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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**

**DATE**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
2020**

**SUNDAY**

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

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 1**

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

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Joan Hart <sup>(BO'B)</sup>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Deidre M <sup>c</sup> Leary <sup>(CM)</sup> Fr. John Ellis <sup>RIP</sup>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. Bartholomew <sup>Apostle</sup> <sup>Feast</sup>	9.15am	Int. of the Benefactors of the Srs. of St. Joseph <sup>(Sr.A)</sup>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. Louis of France <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	Int. of Jim Smith <sup>(J&amp;DC)</sup>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> Blessed Dominic Barberi Priest, Religious <sup>Feast</sup>	9.15am	No Services Today
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. Monica <sup>Memorial</sup>	7.30pm	Noel Sweeney <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(D&amp;TM)</sup>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. Augustine Bishop, Doctor of the Church <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	Int. of John Hayes <sup>(S&amp;JW)</sup>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> The Beheading of St. John the Baptist <sup>Martyr</sup> <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.30am 6.00pm	Alma Darby <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(BB)</sup> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Brian Hornblower <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(The Kerrigan Family)</sup> Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup> Fr. John Dewis <sup>RIP</sup>

## Pope Francis

When we pray, God expects that we also be mindful of those who do not think as we do, those who have slammed the door in our face, those whom we find it hard to forgive. Only prayer unlocks chains, only prayer paves the way to unity. Let us pray for all God's children.

## Data Protection – Live-streaming

**Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who at this time cannot 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 who will ensure that you are seated on the left of the church.**

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Over the past several weeks Jacqui B and I have been looking at new ways of preparing parents for the Baptism of their child. This is in order to both clear up the backlog, and to make the Sacrament available to those who have recently had a child. If, therefore, you would like to have your child Baptised, and have, as yet, not contacted Fr. Craig, you can complete a booking form by visiting the 'Baptism Enquiry Page' of the Parish Website.

## Gift Aid Claims

As we prepare to submit our 2020 Gift Aid Reclaim you are reminded to make sure that you have paid enough tax to cover your claim. Could we also ask if you have changed your address in the past 12 months that you let myself or Peter D know ASAP. 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.



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## Live Simply Prayer – Week 39

**We pray for the Church, that she may help to bring healing to the earth and to people living with the burden of disadvantage and want.**

**THE DISASTER IN LEBANON –** As you know, on 4<sup>th</sup> August, two large explosions at the port of Lebanon's capital sent enormous shockwaves across the city. Homes and livelihoods are destroyed. More than a hundred people were killed. Thousands more lost their homes. You can help people in Beirut by supporting CAFOD's Beirut Emergency Appeal to supply medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelter. Through local experts, our Church network reaches survivors and their families **directly**. Sadly, this disaster has added to an existing crisis there. Hospitals and doctors were already reporting shortages of vital medical supplies, thanks to Coronavirus. Do pray for everyone affected by this terrible incident. And, if you are able, please make a donation to CAFOD for those suffering in Lebanon. Use this address:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off>  
or post a cheque to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB

**Please support in whatever way you can.**

### 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, Jo Jones, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Mark Desorgher, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkley, 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.

### The THOMAS Project

We are looking for our next great Charity Project Manager to drive our vision forward. The THOMAS Project is a Christian charity based in Aldridge, near Walsall, and we are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and talented Charity Project Manager to drive the next stage of our development. This is a permanent position (21hrs per week). Salary circa £26k (actual salary is £13k) plus annual leave and bank holiday entitlement. If you would like an informal chat contact us on 01922 452213, or to request an application form please email: [jobclub@thethomasproject.co.uk](mailto:jobclub@thethomasproject.co.uk) Closing date for returned applications is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 5.00pm. Interviews will be held the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### Life 50<sup>th</sup> 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 [lifecharity.org.uk/donate](http://lifecharity.org.uk/donate)

### Fairtrade

If anybody would like to purchase items from Fairtrade please contact Sarah Brook on her mobile: 07961 923881, or via email [sarah\\_e\\_brook@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah_e_brook@yahoo.co.uk) Sarah has items in stock and is willing to deliver them rather than allow them to go out of date and then have to be thrown away.

### 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 is the Mass that you must attend for the 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 have a sick relative at home.

- You suspect you may have, or have been exposed to, Covid-19

### **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 still 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:** Today in the Gospel we have that wonderful scene when, having professed his belief in Christ as 'the Son of the Living God', Peter receives the 'keys of the kingdom of heaven'. In this very moment the Sacrament of Reconciliation is born; when Peter, here representing the Church, receives from Christ the power to forgive sins. Since then the Church has faithfully used the power of the keys to heal souls of their sins, restoring them to friendship with God, opening once more the way to heaven for those who have fallen into Mortal Sin. Despite the wonder of this Sacrament, today, sadly, it is one of the most neglected, and under used channels of grace given out of love by Christ to His Church. Often out of fear, shame, or even as a result of a bad experience of this Sacrament in the past, too many people would rather remain in their sin than experience the peace that only this Sacrament can bring. May today's Gospel move the hearts of all the faithful to seek once more the power of the keys, and to experience the depths of God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*