



# The Parish Church of All Saints Pittville

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## THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 8.00am

The Solemn Mass at 10.30am

*Mass times this week at All Saints*

**Wednesday Feria** Mass at 10.00am

**Thursday Feria** Mass at 11.00am

**Friday Feria** Mass at 12noon

**Saturday St Alban** Mass at 10.00am

**Eucharistic Adoration for thirty minutes before Mass on weekdays**

*A priest is available to hear confessions before Mass on weekdays or by appointment*

**PLEASE TAKE TODAY'S MASS SHEET AWAY FOR REFERENCE**

*Thought for the week ...*

**When you kneel before the Blessed Sacrament on the altar,  
do it in such a way that others may be able to recognise that  
you know before whom you kneel.**

*St Maximilian Kolbe*

Welcome to All Saints. If this is your first visit we hope you enjoy sharing our celebration of the Holy Eucharist this morning. Do stay and join us for refreshments after the Solemn Mass. Father David's duty days this week are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. Welcome back to **Father Ian Robb** presiding and preaching at the Solemn Mass. Please remember in your prayers our Churchwardens, **Simon** and **Christopher**, on Wednesday, when they will be officially 'sworn in' at the Archdeacons' Visitation service.

**Please note that there will be no collection taken during the Mass. Instead you are invited to place your offering in the collection plate located centrally in the nave before Mass. Gift Aid envelopes are provided for UK Taxpayers.**

**Please keep a reverent silence before Mass begins.  
'Be still and know that I am God.'**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
**Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

*Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9*

## THE OPENING HYMN 456 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

*The Priest greets the assembly.*

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to meet Jesus in this celebration, let us bring before him our fears and worries, and confess to him the times we have doubted his love for us.

Lord Jesus, you reconciled us to the Father through your death:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you tend your flock with kindness and mercy:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,** *At the 8 o'clock Mass*  
**and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*At the Solemn Mass*

THE 'HOLST' GLORIA

**Give glory to the Father, the source of life and love;  
give glory to the Saviour, who reigns in heaven above;  
give glory to the Spirit, who sets God's people free;  
give glory to Three Persons, the Blessed Trinity.  
Give glory for God's Holy Church, that mediates his Grace;  
with saints in earth and heaven, and living in this place.**

Words: DL-M

Tune: Thaxted

We **remain standing** as the Priest says, Let us pray to the Lord, before he says,  
THE OPENING COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,  
graciously hear our pleas,  
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,  
grant us always the help of your grace,  
that in following your commands  
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

***Please sit***

***The First Reading*** (at both Masses)

A reading from the book, Exodus.

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."' '

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(This reading records the special moment when God chose Israel to be his own possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, formed of twelve tribes, just as in the gospel reading Jesus will chose Twelve to be the nucleus of his holy Kingdom. God had led them out of slavery in*

*Egypt with a purpose: they were to be gradually formed and enlightened to bring God's Good News to the whole of creation. First they were given the Law (the Ten Commandments come just after this passage) which would teach them how the people of God must live out their vocation. 'Be holy as I am holy', acting in the image of God, completing God's work of creation. It was not going to be a smooth path. They rebelled already in the desert, hankering after the 'leeks and onions' of Egypt, and the history of Israel was to be a constant series of rebellion, recall and forgiveness – just like our relationship with God, full of failure and return. Formation always involves a fair amount of buffeting and correction, spiritual growing-pains as well as physical. Like ours, their learning process was slow and full of mistakes, but in the end they brought salvation into the world in the person of Jesus.)*

**The Responsorial Psalm:** Verses from **Psalm 100** (Only at the Solemn Mass)

*Please join in with the Response after each verse.*

**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

**The Second Reading** (Only at the Solemn Mass)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Paul uses several different images to convey the unique work of Christ. Here he uses 'reconciled', 'justified', 'saved'. Is there any difference between them? We have been reconciled and justified by Christ's death, and we shall be saved by his life, presumably by his risen and glorious life after the Resurrection, which will lead us to share with him in glory; this is still in the future, the end product. But we have already been reconciled with God. The enmity which we, the human race, put between ourselves and God by our constant rebellion, has been dissolved by the overwhelming act of Jesus' love for his Father. The love of Christ surpasses the disobedience and hostility of Adam, the human race, in which we all shared. Paul also says that we have been justified or made righteous by Christ's death. Human righteousness, being right with God, is always dependent on God's own righteousness. God's righteousness is his fidelity to his promises to save. In fulfilling those promises God is being true to himself and his word, and so is righteous. We are brought under that same righteousness by the fulfilment of the promises in Christ. So we are already reconciled and justified, and will be saved by Christ's life.)*

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*The kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent and believe in the gospel.*

**Alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel). When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available. He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God's Kingdom. **That is what every Christian must do.** Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God? Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God's peace and healing to all the sick sheep? After all, **I was made in the image of God, and God gave me the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called me, too, to work with him.**)*

THE HOMILY

*Please sit*

*At the 8 o'clock Mass: Father David*

*At the Solemn Mass: Father Ian*

*After a period of silent reflection **we stand** to profess our faith, in the words of*  
THE NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*(all now bow up to and including 'and became man')*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*We remain standing for*  
THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (BIDDING PRAYERS).

*The Priest introduces and concludes the Bidding Prayers, each petition ending,*  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN **570 *Stand up! Stand up for Jesus***

*The Priest invites us to join with him in offering anew the sacrifice of Christ to the Father.*  
Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

O God, who in the offerings presented here  
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,  
nourishing us with food  
and renewing us with your Sacrament,  
grant, we pray,  
that the sustenance they provide  
may not fail us in body or in spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The Proclamation of the presence of Christ in the Community of Faith*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the Preface, and after as without end we acclaim:*

*At the 8.00am Mass* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*At the Solemn Mass*

**Holy, holy, holy, God ever reigning,**

**filling all the universe with glory, power and light;**

**blest is our Redeemer, sent from God to save us.**

**Hail and hosanna! Glory in the height!**

*Words: DL-M*

*Tune: Nicea*

*Please* **KNEEL OR REMAIN STANDING**

*for the continuation of the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes*

*The mystery of faith.*

**We proclaim your death, O Lord,**

**and profess your Resurrection**

**until you come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer ends*

*... for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE COMMUNION RITE

**PLEASE STAND**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,

we may be always free from sin

and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*Then the Priest alone says aloud:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

(Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All may offer a greeting of peace to those around them.)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*The Priest invites the people to Holy Communion*

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest says THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

*Holy Communion is given with these words*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Those who have been baptised in the name of the Trinity and usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please carry this booklet with you or cross your arms over your chest. Some may prefer to receive Holy Communion in one kind only. Canon Law states that the fullness of sacramental grace is received in*

either or both kinds, the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. Gluten free hosts are available – please ask if you would prefer one. **Please do not intinct** (dip the Sacred Host into the chalice) – **it is forbidden by our bishops and can be potentially dangerous for coeliacs and for those with gluten allergies.**

## THE COMMUNION HYMN **386** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

After the distribution of Holy Communion the Priest says, Let us pray, and we **stand** for the Prayer after Communion.

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,  
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,  
so may it bring about unity in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION HYMN **503** *King of glory, King of peace* *after which the Parish Priest or a churchwarden may give notices.*

### THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

May the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*THE ANGELUS is recited in honour of the Incarnation.*

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

And the Word was made flesh.

**And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the Incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ,  
by the message of an angel,  
so, by his Cross and Passion,  
we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Daily Intentions for this week**

<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<i>Our parish and people</i>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<i>The recently bereaved</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<i>Nursing homes in Cheltenham</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<i>Our Churchwardens, Simon and Christopher</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Thu</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<i>Paul our Bishop</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<i>Confessors and penitents</i>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>St Alban</b>	<i>The Spread of the Faith</i>

*The Daily Intention provides a focus for our personal prayers and also the intention at Mass.*

**Next Sunday**

**THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass at 8.00am**

**The Solemn Mass at 10.30am**

**THE PARISH THAT PRAYS  
IS THE PARISH THAT GROWS**

### **From Father David ...**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, I shall, God-willing, celebrate the fortieth anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood, on that date in 1986, and I do hope as many of you as possible will join me at Mass that evening (at our usual evening Mass time of 6.30pm). Bishop Paul has already indicated his intention to be with us, as have some of the other Oswestry priests and deacons.

*A Saint for this week ...*

### **Saint Lidwina (1380-1433)**

St Lidwina was born in Schiedam in Holland. At the age of 15 she was ice-skating when she fell and broke a rib. Contemporary accounts describe how gangrene appeared in the wound and spread through her whole body. She had lost the use of her legs by the age of 19 and eventually was completely paralysed except for her left hand. Living in constantly increasing pain, she had a wonderful gift of prayer and contemplation; suffering an incurable disease, she yet had the power to heal others. Some thought that she was under the influence of an evil spirit, but she was greatly revered by many holy men, one of whom wrote a pious tract in her honour. On the morning of Easter Day 1433, she was in deep contemplation and saw a vision of Christ coming towards her to administer the sacrament of Extreme Unction, and two days later, on 14<sup>th</sup> April, she died. Her grave immediately became a place of pilgrimage. Joannes Brugmann and Thomas à Kempis wrote biographies of her, and she was more and more venerated as time went on. Finally, in 1890 Pope Leo XIII gave the Church's official sanction to this centuries-old devotion by canonizing St Lidwina. Her feast day in the Netherlands is 14<sup>th</sup> June, which is the anniversary of the transfer of her relics to Schiedam in 1871. The details in the contemporary biographies have enabled modern medical opinion to reach the conclusion that St Lidwina suffered from a form of multiple sclerosis, making her (by some centuries) the earliest documented case of this disease.

*A welcome at All Saints for all who seek to move ...*

**... from fear to Faith**

**... from doubt to Hope**

**... from hate to Love**

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