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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

**Sunday 28th November
2021**

SUNDAY

**First Sunday of Advent
Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

Saturday 27th November (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Margaret McDonagh ^{née Halton} RIP (MMcD)
Sunday 28th November First Sunday of Advent Year C	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Patricia McMahan RIP (1st Anniversary) (KF)
Monday 29th Nov Advent Feria	9.15am	David Easthope RIP (KE)
Tuesday 30th Nov St. Andrew ^{Apostle} ^{Feast}	9.15am	Barbara Wood RIP (Sr.A)
Wednesday 1st Dec St. Edmund ^{Campion} ^{Priest, Martyr} ^{Feast}		No Services Today
Thursday 2nd Dec Advent Feria	7.00pm 7.30pm	Rosary for the unborn. Int. of the Henstock Family (D&SG)
Friday 3rd Dec St. Francis Xavier ^{Priest} ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Sick in the Parish (SVP)
Saturday 4th December St. John Damascene ^{Memorial} Priest, Doctor of the Church (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of the Baxendale Family (JR) Exposition, Confession & Benediction Int. of Joe Kennelly (JH)
Sunday 5th November Second Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am	Margaret Oakley RIP People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

The Lord puts people who suffer on our path, people who feel that they are alone or those who have lost their strength and courage. We must know how to recognise them and, with Saint Joseph's help, become their friends and their support on the journey of life.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the left 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 ensure that you are seated on the right of the church.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Moseley née Carter & Darren Forrest** on whose souls sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

The Sower

The Advent edition of the Diocesan Magazine 'The Sower' is available in the church porch. This is a free publication. Please take a copy home with you.

Advent Walk with Me

The Advent Walk with Me Booklets are available in the church porch. This is a wonderful resource of reflections and prayers for Advent Christmas. Please do take a copy home with you to be used in your daily prayer time as we prepare for the wonderful celebration of the birth of our Saviour. Donations for this publication can be put into the Newspaper slot in the porch.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of December is: **For Catechists**. Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sick in the Parish

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

Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Max Miotk, Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, John Wynne, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

We pray also for those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, and for all who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

Beware of Spam Emails

The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from Parish Priests. These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of the parish priest, but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Protective action has been taken by the Diocesan IT team to block such emails but they can still be generated elsewhere and infiltrate email accounts.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 01 -2022

(First Sunday of Advent)

As we wait for your coming at Christmas,
help us, Lord Jesus, to be strong in the
gifts of the Spirit, so that we may be joined
closely to you.

Retiring Collection

Next weekend, **4th/5th December**, there is a retiring collection for the **Poor Parishes Fund**. This is our annual parish collection to help the Archdiocese in supporting the parishes within the Archdiocese who are struggling financially.

KYT: We are Recruiting

**KENELM
YOUTH TRUST**

Exciting opportunities to work within the Archdiocese of Birmingham at the Kenelm Youth Trust based at Alton Castle, Staffordshire.

- Full-time qualified live-in Youth Worker/Youth Minister/Teacher to lead dynamic residential programmes, drawing young people to Christ.
- Part-time qualified Senior Outdoor Educationalist/instructor.
- Full or part time Catering assistant – immediate starts available.
- Volunteers needed to help us with the groundwork, heritage, administration, fundraising, events and marketing.

For more information and details about how to apply visit the recruitment page on the KYT's website:

<https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/work4kyt.html>

Craft & Natter

Our Parish Craft & Natter Group will be having a stall, at all Masses on 4th/5th December, at the back of church. Come along and see what we have been making this term. We have some new environmentally friendly goods, make up remover pads, all washable, so do come along and support your craft club.

Special Sunday 'Coffee' Morning



This Sunday the **28th November**, we will be holding a cake morning along with tea and coffee in aid of the **Walsall Life House**. Monies raised will be used to buy Christmas presents for the mothers and babies in our Life House, and to treat them to a Christmas Dinner.

Please come along to support this event, and enjoy a cake with your cup of tea (or coffee).

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our Christmas Party is to be held on **Monday 13th December** at 1pm. If you would like to join us please put your name on the list at the back of church. We ask if you would bring something along for the shared table and a Secret Santa gift up to the value of £5.

We need to know by 4th/5th December if you are intending to come.

Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, **2nd December at 7.00pm**, we will pray the Rosary for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month our intention is: **'For those facing crisis pregnancies at this time.'**

Praying for the Unborn



As we ponder the hope found in the Second Coming of our Saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for good. Amen

Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7pm Tuesday 15th February 2022

7pm Tuesday 27th April

7pm Tuesday 28th June

St. Joseph's Nechells

Each year as a parish we collect presents for the children of St. Joseph's School in Nechells. Sadly, as last year due to COVID-19, this will not be possible. This is sad as the gifts are greatly appreciated by the children. As last year instead of donating presents, I wonder if we could collect the money normally spent on the presents, to provide the children with a Christmas Meal in school. If you would like to contribute towards this please put your money in an envelope marked 'St. Joseph's' and pop it through the Presbytery door (if you have not already done so). **Please do this before next weekend, or there will not be time for the children to get the meal before the end of term.**

Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig directly in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

And finally:- Today as we enter the church we find it once more decked in purple, and the familiar sight of the Advent Wreath once more returns to the sanctuary. Advent has arrived, and our time of prayerful preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord has begun. The very nature of this season, marked as it is by two clear and distinct characteristics, aids us in our spiritual preparations for the celebration of Christmas, and the beginning of a New Year of grace. Continuing the theme of the weeks that have immediately preceded it, Advent opens with its gaze fixed firmly on the Lord's Second Coming, before turning towards the events that surrounded His conception and birth. As Christians our lives too should be marked by these distinct, yet interdependent realities, as we journey through life. Each day, with our eyes fixed firmly on the destination, on heaven, we walk steadily the path of life that lies before us. This journey, however, should not be hampered by the fear of what is to come, but grounded upon our hope in the promises made to us by the Lord through the mystery of His Incarnation. May this Advent Season be for each one of us a time of grace and blessing, a time filled with faith and joy, as we leave behind the difficulties of the year now past, looking forward in hope to a better year ahead.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig