



The Parish Church of All Saints Pittville

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THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 8.00am

The Solemn Mass at 10.30am

Mass times this week at All Saints

Monday Sts John Fisher and Thomas More Mass at 6.30pm*

Wednesday THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Mass at 6.30pm

Thursday Feria Mass at 11.00am

Friday St Josemaría Escrivá Mass at 12noon

Eucharistic Adoration for thirty minutes before Mass on weekdays

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

**Father David's Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood*

PLEASE TAKE TODAY'S MASS SHEET AWAY FOR REFERENCE

Thought for the week ...

Even if you do all the Good you can,

whatever you do, someone will criticise you.

So do what's right, and don't worry about what people say.

St Bernadine of Siena

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 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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.'

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Cf. Ps 27:8f

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

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, we are the disciples of Jesus, sent into the world to share in his mission. As we encounter challenges and opposition, let us not be afraid but put our complete trust in the compassionate God who will never forsake us.

Lord Jesus, you defend those who speak the truth to the powerful:

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

Christ Jesus, you are the champion of those who work for justice:

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

Lord Jesus, you sustain those who proclaim your Word:

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 GLORIA

from the **Mass of St Thomas 682** in the Revised English Hymnal

R: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.

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

THE OPENING COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
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 prophecies of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah said:
I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
say all my close friends, watching for my fall.
'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.'
But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The prophet Jeremiah bewails his heavy burden of repeatedly denouncing the defenders of the city who are only making matters worse by not trusting in the Lord. One cannot but sympathise with this gentle prophet who finds it so hard continually to denounce his fellow-countrymen. He complains that the Lord had 'seduced' him so that he cannot stop prophesying disaster. He had faced up to the chief of police, the priest Pashhur, distorting his name to 'Pahor' ('Terror') and calling him 'Terror-on-every-side', and now Jeremiah's opponents turn that name back on him, suggesting that he in turn may be 'seduced' into error and pay the penalty. But at the same time as complaining, Jeremiah also proclaims his faith: the Lord is at his side, and his foes will stumble. In the same way and in the same city and sanctuary some centuries later Jesus will proclaim his certainty that the Lord will prove him right against his detractors.)

The Responsorial Psalm: Verses from **Psalm 69** *(Only at the Solemn Mass)*

Please join in with the Response after each verse.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me, and taunts against you fall on me.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

But I pray to you, O Lord, at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your faithful salvation.
Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord attends to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

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

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

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*(Christ is the saviour, but how does he save? The Letter to the Romans is Paul's fullest explanation, and the heart of that teaching is that Christ is the Second Adam. **The mythical archetype Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden, as described in Genesis, is not a simple historical story of one particular sin. It is the paradigm of all sin, the paradigm or analysis of all human failure, the process of turning away from God's commandments in pride and independence: 'I know better than God what is good for me.'** We are children of Adam in so far as we have sinned, and Adam's sin sums up that of all humanity. At the same time the mythical Adam is not only the type, but also the founder of all humanity. **Christ, on the other hand is the second founder of all humanity. His act of perfect obedience to his Father on the cross transcends and heals this act of disobedience committed by the first Adam.** Only Christ's act of loving obedience could be great enough to do this. It had to be an act of a man, but not of a mere man. We are members of this new humanity in so far as we join ourselves to Christ, put all our trust and hope in him.)*

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord,
and you also will bear witness.

Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:26-33

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: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(This whole chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, though it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow-mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground ... Nor is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. 'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales.)

THE HOMILY
Father David

Please sit

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 **440 Be thou my vision**

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.**

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
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
The **Sanctus and Benedictus**
from the Mass of St Thomas 682 in the hymn book

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

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

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 517 **Lord of our life, and God of our salvation**

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

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN **367 All for Jesus**
after which the Parish Priest 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

21st Sun	12TH IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Our parish and people</i>
22nd Mon	Sts John Fisher and Thomas More	<i>Father David's intention</i>
23rd Tue	St Etheldreda	<i>Personal spiritual growth</i>
24th Wed	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	<i>Our witness to Jesus</i>
25th Thu	Feria	<i>Vocations to the sacred priesthood</i>
26th Fri	St Josemaría Escrivá	<i>The Work of God in our lives</i>
27th Sat	St Cyril of Alexandria	<i>Those being ordained at this time</i>

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

A Saint for this week

Saint John Fisher (1469-1535)

St John Fisher was born in Beverley, in Yorkshire, in 1469. He studied theology at the University of Cambridge, and had a successful career there, finally becoming chancellor of the University and bishop of Rochester: unusually for the time, he paid a great deal of attention to the welfare of his diocese. He wrote much against the errors and corruption into which the Church had fallen, and was a friend and supporter of great humanists such as Erasmus of Rotterdam; but he was greatly opposed to Lutheranism, both in its doctrine and in its ideas of reform. He supported the validity of King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and for this he was briefly imprisoned. When the King had divorced Catherine, married Anne Boleyn, and constituted himself the supreme Head of the Church in England, John Fisher refused to assent. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London on a charge of treason, and on 22nd June 1535, a month after having been made a Cardinal by the Pope, he was executed. He was so ill and weak that he had to be carried in a chair to the place of execution. He was the only bishop to oppose Henry VIII's actions, on the grounds that they were a repudiation of papal authority, but even so he avoided direct confrontation with the other bishops, not holding himself up as a hero or boasting of his coming martyrdom: *I condemn no other man's conscience: their conscience may save them, and mine must save me.* We should remember, in all the controversies in which we engage, to treat our opponents as if they were acting in good faith, even if they seem to us to be acting out of spite or self-interest.

He is remembered each year on 22nd June, the anniversary of his martyrdom.

Next Sunday
THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mass at 8.00am
The Solemn Mass at 10.30am

A welcome at All Saints for all who seek to move ...
... from fear to Faith
... from doubt to Hope
... from hate to Love

From Father David ...

Tomorrow, 22nd 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, followed by a reception). Bishop Paul will be with us, as will quite a few visitors from other Oswestry parishes and beyond.

THE PARISH THAT PRAYS IS THE PARISH THAT GROWS

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