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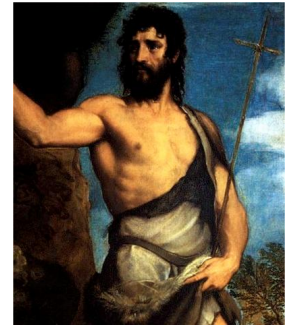
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 6th December
2020**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday of Advent
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

Saturday 5th December (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Brian Hornblower RIP ^(YD)
Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Connie Mitchell ^(CM) People of the Parish ^(JF)
Monday 7th Dec St. Ambrose Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9.15am	Margaret Connolly RIP ^(PH)
Tuesday 8th Dec Immaculate Conception of the BVM Solemnity	9.15am	Marie Bevan RIP ^(K&CM)
Wednesday 9th Dec Advent Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 10th Dec Advent Feria	7.30pm	Int. of Fr. Ryan ^(DM)
Friday 11th Dec Advent Feria	9.15am	Int. of Catherine Shepherd ^(J&YD)
Saturday 12th Dec Advent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	David Evans RIP ^(ES) <i>Confessions (by appointment only)</i> Int. of the Hoskisson Family ^(P&MH)
Sunday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Brian Hornblower RIP ^(AH) Sick in the Parish ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

Praying and loving, that is what it means to be watchful. When the Church worships God and serves our neighbour, it does not live in the night. However weak and weary, she journeys towards the Lord. Let us now call out to him. Come, Lord Jesus, we need you!

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 Services



There is now a page on the Parish Website called “Christmas Masses”. On this page you are now able to complete a ‘booking in form’ to secure a place at one of the Christmas Masses. Public Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm & 12midnight. On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 9.00am and 10.30am. I will also be celebrating Mass at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, which will be live-streamed. At this Mass only the choir will be present in the church enabling us to have a sung Mass with carols. The live-stream will commence at 4.30pm with a Carol Service.

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of December: **For a life of prayer.** We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 2

Father, give hope and opportunity to those who now face unemployment and the loss of income as a consequence of coronavirus measures

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:

Leo Jones, Luke Smith, 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.

A huge ‘thank you’ to you all

Over the past several weeks we have been raising money for two specific things, namely the new church sound system & St. Joseph’s Nechells. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who have contributed so generously towards these two collections. We have now raised the full £8,713, the total cost of the sound system, which is an amazing achievement! For St. Joseph’s we have banked a staggering £1000, and I have issued a cheque to the school. Not only will this money enable the school to provide a Christmas Meal to every child in the school free of charge, but there is enough money for the headteacher to identify families in their community who are in the greatest need of assistance at this time. These collections are now finished.

Praying for the Unborn

This Tuesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love will be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jacqueline Ann Spencer, Patricia McMahon & Stuart Grundy.** On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Jacqueline’s Funeral Service will take place at Streetly Crematorium on Monday 14th December at 10.45am prior to interment in the cemetery. Whilst it is only possible for the family to attend, please light a candle in your home and pray for her soul at this time.

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.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection this weekend, 2nd Sunday of Advent, for the Poor Mission Fund. This fund exists to help our poorer parishes, many of which have been particularly badly hit this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions on Public Worship.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic College “Virtual Carol Service”

St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic College, Aldridge are proud to invite you to join in our Virtual Christmas Carol Service. The service will be available to stream from Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm. The service can be found on our Facebook page: “St Francis of Assisi Catholic College”,

<https://www.facebook.com/SFACTC> or our YouTube page: “St Francis of Assisi Catholic College”,

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVQF78GOJR3giQRF_LVcXOQ

This is a free virtual event, however we strongly encourage all to give a donation to Birmingham Mind via our just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-francis-of-assisi-catholic-college-aldridge>

Please contact dmarsh@stfrancis.cc if you have any questions.

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: This weekend as we continue our Advent journey, a journey of expectant hope, we once again encounter the figure of St. John the Baptist. Unlike the account of the appearance of the Baptist in St. Matthew’s gospel, which we hear in Year A, St. Mark’s account is much shorter. Today there is no lengthy description of the Baptist’s encounter with the Pharisees and Sadducees; instead St. Mark cuts straight to heart of John’s message, the call to repentance in order to receive Christ and the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Repentance and conversion to Christ is, and must be for every Christian, a part of our daily lives. St. John Henry Cardinal Newman once wrote “here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often”. Advent, and the beginning of a New Year, gives us an opportunity to reflect upon what has past as we prepare to celebrate what lies ahead. It offers us the chance to leave behind the things that have caused us to fall, and to build upon the things that have helped us to grow. This Advent may we open our hearts once more to God’s grace, that we may daily be transformed more and more into the likeness of His Son.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig