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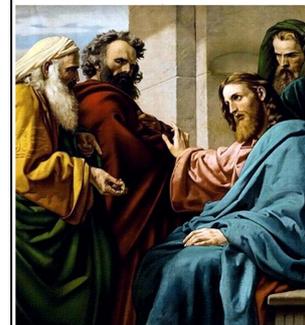
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 25th October
2020**

SUNDAY

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

<u>Saturday 24th October</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 25th October</u> Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Pat Kerrigan RIP ^(SK) Johnson Association Benefactors Mass Int. of Fr. Ryan Service ^(BO'B)
<u>Monday 26th October</u> Feria	9.15am	Int. of Bill & Marguerite Baxendale ^(BB)
<u>Tuesday 27th October</u> Feria	9.15am	Rev. Timothy Burke RIP ^(KM)
<u>Wednesday 28th October</u> Ss. Simon & Jude Apostles Feast	9.15am	No Services Today
<u>Thursday 29th October</u> Feria	7.30pm	In thanksgiving for the NHS ^(D&SG)
<u>Friday 30th October</u> Feria	9.15am	Tomas Daly RIP ^(DD)
<u>Saturday 31st October</u> Our Lady Saturday Memorial	9.30am 6.00pm	Int. of O'Brien & McCarthy Fam. ^(BO'B) Monica Packington RIP ^(J&PC; GF)
<u>Sunday 1st November</u> Solemnity of All Saints	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Geoff Jones RIP ^(AH) Ann Curry RIP ^(Fr. C)

Pope Francis:

“Enough!” says Jesus (Lk 22:38), when his disciples produce two swords before the Passion “Enough!” That single word of Jesus echoes through the centuries and reaches us forcefully in our own time: enough swords, weapons, violence and war!

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.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

Next Sunday (1st November) at 12noon Bishop David Evans will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St. Chad’s Cathedral. Married couples are encouraged to join in with this Mass, which will include a Renewal of Commitment, from home via the Cathedral Live-stream:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Couples who are celebrating a milestone anniversary (1st or every 5th year up to their 60th, and every year over 60) are encouraged to email Lianne Pap at lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with their full names and the anniversary being celebrated in 2020, along with the name of the Parish you were married in and the Parish you now live in, for inclusion in the order of service. Pictures of you then, and now, may also be included.

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of October: **The Laity’s Mission in the Church**. We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 48

With Bartimaeus we cry: “Have pity on us”; take away the blindness in our hearts and minds, Lord, so we may follow clearly in your way, you are the light of our lives.

Disaster in Lebanon

As you will recall, earlier in August, two large explosions at the port in Lebanon’s capital city sent enormous shockwaves across the city. Homes and livelihoods were destroyed. More than a hundred people were killed. CAFOD continues to ask us to help the people in Beirut by supporting their Beirut Emergency Appeal to supply medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelters. Through local experts, our Church network reaches survivors and their families **directly**. Obviously, this disaster added to existing critical issues there: the impact of Coronavirus, ongoing shortages of vital medical supplies, an ineffectual government, social disruption and loss of employment. Please pray for everyone still being affected by these terrible explosions. With your help CAFOD is tackling these problems and will be able to go on doing so. If you are able, please make a donation to CAFOD using this address:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off>

or post a cheque to: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

Sick in the Parish

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

Patricia McMahon, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Mark Desorgher, Anna Morgan ^{nee 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.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for 'Peter's Pence'. This is the annual collection used to support the Pope's charitable work throughout the world.

New Sound System

Many of you will have noticed that, during lockdown, a new sound system has been installed in the church costing **£8,713**. I hope you will agree that it is a vast improvement, giving a much better sound quality. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new system it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Sound System' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a GAD set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope'. Many thanks

Life 50th Anniversary

This Tuesday, 27th October, is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering that so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. Please consider an online donation at:

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

St. Joseph's Nechells

Each year as a parish we collect presents for the children of St. Joseph's School in Nechells. Sadly, this year due to COVID-19 this will not be possible, as the school cannot distribute the gifts to the families. This is a real shame as the gifts are greatly appreciated by the children. This year, instead of donating presents, I wonder if we could collect the money normally spent on the presents, in order to provide the children with a Christmas Meal in school before the end of term. 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.

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. Once you feel ready to return to Mass, the 'Booking in form' will remain on the 'Covid-19' page of the parish website, you simply need to complete it and click 'Submit'.

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.

Christmas Cards

As Christmas draws ever closer, Margaret L. and I have been discussing Christmas cards. As it is increasingly difficult to purchase cards in the local shops that bear any relevance to the true meaning of Christmas, we are conscious that many of you like to purchase your cards from the piety stall. This year we are still willing to supply Christmas Cards, however, things will have to be done differently. If you would like to get your cards from the church piety stall could I ask that in the next few weeks you contact me either by telephone, or by email to place your order.

You can look at the cards, which are available by visiting:

www.cbcdistributors.co.uk

Once on the website type "Christmas Cards" into the 'search' at the top of the page. When you have found the cards you want, make a note of the 'Nr Code'. Use this code, and the number of boxes you want, when placing your order with Fr. Craig.

We will then place an order, and once the cards have arrived I will contact you to arrange collection. Please could we ask that all orders have been placed by the end of October.

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 will find all of the information that you need to know. You can also complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. Once this form has been submitted you will be contacted by Fr. Craig to make arrangements for you to attend a Baptismal Class.

And finally: As we hurtle towards the end of the Liturgical Year, with only four weeks left until the beginning of the Advent Season, I have begun to turn my mind towards Christmas. Last year, and for the first time in many a year, the church was packed to the rafters at the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve, with people even having to stand outside. Sadly, with things the way they are, this Christmas is going to be very different. I am therefore, having to think of a new way to make our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord as normal as possible under the current conditions. At the moment I feel that Christmas without Christmas Carols (given the restriction on singing in the church) is going to be very flat. In the next few weeks I am planning to meet with the organist, and the Folk Group, to see how we can overcome this problem. Once I have a plan in place I will let you know what is happening. At present all I can say is that there will be more Masses than in previous years, and that you will only be allowed into the church if you have a ticket for that Mass. Public Masses will be celebrated - Christmas Eve: 7pm & 12midnight; Christmas Day: 9am & 10.30am.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig