



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

(Corpus Christi)

Sunday cycle of readings: Year A Weekday cycle of readings: I Divine Office: psalter week II

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Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	<b>9.30am FAMILY MASS</b> <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b> (Divine Worship) 1pm Holy Baptism 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Paddy O'Malley RIP The People of the Parish Aadhavi Joseph Sugendran
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Intentions of Elena Reyes (50 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Anthony of Padua,</b> Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Fr Alec McGavin RIP
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass (with school years 2&4) 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Leslie Paul Bonner RIP
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am Morning Prayer 6.45pm Confession 7.30pm MASS (Divine Worship) (of The Sacred Heart)	John Bell RIP
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	7.00am Adoration 7.30am MASS	Intentions of Janette & Deacon Keith Millage
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-11.00am Adoration & Confession	Jose Moyses Camacho Rodrigues RIP
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.30am FAMILY MASS</b> <b>11.15am SOLEMN MASS</b> 1pm Holy Baptism 5.30pm Evening Prayer	John, Annie Kearns & Kearns family RIP The People of the Parish Ethan David Edwards

### THE WORD OF THE LORD

The theme of today's readings: **Sharing in the Life of Christ**

**First reading** *Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16* The wilderness experience taught the new generation of Israelites to have faith and trust in God's word and to develop the virtue of perseverance. Faith, trust, and perseverance are virtues that Christian believers also need on their journey to eternal salvation. God tests his people by giving trials to humble their proud and selfish hearts and teach them to turn to him, to depend upon him, and to trust him to provide for their wants and needs, materially and spiritually. He knows how we will fare in his test, but the purpose is for us to discover how much we need God.

**Psalms 147** We join the psalmist in offering praise and thanksgiving to God for his blessings on his covenant people.

**Second reading** *1 Corinthians 10:16-17* St. Paul taught that the Eucharist is not only communion with the Lord Jesus Christ and necessary for salvation, but also the means of communion with the Church, the Body of Christ. Therefore, communion with Christ in receiving the Eucharist is exclusively unique, and one can not compare it with any other form of communion/fellowship. Our word "communion" comes from this passage of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians and defines us as one with the Lord Jesus Christ by receiving him Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (martyred c. 403 AD), made this point concerning these verses when he wrote: "What in fact is the bread? The Body of Christ. What do they become who receive communion? The Body of Christ" (*Homilies on 1 Corinthians*, 24).

**Gospel** *John 6:51-58* The Gospel reading is from Jesus's "Bread of Life Discourse" that occurred just after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Jesus's message to the Jewish crowd and to us is explicit: consuming his Body and Blood is necessary for eternal salvation. Jesus identified his flesh as the "Bread of Life." Notice the use of the future tense in verse 51: *the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.* It points to Jesus's sacrifice on the altar of the Cross and the miracle of the Eucharist. His sacrifice became present for every generation, beginning with the offering of himself in the bread and the wine at the Last Supper. Jesus is the true bread of life not only because he is God's Word incarnate, but also because he is the spotless victim who offers his flesh and blood in sacrifice for the life of the world.

## HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

We ask please that communicants, including those seated in the side blocks of seating, approach Holy Communion **down the centre aisle of church**. The Host will be administered in the centre and the Precious Blood **in front of the side chapels**.

## THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

When we partake of the Eucharist, we receive and celebrate the mysterious Real Presence of Jesus Christ abiding within his Church: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him", says the Lord. In the Middle Ages, Christians wanted to joyfully commemorate Jesus' precious gift of the Eucharist in a Solemnity echoing Maundy Thursday. So they introduced the Feast of Corpus Christi in the spring when people could hold processions, street fairs, and other outdoor events. The Host, the Lord's Body, was carried outdoors under a canopy, with music playing and the people joining in singing their favourite hymns of praise. Such processions have sadly waned in this country, but Coventry has kept the tradition alive...

**DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** On **Sunday 18th June** (the Sunday after the Feast of Corpus Christi) all the parishes of Coventry & Nuneaton deanery are invited to take part in a Corpus Christi procession. The procession starts at 3pm at St. Anne's Willenhall, Dunsmore Ave, CV3 3AG and ends at Corpus Christi, Langbank Avenue, CV3 2QP. **First Holy Communion children are especially invited to attend with their parents** and to lead the procession in their First Holy Communion clothes. You are invited to stay for a picnic on the grass at 4pm. It is advisable to park at Corpus Christi, leave your food in the car and then walk up to St. Anne's for 3pm. There will be guides to help you. Drinks and some nibbles will be provided.

**INDUCTION LOOP** Apologies to those who rely the induction loop, which we discovered currently not working as it should. The problem is in hand, so hopefully normal service will resume soon!

**LIVESTREAM** After a longer break than we had hoped, livestreaming is back in the parish, but much, much-improved! <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/the-precious-blood-of-our-lord-and-all-souls-coventry>

**ALTAR SERVERS' BARBECUE** All our altar servers are invited to a summer barbecue beginning at 5pm **this Saturday, 17th June**. Please reply to the recent email from Deacon Paul if you will be attending, and notify him of any dietary requirements.

**SUMMER PARISH PICNIC** On **Saturday 8th July** we are having a parish picnic in the church garden, 12-2pm, to which everyone is invited. Gazebos will be available for shelter (either from the sun or the rain!), as will chairs and drinks. You may prefer to bring a blanket for your picnic. There will also be some activities for children, under parental supervision. Feel free to come and go as you please. We hope to see you there.

**DAY FOR LIFE NEXT SUNDAY** The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **18th June**. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day, to give a stronger witness to the sanctity of the life of the unborn. The theme is '**Listen to Her**' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. **Copies of the message and prayers for Day for Life are at the back of church. There is a second collection for Day for Life next Sunday, 18th June.**

**CATECHISM IN A YEAR NEXT MEETING** The next meeting to discuss the content of recent podcasts is on **Wednesday 5th July** at 7pm in the parish room.

## HYMNS AT 9.30am MASS

Entrance 629 Offertory 607 Communion 662 Rec 960  
Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

**CAR PARKING** Users of the church and parish room are asked please to park in the church car park, not on Kingsland Avenue, in order to keep street parking free for local residents. Thank you.

**AN EVENING WITH ST. THOMAS MORE** The History and Archives Commission for the Archdiocese are hosting an evening event at St Thomas More Church on **Saturday 17th June at 6.00pm**. The evening will include a talk entitled, 'Thomas More and English Catholics' given by Professor Bill Sheils from the University of York, and will conclude with a short concert of readings by St Thomas More and music by composers of that time. Light refreshments will also be served during the evening. Tickets priced at £12. It is important to book in advance for this event, by phoning 024 7641 1900 or emailing [stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk).

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** We have made a provisional booking for a parish pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, **Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th October 2023**. Accommodation at Elmham House will be half board (Bed & Breakfast and Evening Meal). Lunches can be obtained in the village or at the shrine. Half board costs per room per day are as follows: SINGLE ROOM Ensuite £85 Budget £68 Bunk bedroom £57 TWIN/DOUBLE Ensuite £170 Budget £136 Bunk bedroom £114. In order to confirm the booking, we need to know **by Friday 23rd June** how many people would like to join. Parishioners from other parishes are very welcome too. Please contact the parish office – 02476674161 or [allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk) - if you are a **definite**. If you need more information contact Fr Paul at [allsoulsco@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulsco@gmail.com)

**RECENTLY DEPARTED** Pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed: **Marie Melody (Frith), Tom Mander, Margaret Ruddy, Billy Neville** (Funeral Mass 9.30am Monday 19th June) and **Mick Cassidy**.

**BISHOP OF COVENTRY'S BOOK LAUNCH** The Anglican Bishop of Coventry, the Rt. Revd. Dr. Christopher Cocksworth, has written a book on Our Lady entitled, *Mary Bearer of Life*. The launch will take place in Coventry Cathedral on 19th June, 18.00–20.15 and will include refreshments, a conversation between Bishop Christopher and Isabelle Hamley (theologian and 'Thought for the Day' contributor) concluding with Night Prayer. **Publisher: SCM Press ISBN: 9780334062004**

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND EVENING** On behalf of Churches Together in Earlsdon & Chapelfields (CTEC) we are hosting an evening here at All Souls to hear more about the work of the charity Friends of the Holy Land (FHL), which supports vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land. It's 7.30-9pm on **Monday 26th June**. We'll begin with a short service in church with prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, followed by drinks and nibbles in the parish room and a presentation by Peter Rand of Friends of the Holy Land. The evening is free, with an opportunity to give to FHL.



**DEANERY VOCATIONS MASS** 7pm **Tuesday 13th June** at St. Thomas More church. All are very welcome.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK** March for Life UK happens in London on **Saturday 2nd September**. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom, but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who can not speak for themselves. Full details can be found at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION** Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Harefield Road, on Friday 16th June at 7.00pm with refreshments to follow. All welcome.

## THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

**All expectant mothers**

## THE LADY CHAPEL LAMP

burns this week for

**Annie Hughes & Austin Bailey (wedding)**

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