



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS



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Gaudete!

✠ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

Rejoice!

Sunday 15th December 2024

Sunday cycle of readings: Year C		Weekday cycle of readings: I	Divine Office psalter week III
For daily link for vespers on Zoom contact mark-niziolomski@virginmedia.com		For Evening Prayer in church www.singtheoffice.org	
Sun 15th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>)	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS (<i>Divine Worship</i>) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Angie Carolan RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 16 th	Feria	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass 11.30am Funeral Mass 5.00pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm School & Community carol service	The Mullen family Madeline Smith RIP
Tues 17 th	<i>O Sapientia</i>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 4.45-5.15pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Deceased members of the Sands family
Wed 18 th	<i>O Adonai</i>	9.00am Adoration & Confessions 9.30am Mass (with the whole school) 7.00pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction	Paddy & Kathleen Mulligan RIP
Thur 19 th	<i>O Radix Jesse</i>	5.30pm Evening Prayer 6.30pm Adoration & Confessions 7.30pm Mass (<i>Divine Worship</i>)	Vincent Power RIP and David Forman
Fri 20 th	<i>O Clavis David</i>	7.00am Adoration 7.30am Mass	Stephen & Anna Toman
Sat 21 st	<i>O Oriens</i>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confessions	Marie & Jim Lawton
Sun 22nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	9.30am MASS with Children's Liturgy 11.15am SOLEMN MASS 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Hazel & Rose Hall, Susan Mary Loughron RIP The People of the Parish

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The theme of today's readings:



The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. In Latin, the word *gaudete* means "rejoice." St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians tells us why we should rejoice: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! The Lord is at hand!" The words "I say, rejoice! The Lord is at hand!" should encourage us to make our lives right with the Lord as we prepare for the holy day that remembers and celebrates the first Advent of our Saviour (Christmas) and, at the same time, looks forward to his return as our just Judge.

First reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Old Testament prophet Zephaniah announces the joy that will be experienced when God comes to dwell among his covenant people.

Canticle Isaiah 12 We repeat the prophet Isaiah's hymn of joy in the promise of God, "the Holy One of Israel," coming to bring his people and the nations his gift of salvation. These are the prophecies St. John the Baptist was born to proclaim. Isaiah begins by describing the pleasure the redeemed sinner experiences because of God's great work on his behalf, which inspires both trust and gratitude. Since God is the source of their salvation, every member of the People of God knows they can trust God and not fear him if they are obedient to his commands.

Second reading Philippians 4:4-7 St. Paul admonished the Christians of Philippi (and us) to cast aside all fears and anxieties and to rejoice because *the Lord is at hand*. Whatever our struggles in life, we can turn to the Lord, who gives us the true peace and happiness that only comes from the graces he bestows on those who belong to him and who honour that relationship by obeying his commands and being faithful to him.

Gospel Luke 3:10-18 John the Baptist called the people to prepare themselves for the coming of the promised Messiah. In response to his preaching, the people cried out, "What then shall we do?" The message of this Sunday's readings is that during the Advent season we should ask ourselves that same question. What must we do to prepare for the coming of our Lord and Saviour as we approach the celebration of the anniversary of his First Advent? How should we make our lives right with God so we are ready for his return in the Second Advent? The answer is the same answer St. John the Baptist gave the people of his day. **We must repent.** We must turn away from sin and return to God, to proclaim Christ our Lord and Saviour in acts of love and mercy and enter into the joy of his peace "that surpasses all understanding".

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 books in the parish room – about the Mass, prayer, the saints, the Bible - for young children and parents to enjoy.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI At the end of the 9.30am Mass today, we will bless the bambinelli – images of the Christ Child in the Christmas Crib - made by the children in our school. The rite of Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by Pope St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the bambinelli from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines. Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a lovely way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their parish church.



CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE In addition to the regular Christmas Mass times, there will be a **Crib Service at 12noon on Christmas Eve** – a simple service of short Bible readings, carols and prayers for young children and families. This service is not intended as a substitute for Mass. Attendance

at it does not fulfil the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day.

EPIPHANY NINE LESSONS & CAROLS Joint with St. Mary Magdalen's, there will be an Epiphany Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight at All Souls at **5.30pm on Sunday 5th January 2025**. There will be seasonal refreshments in the parish room afterwards.

SYNOD FINAL DOCUMENT At the end of October the Final Document of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (which included also non-bishops) was published. Departing from tradition, Pope Francis has not issued his own post-synodal apostolic exhortation, a teaching document of the Pope commending to the Church a synod's conclusions on a particular matter of Church life, but has adopted the Final Document of the 'Synod on Synodality' for this purpose, declaring it to be part of the 'papal magisterium'. Pope Francis has asked that the document be accepted by the Church, but it is clear that it has been met with mixed reactions across the Church. There are those who are concerned that ambiguous, imprecise phrases in the document can mean what people want them to mean, and that the document obscures, rather than clarifies, the Church's mission, while others who are keen to see the document's proposals for reform implemented without delay. Documents like this need time to be digested and understood. I encourage you to read it for yourself, though it weighs in at 28,000 words. It can be read in English at www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/ENG-synod-final-doc-oct-2024.pdf Fr Paul

COVENTRY COMHALTAS CHRISTMAS CEILI Friday 20th December 2024, 8.30-11.30pm Christ the King Club, Westhill Rd, Coventry CV6 2AA. Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band (with Caller) Adults £5.00 Children £2.50. For details please contact PRO Jarlath Mulhern on 07876 013590.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Church designates certain holy days throughout the year as days of obligation, when the faithful are required to participate in Mass (which is not the same as an obligation to receive Holy Communion). Christmas Day, of course, is one of them. There are four opportunities at All Souls to fulfil the Christmas obligation (see times below). That said, I hope the celebration of our faith would never be reduced to the absolute minimum required of us. Every Sunday is a holyday of obligation too!

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

4.30pm VIGIL MASS

11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

9.30am MASS OF THE DAWN

11.15am SOLEMN MASS

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jim Corrigan, John Glass, Catherine Duffield, Madeline Smith, Dorothy Richards and Eileen Butterly (née Mohan)**. **BEREAVEMENT GROUP** next meets on **Monday 16th December**, 2-3pm in the parish room.

VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS Enormous thanks for your support of the recent Christmas raffle which raised £618 for the work of the SVP in our parish; also for food donations which have made 10 food parcels for those in need. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th January** at 6.30pm in the parish room.

PRAYERFUL READING OF SCRIPTURE after the Tuesday 9.30am Mass in the parish room. All very welcome.

OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE takes place **tomorrow, Monday 16th December at 6.30pm**. Come along and enjoy our children re-telling the Christmas story. Refreshments afterwards.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

The first of our 2025 monthly evenings of teaching on the foundations of our faith will take place on **Wednesday 29th January**, 7.00-8.30pm, in the parish room. This is open to all, with an emphasis on communicating the Church's teaching on the basics of our Faith. Our first session will be on **Creation and the Fall**. The aim of these sessions 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. The Sacred Traditions of the Church are the basis of the New Testament, without which we have no anchor to keep us from floating away in a sea of inventions that are brought about by those who prefer their own ideas than those of Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PARISH NOTICE BOOK

A window on to parish life in times past

Entry for 25th July 1971

A request has been made for accommodation on behalf of a priest and 25 boys aged between 13 [and] 15 who are coming to Coventry next Saturday until August 28th. Requirements are for bed / breakfast and evening meal. They will be out of the house between 09:30 am & 4:30 pm. £6 per head will be paid. The boys are on an education holiday from Las Palmas in the Canary Islands. If you can help by having one or more of these boys, please let one of the priests know as soon as possible.

HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 108 Offertory 94 Communion 83 Rec Below

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! (repeat)

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (repeat)

Ps. Sing and shout for you, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

THE SACRED HEART LAMP

burns this week for
Rutania Jane Baker

THE LADY CHAPEL LAMPS

burn this week for
Edward Slevin

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