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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 14th
September 2020**

SUNDAY

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

Live-streamed Masses: 9.30am Sunday, and all weekday Masses.

<u>Saturday 12th Sept</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Dorothy & Andrew Thompson (D&AT) (50th Wedding Anniversary)
<u>Sunday 13th Sept</u> Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Elizabeth Johnston RIP ^(KM) People of the Parish Fr. Brian Doolan RIP
<u>Monday 14th Sept</u> Exaltation of the Holy Cross ^{Feast}	9.15am	Dec of the Eden Family ^(Sr. A)
<u>Tuesday 15th Sept</u> Our Lady of Sorrows ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Tom Mitchell RIP ^(CM)
<u>Wednesday 16th Sept</u> Ss. Cornelius ^{Pope, Martyrs} & Cyprian ^{Bishop}	9.15am	No Services Today
<u>Thursday 17th Sept</u> St. Robert Bellarmine ^{Bishop, Doctor of the Church} ^{Memorial}	7.30pm	Int. of Evelyn Hawkley ^(100th B'day) ^(J&DC)
<u>Friday 18th Sept</u> Feria	9.15am	Brian Hornblower RIP ^(M&LJ)
<u>Saturday 19th Sept</u> St. Januarius ^{Bishop} ^{Memorial}	9.30am 6.00pm	Tina Mahoney RIP ^(The Weir Family) Int. of David Goodwin ^(SVP)
<u>Sunday 20th Sept</u> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Christine Bennett RIP ^(S&JW) Ethel Jenkinson RIP ^(D&SG)

Pope Francis

Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: "Courage, open your hearts to my love".

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who be with us in church. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the right side of the church you will become visible, in a way in which you might be recognisable, for a brief moment as you return from receiving Holy Communion. If you do not wish to appear on the live-stream please inform one of the stewards as you enter the church.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ann Duckham**. Fortified by the Rites of our Holy Mother the Church, on whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. May she rest in peace.

Red Missio Box Holders

At the beginning of Lockdown we suspended the collection of the Red Missio Boxes. We now feel that it is time to collect the monies, however, not in the normal manner. Could we now ask all holders of a Red Mission Box to empty their own box. Please put the money, uncounted, into a bag along with a slip of paper with your name and address. You can then either, bring the bag to Mass and leave it under one of the tables at the back of church, or deliver it to Fr. Craig at the Presbytery. Many thanks.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of September: **Respect for the Planet's Resources**. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 42

We pray for all children suffering abuse, or neglect, or hardship.

YOUNG or OLD will you join CAFOD's CAMPAIGN: #CancelTheDebt?

The world's poorest nations are taking a double hit – the global pandemic and its severe economic impacts. Many are facing a potential crisis as they struggle to pay the debts they owe to financial institutions and richer nations. If debts are cancelled, then the money saved could be spent on basic health needs and to support the most vulnerable people in those countries at this time. Last July, finance ministers from the largest economies in the world – **the G20** – failed to make progress on this issue. World leaders will be having meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in October. Our UK leaders have the chance to play a critical role in them. Persuade them to do so. **Join CAFOD's photo campaign – Take photo action!** Here's what to do: Take a photo of yourself displaying the words, **CANCEL THE DEBT**, in front of you on a card. Email your photo to campaigns.writer@cafod.org.uk and they will upload it to their campaign on your behalf.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them. Please remember especially:

Keiron Sanders, John Hayes, Jim Smith, Deirdre McLeary, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Mark Desorgher, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Pray also for all suffering as a result of Covid-19, and those still isolating at home.

Mass Attendance

As we begin to get used to the 'new norm', with regards to attending Mass, we must continue to guard against becoming complacent with regards to the rules and guidance. Therefore, may I remind you that if you are 'booked in' to a particular Sunday Mass, that is the Mass you **must** attend. The reason for increasing the number of Sunday Masses was to have fewer people in the church at any given time, and this continues to be the case. Secondly, could I remind you that you **must** follow the instructions of the stewards, especially with regards to where you are asked to sit. If we pick and choose where we want to sit, not where we are asked to sit, the whole seating arrangement, which is in place, begins to fall apart. The 'new normal', the instructions which are in place are for our safety, and the safety of others, therefore, we must play our part in making the system work!

Life 50th Anniversary – The 'New Normal'



We need to complement our existing school education programmes. With online education this needs funding if we are to support our schools. Please consider an online donation at:

<https://lifecharity.org.uk/donate/>

Instructions for attending Weekend Mass

- Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
- Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am, 4.30pm

Once you have submitted a form and have been allocated a Mass, this will be your Mass time foreseeable future.

Attendees must:

- Follow the queuing system outside and wait to be admitted by a steward.
- Wear a facemask at all times.
- Remain at least 1 metre and preferably 2 metres apart.
- Sanitise their hands on entering and exiting the church.
- Remain in their places at all times, only moving when instructed to do so by a steward.
- Listen to, and follow, the instructions of the stewards.

During Mass there will be No...

- Altar Servers.
- Readers.
- Children's Liturgy.
- Eucharistic Ministers.
- Offertory Procession.
- Physical sign of peace.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood.
- Parish Missals or hymn books.
- Singing.
- Collection.
- Congregating outside of the Church.

Distribution of Holy Communion

- Come forward in single file at the instruction of the stewards.
- Remove mask before receiving the host, and replace mask after consuming it.
- Communion will be given in silence.
- Receive communion in the hand with your arms fully outstretched and hands flat.
- Return to your places via the side aisles.

Please Note:

- There will be no kneeling during the celebration of Mass.
- The Church will be cleaned and sanitised after each celebration of Mass.
- All parish meetings and other events will remain suspended until further notice.

Please stay at home if...

- You have a pre-existing medical condition that would render you vulnerable, or you are immunocompromised.
- You are feeling ill.
- You suspect you may have, or have been exposed to, Covid-19
- You have a sick relative at home.

If after attending Mass you...

- Become ill and test positive for Covid-19 you must contact the Parish Priest and inform him of the date and time that you attended Mass.

Booking in to attend Mass

There are many of our parishioners for whom coming to Mass is still not an option, either because they are still having to follow strict instructions given by the government, or they are simply not yet ready to make that commitment. If you do fall into either of these two categories I want to assure you of my continued prayers at this time. I can also assure you that you will not be abandoned, the live-streaming of the 9.30am Sunday Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue for as long as is necessary. Once you feel ready, and are able to return to Mass, the 'Booking in form' will remain on the 'Covid-19' page of the parish website until we can resume a more normal practice of public worship, you simply need to complete it and click 'Submit'.

And finally: 'The life and death of each one of us has its influence on others'. This opening line from today's second reading is, I believe, one of the most powerful lines of scripture for anyone who is serious about living the Christian life. Today, perhaps more than at any other time in our history as a race, we have been forced to consider our actions in light of the impact that it will have on others, on the community in which we live, and on the life of the nation. Perhaps one of the most powerful signs of this reality is the wearing of facemasks; masks worn not to protect ourselves from the possibility of contracting the virus, but that we might not pass it on to others. As Christians we are called to be 'people of communion', a people who recognise that our lives, our words and actions, have a profound effect on others. Living a life that is only interested in what is good for me is often a life lived to the detriment of the other; whilst living a life which seeks always the good of the other will, ultimately, bring about the good of the whole, myself included.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig