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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



**DATE**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
2021**

**SUNDAY**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B**

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 4**

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

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	In thanksgiving for Parishioners <sup>(JH)</sup>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish The Howard Family <sup>(Parish Memorial Mass)</sup> Leslie Roberts <sup>(SVP)</sup> RIP
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.15am	Int. of Raymond C. Pullin <sup>100 Birthday</sup> <sup>(J&amp;AT)</sup>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b> The Presentation of the Lord <sup>Feast</sup>	9.15am	Claire Robinson <sup>RIP</sup>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b> <b>St. Blaise</b> <sup>Bishop, Martyr</sup> <sup>Memorial</sup>		No Services Today
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>Feria</b>	7.30pm	Roger Howell <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(SH)</sup>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>St. Agatha</b> <sup>Virgin, Martyr</sup> <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	Leslie Roberts <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(MR)</sup>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>St. Paul Miki, and Companions</b> <sup>Martyr</sup> <sup>Memorial</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Brian Wilkes <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(FH)</sup> <i>Confessions</i> <sup>(by appointment only)</sup> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Jack Ryan <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(St. Joseph's Primary (Lichfield))</sup> Int. of the Brs. Hospitalers <sup>(PH)</sup> Gerry Bree <sup>RIP</sup>

## Pope Francis:

The words of Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart.

### 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.

### Christmas Crib Collection



This is the Final Sunday for our annual Crib Collection. This year we are taking this collection to help the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). ACN work to help our suffering and persecuted Christian throughout the world. Since the beginning of the pandemic many of our Christian brothers and sisters have been some of the most severely affected as a result of Covid-19.

### Face Masks

Please could I respectfully remind you that mask must cover both your nose and mouth at all times when in the church. This is an important part of our fight against the spread of the virus!

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of February: **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 <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, 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 Hawley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

### 50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for December entrants drawn on 24<sup>th</sup> January:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>JN</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>£150</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>£60</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>DG</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>£32.50</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>£20</b>

Total prizes this month £262.50

### Thank you

Fr. Craig would like to thank everyone for the many wonderful cards, gifts and best wishes that he received on his 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Your kindness and generosity is overwhelming.



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### **Live Simply Prayer – Week 10**

**Save us, Lord our God, and bring us together to give united thanks to your holy name.**

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

We now know that the government will be continuing the present lockdown into March. This means that our normal preparation for Family Fast Day, both as a Parish community and as a School, cannot take place as it usually would. Therefore, this is a brief early mention of Family Fast Day to remind ourselves that this year Family Fast Day is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Recently Deceased**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Leslie Roberts & Canon Giles Goward**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Leslie's Funeral Service takes place on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February** at Streetly Crematorium at 1.30pm.

### **St. Mary of the Angels Primary School**

The admission deadline for the Nursery at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School for the academic year beginning September 2021 is 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021. If you are interested in a place for your child, please contact the school office on 01922 743411 for an application form and for information on the process.

### **Rosary for the Unborn**

This Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, please pray the Rosary at home for the unborn. The Intention for February is: **For women seeking healing after an abortion.**



### **COVID-19 – a very challenging time for many marriages.**

With so much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing many married couples have begun to feel the stress of living with the current situation. The many different ways of seeing things, coping with change and the managing of fears can for so many become a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, support and comfort one another when there is so much uncertainty. Then on top of all this there is the added challenge of being together all the time. All of this can bring many challenges to our marriages. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps to nourish and grow your marriage – and you don't even have to leave your home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend, commencing on 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 call or text 07887 296983, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Praying for the Unborn**



For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their families, friends and local communities. Amen.

### 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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans, January 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. This is an opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. To find out more visit: <https://www.wwme.org.uk> or call 0845 260 2016.

### Mini Retreat

**‘I am an instrument of God’s Love’ a mini retreat for care givers and those who work in the mental health sector.**

Ben Bano, at Welcome me as I am, has prepared a scriptural based mini retreat for all who work as care givers or who are employed in the Mental Health Sector in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. For more information about this mini retreat please visit:

<https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>

### 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:** On Tuesday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Sacred Scripture affords us the opportunity of looking at how faith impacts our daily living. On this day we encounter in the Gospel two figures, Simeon and Anna. These two figures share many things in common; both are well on in years, both are people of great faith, both are people who have an absolute confidence that the promise of the Lord would be fulfilled in their own time. At the exact moment that the Christ child is brought into the Temple, Simeon prompted by the Holy Spirit, and Anna who spent her days in fasting and prayer, enter in and witness the scene by which their hopes and desires were fulfilled. Like them, we too should daily, in faith and in trust, commit our lives, our work and our selves to the Lord, confident that His promises will be fulfilled. Perhaps this year, living in these strange and uncertain times as we are, we can look to these two great figures of scripture for inspiration. They teach us the lessons of hope and trust in God, and in His power to fulfil His promises. With them may we entrust ourselves to God's care, confident that He hears our prayer. With them may we truly believe that all things are in God's hands, and that with God on our side we have nothing to fear, for He is always with us to guard, guide and direct our lives, until His purposes have been fulfilled

*May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig*