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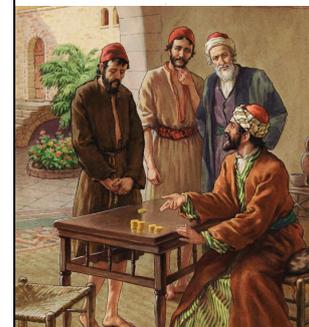
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 15th November
2020**

SUNDAY

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

In response to COVID-19 all public Masses and other liturgies have been suspended until further notice. We will, however, continue to live-stream all of our Masses at the advertised times.

Please Note That All Masses Will Be Said In Private

Sunday 15th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish <i>Church open for Private Prayer</i>
Monday 16th Nov St. Margaret of Scotland <small>Memorial</small>	9.15am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 17th Nov Feria	9.15am	Int. of Anne Humphreys ^(K&PB)
Wednesday 18th Nov Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul <small>Apostles Memorial</small>		No Services Today
Thursday 19th Nov Feria	7.30pm	Int. of Fr. Malcolm Glaze ^(AC)
Friday 20th Nov Feria	9.15am	Brian Joseph Hornblower <small>RIP</small> ^(FH)
Saturday 21st Nov Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <small>Memorial</small>	9.30am 6.00pm	Geoff Jones <small>RIP</small> ^(M&LJ) <i>Vigil of Christ the King</i>
Sunday 22nd November Solemnity of Christ the King	9.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish <i>Church open for Private Prayer</i>

Pope Francis:

All of us are able to give without expecting anything in return, to do good to others without demanding that they treat us well in return. As Jesus told his disciples: “Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give” (Mt 10:8).

Church open for Private Prayer

With the latest law passed by the UK Government imposing a second period of lockdown we are, once again, unable to gather together in the church for Mass. It is, however, permissible for us to open the church for times of individual private prayer. It is therefore my intention, beginning this Sunday, to open the church from 4.30pm to 5.30pm for people to be able to come and pray. During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar. If you intend to come to the church to pray you must: continue to wear a facemask at all times whilst in the church, maintain social distancing, sanitise your hands upon entering and exiting the church, and follow the instructions of the stewards at all times.

Vigil of Christ the King

In the Statement put out by the Bishops' Conference in response to the closure of our churches, they have asked for us to join in a Vigil of Prayer on the Eve of the Feast of Christ the King. This Vigil, together with the moments of prayer each evening at 6pm leading up to this Vigil, focuses on the importance of sustaining each other in prayer as we pray for an end to the pandemic. At 6pm this coming Saturday I will live-stream the Vigil of Christ the King, a time of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, along with 1st Vespers and the Office of Readings for the Solemnity, ending with Benediction.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of November: **Artificial Intelligence**. We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 51

“May we be the beating heart and the accompanying feet of the Church that opens her arms and sustains” (Pope Francis).

Prisoners of Conscience

Once again during ADVENT, Cafod is asking us to make a gesture of solidarity towards men and women in different parts of the world who are fighting for justice and human freedom. **“They are taking on powerful interests in an attempt to protect local communities. Sometimes this means receiving death threats for opposing illegal logging in the Amazon or facing harassment and violence for advocating women’s rights.”** The idea is to send a card to one of these ‘Defenders’ in good time for Christmas. Will you take part in this effort of Christian support? Perhaps get a friend to do the same? **Either** buy a Christmas card and write a message of encouragement and post it off to: Campaigns Team, CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. You could address it to ‘Dear Friend’. **Or** simply send your message online to:

cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave. Either way Cafod will direct your message to one of 8 they are backing. This needs to be done by Monday 7th December. If you want more details go to:

www.cafod.org/messagetobrave.

Sick in the Parish

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

Please remember especially:

Leo Jones, Luke Smith, 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, 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.

Job Vacancy at the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese is looking to appoint a new Chief Operating Officer (“COO”). This is a Permanent, Full Time post with a salary of £80,000 to £90,000 p.a. The role of COO is to work closely with the Archbishop, Area Bishops and the Vicar General with responsibility for the lay workforce in the Archdiocese, the financial and properties resources involved in providing the administrative services in fulfilment of the Mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese. For a full and complete job description, and for the application process, please follow this link to the advert on the diocesan website: [New COO for the Archdiocese.](#)

The closing date for applications is 9.00am on Friday 18th December 2020. Applicants must provide a CV or Professional Profile.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Gannon**. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Mary’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 19th November at 11.45am. Whilst it is only possible for the family to be present in the church for the Mass, please light a candle at home and pray for her soul, and for her family, at this time.

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.

New Sound System

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

Statement from the Bishops’ Conference

Today, Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until 2nd December. These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings.

Churches remain open and in use for activities other than communal worship, including personal prayer and support for those in need. Funeral Masses and funeral services may be held. Please refer to the Regulations (for places of worship see paragraph 18) and associated Guidance.

Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: *‘Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity’* (Titus 3:1). We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods.

It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society.

At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need.

This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols - President
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
Vice-President

And finally: As we approach, with alarming speed, the end of another Liturgical Year, the liturgy of the Church begins to focus our attention on ‘the end times’. The Eschaton, the coming again of Christ in glory, the final judgement of the world, and the ultimate destiny of humanity, is set before us year after year not to frighten us into action, but to encourage us in our perseverance in faith and good works. The Second Coming of Christ is one of the central mysteries of faith. It is something that we profess and acclaim every time we recite the Creed. However, our not knowing on what day or at what hour he will come again reminds us of just how precious time, and indeed life itself, is. This reality has, for so many, been brought sharply into focus over the past several months when, in the twinkling of an eye, and without any time to prepare, life as we know it has been drastically changed. Time, life, family, friendship, and most of all faith, are precious gifts that have been given to us by God; given to be cherished and used well in His service. As we look forward to Advent, and the beginning of a New Year of grace, let us recommit ourselves to using well the gifts of God; to praying each day for an increase of faith, hope and charity; to cherishing our families and our friends, as: ‘we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ’.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig