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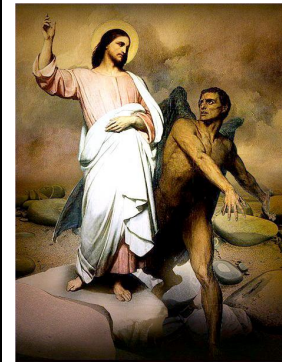
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 21st February
2021**

SUNDAY

**First Sunday of Lent
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

Saturday 20th February (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st February First Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Leo & Anne Cassidy RIP ^(BO'B) Brian Joseph Hornblower RIP ^(AH) Sick in the Parish ^(SVP)
Monday 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter ^{Feast}	9.15am	Int. of Pauline Devlin (Healing & Recovery) ^(JH)
Tuesday 23rd February Lent Feria	9.15am	Int. of Paul O'Loughlin ^(BB)
Wednesday 24th February Lent Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 25th February Lent Feria	7.30pm	Gary Piddock RIP ^(ML&GW)
Friday 26th February Lent Feria	9.15am 3.30pm	In Thanksgiving (The Kerrigan Family) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27th February Lent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Ivy Monica & David Dabbs RIP ^(J&YD) <i>Confessions (by appointment only)</i> The Howard Family (Parish Memorial Mass)
Sunday 28th February Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Eliz McCabe RIP ^(SMcC) People of the Parish David Farmer RIP ^(B&TM)

Pope Francis:

Let us return to the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, to the fire that resurrects our ashes. Let us pray once more to the Holy Spirit and rediscover the fire of praise, which consumes the ashes of our lamentation and resignation.

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.

Stations of the Cross



This Friday, 26th February, we will begin our annual ‘Stations of the Cross’ devotions at 3.30pm on each of the Fridays of Lent. This year, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic things will be a little different. In order to make the live-streaming of the Stations possible, instead of moving around the church in the normal fashion, I will conduct the service from the sanctuary. As we ‘move’ from station to station, you the congregation are still free to turn to face each of the stations in turn, without moving from your place in the church. For those following on-line an image of each of the stations can be found on the ‘Devotions’ page of the parish website.

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of February is: **Violence against women.** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Sick in the Parish

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

Francis Patton, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Maureen Carr, Pat Hopley, Leo Jones, 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 ^{nee Meehan}, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

Now we have entered the season of Lent I am now beginning to think about the logistics of the Triduum Services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter). Please could I ask that you keep an eye out, here on the Parish Newsletter, for more information about how these ceremonies will be managed this year.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter by visiting: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news



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Live Simply Prayer – Week 13

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to help us remember throughout this Lent the three calls you make upon us during the time till Easter - to pray, to fast and to give to others in their need.

Family Fast Day



Lent has now begun. Family Fast Day fall early this year – Friday 26th February 2021. This offers an opportunity to direct some of our almsgiving effectively to meet a basic need of other people, a way of helping them survive. This is made possible because CAFOD has made **the provision of water** a major objective. If you would like to get information about CAFOD's aim, it can be had at this web address:

<https://www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Casey**. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace. Paul's Funeral Service will take place at Streetly Crematorium on **Thursday 4th March at 1.00pm**.

Whilst it is only possible for the family to be present at the funeral, you are invited to light a candle in your home and pray for his soul at this time.

Organ Restoration Fund

The church organ here at St. Mary of the Angels is in need of some urgent repair work. Many of the electrical components of the organ have now begun to fail, due to their age and general wear and tear, and need to be replaced. As we are currently not using the organ on a regular basis now would be the perfect time to address these issues and so bring the organ back up to perfect working order. The cost of the works needed is £5,824.80. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the repair work it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Organ Restoration' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope': Many thanks.

ANNUAL LENTEN ALMSGIVING



The 'Lent Alms Box' for our annual Lenten Almsgiving is now on the table at the back of the church. This year we will be donating all of the monies raised to the '**Friends of the Holy Land**'. Friends of the Holy Land are a non-political organisation whose sole focus is to provide practical help directly to our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan & Israel – those parts of the world that we, as Christians, call the Holy Land. Their works focuses on health, employment, family support, education, and housing improvement. This year the Holy Land, the Holy Places, and the many thousands of Christians who live and work there, have been badly affected by the COVID Pandemic. Please give generously to help this wonderful organisation continue the important work that they do.

Praying for the Unborn



As we begin this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices, for the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the lonely and the unborn. That the Lord would see their needs and pour out His love and blessing upon them. Amen.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend, **27th/28th of February**, for CAFOD. This is the annual 'Lent Family Fast Day' collection. Please place your money in the basket on the table at the back of the church marked 'Family Fast Day'.

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.

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'.

And finally:-

The beginning of His Holiness Pope Francis' message for Lent 2021:

'Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil 2:8*). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. *Mt 6:1-18*), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.'

The full text of Pope Francis' message for Lent 2021 can be found on the 'Lent and Easter 2021' page of the website of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, or if you prefer, by following this link: [Message of the Holy Father – Lent 2021](#)

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig