



# The Parish Church of All Saints Pittville

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Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**No 8 o'clock Mass today**

**The Solemn Mass at 10.30am**

**Preacher: Father Ian Robb, Honorary Associate Priest**

*Mass times this week at All Saints*

*Thursday St Gregory the Great Mass at 11.00am*

*Friday Of the Sacred Heart Mass at 6.30pm*

*Saturday GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE No Mass at All Saints*

*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 THIS MASS SHEET AWAY FOR REFERENCE**

Welcome to All Saints, Pittville. 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. Welcome and thanks to Father Ian Robb, our honorary associate priest, presiding and preaching at Mass this morning. Father David is on leave this weekend, conducting the wedding of one of his former students. Please note the different time for Mass on Friday – Father David is at a funeral in Northamptonshire.

*Thought for the week*

**Worship isn't supposed to be entertainment.**

*Dr Billy Graham*

**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 Tax payers.**

***The Choir is on its Summer Recess – please sing up!***

***The Choir returns next Sunday.***

***Please keep a reverent silence before Mass begins.***

***'Be still and know that I am God.'***

## THE OPENING HYMN 283 *Tell out, my soul*

*The Priest greets the assembly.*

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

Brothers and sisters, in today's Gospel we are reminded that to follow Jesus, we must take up the Cross. As we prepare our hearts and minds to worship Jesus in Word and Sacrament, let us ask him for the courage to carry the Cross with him.

Lord Jesus, you laid down your life for us:

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

Christ Jesus, you embraced your suffering out of love for us:

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

Lord Jesus, you offer salvation and life to all who follow you:

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 '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

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your name,  
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what is good  
and, by your watchful care,  
keep safe what you have nurtured.

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**

A reading from the prophecies of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughing-stock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, 'Violence and destruction!'  
For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name',  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

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

*(Jeremiah had a tough time, telling the citizens of Jerusalem that their city was to be besieged and destroyed, and that they themselves were to be dragged into exile. He tried to evade his duty of announcing this dire message, but the Lord gave him no peace, no matter how much he tries to drive the message from his mind. So God overpowers or seduces the prophet and compels him to proclaim the message. Both images are important, for it is a tough, but at the same time a willing and joyful compulsion. Jeremiah almost has a sort of love-hate relationship to the Lord. There is nothing irreverent in this; or at least, many of the saints do it. When St Teresa of Avila fell off her horse into a cold river, her comment was, 'Lord, if that is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them.')*

### **The Responsorial Psalm: Verses from Psalm 63**

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

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
For you my flesh is pining, like a dry, weary land without water.  
**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

I have come before you in the sanctuary, to behold your strength and your glory.  
Your loving mercy is better than life; my lips will speak your praise.

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

I will bless you all my life; in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

### ***The Second Reading***

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

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Paul has concluded his account of the saving work of Christ and its consequences for Israel. Now he goes on to detail some of its implications for the Christian life. The overall banner-headline is that Christian behaviour must be totally different from the values of the world, for the Christian is a new creation with a new set of values. Two aspects are most striking in this introductory passage, first the novelty, second the motivation. In chapter 8 on the Spirit Paul repeatedly stresses that not only Christians but the whole of creation is straining to be set free from slavery to corruption; the presence of the Spirit of Christ makes all things new; it is a totally new world. In today's passage again he stresses the renewing of our minds. Secondly, Paul stresses that the motivation comes from within: it is a matter no longer of the external compulsion of the Law, but of inner compulsion, for the Christian has become a living sacrifice, dedicated to God with minds transformed, discerning personally the will of God and acting upon this discernment. **This is Christian personal responsibility: we must 'discern for ourselves what is the will of God'.**)*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***Please stand***

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

**Alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 16:21-27**

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 began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(What a turn-around. A moment ago (as we heard at Mass last Sunday) Peter was being congratulated on at last realising the Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why the change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose, and Peter shied away from it. **What is your particular soft option? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you, and you avoiding?** Take heart, we are no better than his first disciples ... In the gospel this will happen twice more: three times Jesus foretells his passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus again puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word. **Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck ...)***

## THE HOMILY

*Father Ian Robb*

*Please sit*

*The Homily may be followed by*

**A TIME FOR QUIET AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTION**

*After the 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.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (BIDDING PRAYERS). ***Please kneel or sit***

*The Priest introduces and concludes the Bidding Prayers, each petition ending,*

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN **549 O worship the king**

*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.**

May this sacred offering, O Lord,  
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,  
that what it celebrates in mystery  
it may accomplish in power.  
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:*

**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

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

*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 **376 Draw nigh, and take the body of the Lord**

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

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,  
we beseech you, Lord,  
that, being the food of charity,  
it may confirm our hearts  
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN **594 Ye that know the Lord is gracious**

*after which a churchwarden may give any relevant notices.*

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

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

May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace  
and grant you the gifts of his blessing.  
**Amen.**

May he free you always from every distress  
and confirm your hearts in his love.  
**Amen.**

So that on this life's journey you may be effective in good works,  
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,  
and may come happily to eternal life.

**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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**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**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> Sun</b> | <b>22<sup>ND</sup> IN ORDINARY TIME</b>       | <i>Our Parish and people</i>                  |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> Mon</b> | <b>St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne</b> | <i>The See of Beverley</i>                    |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Tue</b>  | <b>Feria</b>                                  | <i>Nursing homes in Cheltenham</i>            |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed</b>  | <b>Feria</b>                                  | <i>Our families and friends</i>               |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thu</b>  | <b>St Gregory the Great</b>                   | <i>The Conversion of England</i>              |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>  | <b>Of the Sacred Heart</b>                    | <i>Thanksgiving for the Divine Compassion</i> |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>  | <b>St Teresa of Calcutta</b>                  | <i>Pilgrimage to Glastonbury</i>              |

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

***A Saint for this week***

**St Gregory the Great, Apostle of England (540-604)**

St Gregory the Great was born in Rome and followed the career of public service that was usual for the son of an aristocratic family, finally becoming Prefect of the City of Rome, a post he held for some years.

He founded a monastery in Rome and some others in Sicily, then became a monk himself. He was ordained deacon and sent as an envoy to Constantinople, on a mission that lasted five years.

He was elected Pope on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 590, the first monk to be elected to this office. He reformed the administration of the Church's estates and devoted the resulting surplus to the assistance of the poor and the ransoming of prisoners. He negotiated treaties with the Lombard tribes who were ravaging northern Italy, and by cultivating good relations with these and other barbarians he was able to keep the Church's position secure in areas where Roman rule had broken down. His works for the propagation of the faith include the sending of St Augustine and his monks as missionaries to England in 596, providing them with continuing advice and support and, in 601, sending reinforcements. For this he is known as the Apostle of England, and in England his day is accorded the status of a feast day. He wrote extensively on pastoral care (his great work on Pastoral Care was translated into Anglo Saxon at the instigation of King Alfred the Great, who spent time during his youth in Rome), spirituality, morals, and church music (Gregorian Chant takes its nomenclature from him), and designated himself 'servant of the servants of God', a title still used of the Pope to this day.

He died on 12<sup>th</sup> March 604, but as this date always falls within Lent, his feast is celebrated on the date of his election as Pope.

***Saturday is the day of the ...***

**GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE**

Last opportunity to express an interest in attending today.

***Next Sunday***

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass at 8.00am**

**The Solemn Mass at 10.30am**

***Cheltenham Heritage Days***

These begin in just over a week's time and we are looking for volunteers to help as welcomers and stewards for the days All Saints will be open.

Please see the notices at the back of church, and ask **Sarah Davies** and

**Christopher Seton-Smith** for further information.

**We're hoping to well and truly 'push the boat out' this year  
but will need help from as many of you as possible.**

*And other dates to note later this month ...*

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon**

## **THE HOLST BIRTHDAY CONCERT**

Details on the flyers available in Church

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**THE SOLEMN MASS will be at 4.00pm**

and followed by the **Holst Birthday Tea** as we did last year.

*It is the day of the Cheltenham Half Marathon, making access to All Saints well-nigh impossible during the morning, hence the moving of the Solemn Mass to the afternoon.*

**NO EARLY MASS THAT SUNDAY**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Harvest Thanksgiving Coffee Morning**

following the 10 o'clock Mass

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday**

The Solemn Mass will be followed, as last year, by the Harvest Lunch.

*Watch for the sign-up sheet next week.*

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

*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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