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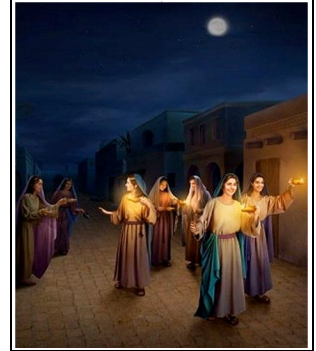
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 8th November
2020**

SUNDAY

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 4

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 8th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish <i>Church open for Private Prayer</i>
Monday 9th Nov Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast	9.15am	Anna Williams RIP (M&IP)
Tuesday 10th Nov St. Leo the Great Memorial Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.15am	Holy Souls (BO'B)
Wednesday 11th Nov St. Martin of Tours Bishop Memorial		No Services Today
Thursday 12th Nov St. Josaphat Bishop, Martyr Memorial	7.30pm	Michael Joyce RIP (M&DJ)
Friday 13th Nov Feria	9.15am	Int. of David Goodwin (K&PB)
Saturday 14th Nov Our Lady Saturday Memorial	9.30am	Int. of the Hayes Family
Sunday 15th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish <i>Church open for Prayer Private</i>

Pope Francis:

Let us attend the school of Jesus Christ, teacher of prayer. May we learn from Him that prayer is primarily listening and encountering God, an art to be practised with insistence, the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to Him.

Aldridge Remembrance Service

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year's Remembrance Service, due to be held this Sunday 8th November, has been cancelled. Instead, a pre-recorded Service of Remembrance will be broadcast starting at 10.45am and can be accessed via:

<https://www.facebook.com/AldridgeRemembrance/>

or via:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcdhCi3L5Sirml7eU6QF7g>

A copy of the Order of Service, which is available for you to print off, can be found on the Aldridge Remembrance Facebook Page.

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.

Red Mission Boxes

Sue W. and I would like to thank all those who brought their Red Mission Box monies to be counted. The money has now been collated, banked and sent off to Missio. The total amount raised came to £552.80. This money will be used to help the Mill Hill Missionaries to continue their work of proclaiming the faith in mission territories. If you would be interested in becoming a Red Mission Box holder please do not hesitate to contact me at the Presbytery.

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 50

Lord Jesus, put your spirit within me. Move me day by day to help my neighbour, as you give me occasion and opportunity.

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, Mark Desorgher, 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.

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.

Congratulations

We offer our prayers and congratulations to **Angela H.**, who was received into Full Communion with the Church, and to **Rachel J.** who was Baptised, last weekend at the 11.30am Mass.

We also offer our congratulations to **Freya Orla M.** who was Baptised last Sunday afternoon, and to her parents and Godparents.

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: The month of November, as you all know, is traditionally kept as the month of the Holy Souls; a month during which the Church offers prayer and supplication to God for all those who have ‘fallen asleep in the hope of rising again’. Today, the Sunday closest to 11th November, is Remembrance Sunday. On this day we offer Mass, and our prayers, for those men and women who gave their lives in the service of their Monarch and their Country; men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of freedom and peace. On this Remembrance Sunday we find ourselves at the beginning of a month long period of national lockdown. A time when, as a nation, we are once more being asked to sacrifice certain aspects of our freedom, both in our religious practice, and in some aspects of our day to day lives. Like those men and women of our Armed Forces whose souls we pray for today, we too are now called into battle. To stand united, not against a foreign army, but against an invisible and deadly enemy. In this month of lockdown therefore, let us not mourn the loss of our freedom, but with hope and trust in God, take up the armour of faith, and the sword of prayer, and together, like them, we shall prevail!

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig