Similarly, is there someone you know who is curious about the Catholic faith or who would be open to hearing more about it? Again, extend an invitation to them. Are you personally struggling and needing the Lord to fan the flame of your faith a bit? Then the mission is for you too. See you there. Fr Paul

Almighty God, grant that our parish mission may be: a time of grace and growth for all, a time of refreshment and renewal for the weary, a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing, a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of forgiveness for the sinner, a time of strength for the holy, a time of homecoming for those who have been away, a time of conversion for many souls. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine at All Souls at 5.30pm on Saturday 21st priced are Tickets £8 now June. available covphilsoc.org/concert, at church from Jean Keenan and on the door. The stained glass window (left) near the Sacred Heart chapel also commemorates the damage done to All Souls in the Coventry blitz of November 1940.

PASTORAL COUNCIL next meets at 7.30pm on **Monday 2**nd **June** in the parish room.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: **Stephen Moore**, **June Leek**, **Sharon Goodwin**, **Barry Michael Bennett**, **Veronica Hammond** (née Molyneux) (Funeral Mass IIam 19th May at St. Thomas More; Reception 5pm Sunday 18th) Keelin Treharne (née Joyce), **Josie McElroy** (née Gillen) **Peggy Barrett** (Funeral Mass IIam Saturday 24th May), **Michael McCormack**, **Bernard (Barney) Gallen**.

PLAYGROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are able to help with the playgroup which meets on Monday mornings in the parish room, please speak to Anna or Tricia or Fr Paul.



THE SACRED HEART LAMP burns this week for Teresa Kirby (birthday/anniversary) THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP burns this week for Grace & Gordon (wedding anniversary)

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