

The Cross is held up for our adoration KNEEL

Fr Paul: We adore your Cross, O Lord,
we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection,
for behold, because of the wood of a tree,
joy has come to the whole world.

This year we adore the Cross from our places in silence. You
are invited to *kneel or bow or genuflect for a few moments*.



HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Eucharist consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper last night is brought
to the altar. We KNEEL.

Psalm 21 is sung by the cantor during Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

STAND

Almighty ever-living God, who have restored us to life by the blessed Death and
Resurrection of your Christ, preserve in us the work of your mercy, that, by
partaking of this mystery, we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the People

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray, descend upon your people, who have
honoured the Death of your Son in the hope of their resurrection: may pardon
come, comfort be given, holy faith increase, and everlasting redemption be made
secure. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After genuflecting to the Cross, all depart IN SILENCE.

Later today

4.30-6.30pm Church open. The Cross remains on the altar for private
Adoration and prayer

7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30am Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

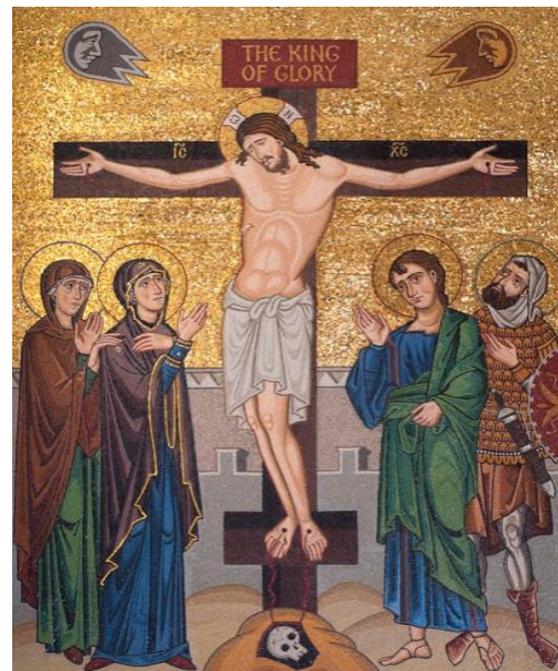
8.30pm **EASTER VIGIL** (prior booking required)

Easter Sunday

9.30am **MASS** (prior booking required)

11.15am **MASS** (prior booking required)

The Precious Blood of Our Lord & All Souls, Coventry



Good Friday

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3pm

*On Good Friday the Church fixes her gaze on Christ Crucified. We contemplate at what
cost Christ has won our redemption.*

*According to the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated today. In the solemn
ceremonies of the Adoration of the Cross, the reading of the Passion Gospel, and
receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Saviour, and we
contemplate our own death to sin in his death.*

*The desolate quality of the rites of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and
suffering during his Passion.*

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

*All kneel at the entrance of the Ministers and remain kneeling in silent prayer while they
prostrate themselves before the altar.*

Opening Prayer

STAND

Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

First reading *Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12*

The book of the prophet Isaiah contains four poems called the Songs of the Suffering Servant. They introduce new ways to understand suffering and the mysterious plans of God. Jesus clearly meditated on these poems, and the gospel writers used them to express their experience of Jesus in the lives of their communities.

Psalm *sung by a cantor Psalm 30*

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free,

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

In the face of all my foes

I am a reproach,

an object of scorn to my neighbours

and of fear to my friends.

Those who see me in the street

run far away from me.

I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts,

like a thing thrown away.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord;

I say: 'You are my God.

My life is in your hands, deliver me

from the hands of those who hate me.

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your love.'

Be strong, let your heart take courage,

all who hope in the Lord.

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Second reading *Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9*

Jewish converts to Christ, rejected by mainline Judaism, missed some familiar institutions they left behind. The Letter to the Hebrews persuades them that Jesus replaces, by bringing to perfect fulfilment, everything they've lost. This passage explains why Jesus is a superior priest..

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

STAND

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

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Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

The Passion Gospel *read by several readers. John 18:1-19:42*

...and bowing his head he gave up the spirit.

All kneel and pause for a moment.

Homily

SIT

The Solemn Intercessions

STAND

For Holy Church

For the Pope

For all orders and degrees of the Faithful

For catechumens

For the unity of Christians

For the Jewish people

For those who do not believe in Christ

For those who do not believe in God

For those in public office

For the afflicted in time of pandemic

For those in tribulation

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

All turn to face the Cross which the priest carries elevated in procession from the back of the church. The priest pauses three times; each time he says, and we respond:

Behold the wood of the Cross,

on which hung the Saviour of the world.

Come, let us adore.

After each response all KNEEL momentarily.