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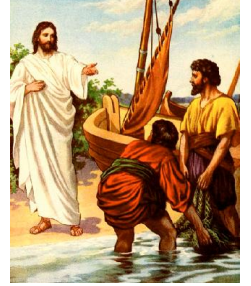
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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**

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DATE

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

<u>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Thomas Shaw RIP <sup>(A&amp;JT)</sup>
<u>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u> <b>Feria</b>	9.15am	Int. of Sr. Theresa Pillion <sup>(Sr. A)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u> St. Thomas Aquinas Priest, Doctor of the Church <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	Doug Ingleby RIP <sup>(CI)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u> <b>Feria</b>	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
<u>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u> <b>Feria</b>	9.15am 7:30pm	Int. of Deacon John <sup>(SVP)</sup> Reg & Mary Benton RIP <sup>(AW)</sup>
<u>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.</u> St. John Bosco <sup>Priest Memorial</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	Requiem Mass for Mary Nix
<u>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.</u> <b>Saturday Memorial of the BVM</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am 6.00pm	Edith Hilda Brookes RIP Confessions & Exposition Benediction Mary Russon RIP <sup>(JR &amp; Family)</sup>
<u>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.</u> Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	9.30am	People of the Parish

## Pope Francis

Being Christian does not mean defending yourself with an ideology in order to move forward. To be Christian is to be free, because we have confidence, because we are docile to the Word of the Lord, listening to what the Lord says about justice, charity, forgiveness and mercy. To be a Christian is to be free through trust in God.

## Recently Deceased

Pray for the souls of **Mary Nix, Fr. Brian Doolan & Fr. Patrick Farrelly**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

## Fr. Craig

Congratulation, and Many Happy Returns to Fr. Craig who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

## Beetle Drive

We are having another of our popular 'Beetle Drives on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Tickets, which include a fish and chip supper, will soon be available at £8 per person. There will be no other expenses.

A huge thanks goes to all who helped in any way with last Friday's Parish Social. It raised **£213.00** for church funds, and was enjoyed by all those who attended.

## Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This year the Diocese are hosting two Masses for those who are celebrating an Anniversary of Marriage, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of May at 12noon. If you are interested in going please see the details on the poster in the porch.

## St Francis of Assisi College

Our next Youth SVP retreat afternoon will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The theme will be based on Lent. Closer to the time we will send out a signup sheet.

## Walsall Life



Walsall Life have need of prams and double push chairs. If you have any that your family no longer require, they would be most welcome. Please contact Ann T or Beryl M.

## Lourdes Fundraising Concert

We are extremely grateful for all of the fundraising you have already been doing for our students at SFA, to finish our campaign we will run a concert on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We would love you all to join us for a night of incredible musical talent and help us to raise money for our great cause. More details will be realised closer to the time.

## 'That They May Be One'

Christians from the churches of Aldridge come together several times a month:

- Prayer Walk – 14<sup>th</sup> of each month – various times and venues.
- Christians in the Pub – companionship and the odd drink, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 8:30pm to 9:30pm at Wetherspoons.
- Healing on the Street – Meets outside Costa 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am – 1pm.
- Filling Station – Praise, testimonies and prayer – Community Centre 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm.

Please see the notices in the porch or speak to Peter C.

## Second Collections

There will be a retiring collection **next weekend** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February to support the young people of the parish who, later this year, will be going Lourdes with SFA College.

## Duty Rotas

New duty rotas for **Coffee Morning, Mass Welcomers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Cleaners** are now available from the stand in the porch. **There are many of these still awaiting collection from the rack in the porch. If you are on a duty rota, there will be one for you, please collect yours as soon as possible.**

## Sick in the Parish

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

**Olivia (Dotty)<sup>C</sup>, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>nee Meehan</sup>, 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, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**



### **Live Simply Prayer – Week 9**

Lord, we pray that those who have material, political, or spiritual power in our country will resist the temptation of corruption and self-interest.

**Many thanks for the donations of stamps, coins and broken jewellery for CAFOD. These are always much appreciated. Our gold box will remain in situ for any further donations.**

## Craft and Natter

We meet each Tuesday in term time from 11am, when everyone is welcome. For more information call Christine on 01922 860981

## Diocesan Directories 2020

Directories are available in the sacristy. They are priced at £5.00 a copy, money to be given to Fr. Craig.

## Whetstone Over 50s Group

Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Location to be determined



## Race Night

The Keeling Dance School is hosting the Race Night event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February to aid in raising monies for St. Francis of Assisi students to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in order to assist invalid pilgrims. Doors open at 7:30 for an 8:00pm start. Tickets are **£5** per adult and **£2** per child. Light refreshments will be available, but bring your own alcoholic drinks.

The Keeling school is located to the rear of Lloyds Bank on the high street. It can be approached through the car park behind Barclays Bank.

Email: [keelingdance@hotmail.com](mailto:keelingdance@hotmail.com)

Phone: 07541 502037 or approach Níamh or Katie to book a place.

## Guild of St. Stephen Thanksgiving Mass

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Bishop David McGough will celebrate a Mass for the Guild at St. Chad's, followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw room. Guild members wishing to attend should let Fr. Craig know as soon as possible. Please see the notice board for details.

## Save the Date

There will be a quiz night in the parish meeting room on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7:00pm to 10:00pm to raise funds for Amy Hayes' trip to Lourdes with SFA. More details to follow shortly.

**Baptism Enquiries:** If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

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

**PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK**

<b>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry & James
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	Keith, Christine H, Nathalie & Bernadette
<b>9.30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Cathy & Helen
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	Barbara, Phil, Sue & David W
	<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Karen
	<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Maureen, Ann T, Pat H & Philomena

**PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

<b>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Ann & John
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony & Mavis
	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Pat H
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	Emma, David G, John C & Ann T
<b>9.30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Jonathan & Ann F
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian
	<b>READERS:</b>	Jacqui & Keith H
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	Margaret, Jacqui, Peter & Maura
<b>CASHIERS:</b>	Team B	
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Maureen P, Dorothy & Maureen A	

**And finally:** Today in the gospel we hear once more the call of those first four disciples of the Lord, Peter, Andrew, James and John. Notice how simple the call is: "Come, follow me", and how, without hesitation, these men leave everything behind, their livelihood, their businesses and even their father, and set off into the unknown. Today we live in a world where there is so much noise, so many distractions, yet the Lord is still calling out to each one of us "Come, follow me". This invitation may not mean for us anything quite as radical as it did for the disciples in the gospel; it may not be a call to leave everything behind in order to follow where the Lord leads. Yet it is a call inviting each one of us to follow the Lord in a way which only we, as individuals, can. The question is: Are we listening for the voice of the Lord as He calls to us through the noise?

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*