



The Parish Church of All Saints Pittville

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Sunday 4th October 2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 8.00am

The Solemn Mass at 10.30am

Preacher: The Parish Priest

Mass times this week at All Saints

Tuesday Mass at 6.30pm *Parochial Church Council Meeting follows*

Wednesday *Our Lady of the Rosary* Mass at 6.30pm *Study Group follows*

Friday *St John Henry Newman* 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

PLEASE TAKE TODAY'S MASS SHEET AWAY FOR REFERENCE

Thought for the week ...

The value of persons ... does not depend on what they achieve or produce. The fundamental dignity of each person, therefore, is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified ...

The dignity of every human person can be described as infinite.

Pope Leo

Welcome to All Saints. If this is your first visit we hope you enjoy sharing our celebration of the Holy Eucharist this morning. Welcome to Dr Warwick Cole, playing the organ for the Solemn Mass this morning. Father David's Parish Days this week are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. He's at a meeting in London on Thursday.

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.'***

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.

**For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.**

From the book of Esther

THE OPENING HYMN **498** *Jesus shall reign wher'e the sun*

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

As we prepare to meet the Lord in Word and Sacrament, let us repent of our sins,
calling to mind especially the times we have failed to show the generosity with our
talents and treasures that God has shown us with his great generosity in Christ.

Lord Jesus, your cross and sacrifice redeem us:

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

Christ Jesus, your Body and Blood nourish us:

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

Lord Jesus, your resurrection brings us new life:

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

At the 8 o'clock Mass

Glory to God in the highest,

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, before he says,

THE OPENING COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*(A vineyard needs a lot of devoted care, pruning, manuring, tying back. In the rocky soil of Israel even more special care is needed, such as gathering the stones to form retaining walls to keep the soil from eroding, building a look-out tower against thieves and a vine-press for crushing the grapes. Then the right fruiting-vine has to be grafted onto the sturdy stock, as here the vine-dresser grafts on fine grapes. Imagine his disappointment when all he gets for his pains is inedible wild grapes. After this haunting parable of Isaiah, the vineyard became a stock image of Israel, swathed in God's loving care, and all the dwellers in the rich vines of the hill-country of Israel would be aware that it was an image of the love lavished on the vineyard. So when Israel goes into Exile, **Psalm 80** laments, 'You brought a vine out of Egypt. Why have you broken down its fences? Every passer-by plucks its grapes. Wild beasts feed on it.' The prophets also, especially Ezekiel, use the image. Jesus' hearers would immediately recognise what he meant.)*

The Responsorial Psalm: Verses from **Psalm 80**

Please join in with the Response after each verse.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

The Second Reading

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

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(This warm and affectionate little passage was probably originally the end of a letter from Paul to the community at Philippi which he loved so well. It is a lovely conclusion to a letter. Paul encourages them in every way to be cheerful in the Lord, but especially to be grateful. If we really appreciate that the Lord is near, we cannot worry and the peace of God will rest upon us. Then also gratitude and thanksgiving will be our mode of thought, penetrating all our thoughts on every subject. The word Paul uses for 'thanksgiving' is the word used for **the Eucharist**, which is the great prayer of thanksgiving, offered by Christ to the Father in the name of us all. It is the summing up of all prayer, petition, gratitude and admiration. No doubt Paul is thinking of it **as the high point of all prayer.**)*

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, which is usually sung at the Solemn Mass.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-43

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into

another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

*(Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him the violent opposition of some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Anyway, Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that they were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah – and many others after him – had used this image in a well-known poem eight centuries earlier to show that the vineyard of Israel refused to yield a good harvest to God, whatever care God lavished on it. God expected **fairness of judgement** and all he found was a **shriek of agony** (the same word in Hebrew apart from one letter). What does this mean for us? Not that we have to follow every new idea. **But it does mean that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty, that people we find tiresome or unacceptable may have more good in them than we credited.** God's ways are not our ways, and we need to watch out for the bend in the road.)*

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 (THE 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 **467 Glorious things of thee are spoken**

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.**

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
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

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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 **399 Soul of my Saviour**

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

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN **522 Love divine all loves excelling**
after which notices may be given by the parish priest.

*Please **stand** for*

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 and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

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

4th Sun	27th IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Our Parish and people</i>
5th Mon	St Faustina Kowalska	<i>Thanksgiving for the Divine Mercy of God</i>
6th Tue	Feria	<i>The Parochial Church Council</i>
7th Wed	Our Lady of the Rosary	<i>A deepening of our prayer life</i>
8th Thu	Feria	<i>The Unity of the Church</i>
9th Fri	St John Henry Newman	<i>The Conversion of England</i>
10th Sat	St Paulinus of York	<i>The Archbishop and diocese of York</i>

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

This Wednesday 7th October following the Mass at 6.30pm

Avoiding Heresy

Why it matters what Christians believe

*The first of this Autumn's series of discussion groups
in which Father David examines how easy it is for Christians to slip into heresy ...
and how the Early Church fought against it.*

Next Sunday
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 8.00am
The Solemn Mass at 10.30am
Preacher: The Parish Priest

One of this week's commemorations ...

Our Lady of the Rosary
7th October

The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Later the feast was moved to the fixed date of 7th October. Many Christians recite the Rosary regularly, and some daily. If it isn't part of your regular prayer life, there are leaflets available at the back of church. Ask if you can't see them and would like one. October is traditionally known as **The Month of the Holy Rosary**.

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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