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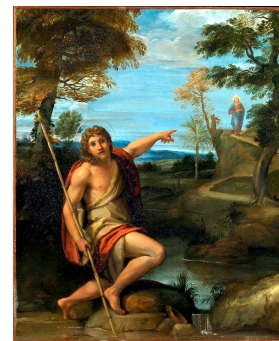
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 17th January
2021**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

Saturday 16th Jan (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Victor Alonzo RIP ^(MB)
Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Brian Hornblower RIP (Birthday Ann.) ^(MH) People of the Parish Int. of Leo Jones ^(SVP)
Monday 18th Jan Feria	9.15am	Int. of David Jones & Family ^(AH)
Tuesday 19th Jan St. Wulstan Bishop ^{Feast}	9.15am	Betty Terry RIP ^(J&AT)
Wednesday 20th Jan St. Sebastian Martyr ^{Memorial}		No Services Today
Thursday 21st Jan St. Agnes Virgin, Martyr ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Int. of John O'Neill ^(JO'N)
Friday 22nd Jan St. Vincent Deacon, Martyr ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Alma Darby RIP ^(R&MA)
Saturday 23rd Jan Our Lady Saturday Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of Evelyn Hawkey ^(BO'B) Confessions ^(by appointment only) Jo Jones RIP ^(D&SG)
Sunday 24th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Tony Andrews RIP ^(CA) Sick in the Parish ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

We possess a great wealth that depends on what we are: the life we have received, the good within us, the indelible beauty God has given us by making us in his image. All these things make each of us precious in his eyes; each one of us is priceless and unique in history.

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



Throughout the Christmas Season there will be a collection basket on the table at the back of the church for our annual Christmas 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. Your generosity could help support the work of ACN in places like Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Nigeria, Lebanon, India & Eritrea.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of January: **Human Fraternity**. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

National Lockdown

Under the Government's Guidelines for the 'New National Lockdown' Places of Worship can remain open for public worship. Whilst this is good news, we must remain vigilant, following the guidance at all times. One such guideline is that we **must not**, and should not, gather in the church carpark before or after any of the public acts of worship. Could I therefore remind you that you should go straight to your cars, and then home, at the end of Mass – please do not linger in the carpark to have a chat with your friends.

Sick in the Parish

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

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^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, 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.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 8

Lord God, move us to influence our own politicians and the leaders of our country to have commitment to human life and a respect for life, when they encounter demands to make laws hostile to its principles.

CAFOD NEWS

Last weekend there was some information for you about CAFOD's Magdalena Medio Project, one supported by this parish. Here is a prayer written by one of the peace workers from that area of Columbia. His name is Javier. We hope that parishioners from St. Mary of the Angels will use it.

Working for Christ's Kingdom

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, and the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic.

Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work.

But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence and injustice. Amen.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janet Reeves, Leslie Roberts & Archbishop Philip Tartaglia**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Janet's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 28th January at 10.30am** followed by burial at Oscott Cemetery. Leslie's Funeral Service will be on **Monday 1st February** at Streetly Crematorium at 1.30pm. Please also pray for John & Mary, and for their families, at this difficult time. Following the sudden death of Archbishop Tartaglia we pray also for the Scottish Catholic Church, and in particular for the Archdiocese of Glasgow.



A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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 25th-28th February 2021 call or text 07887 296983, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Praying for the Unborn



As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all the vulnerable in society. 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.

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'.

Assisted Suicide

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide.

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign putting pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is made clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from the assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right to Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsidered this important piece of legislation. It only takes 30 seconds to email you MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

And finally: "Here I am, since you called me." The third chapter of the first book of Samuel begins '... And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent visions.' I suspect that there are many who would agree; many who would say that this statement is as true and relevant today as it was in the time of Eli and Samuel. I wonder however, is this really the case, or is the real truth that the Lord does call to us each and every day and we simply do not listen? Then, of course, there are those who are listening for the voice of the Lord, but when they hear it they are too afraid to respond, or are unwilling to accept the demands that that call might entail. Have you ever thought what our world, or life, would be like if Andrew had not heard the voice of the Lord; or if Simon Peter had been too afraid to accept the invitation "Come and see"? The truth is that each and every one of us has been, and continues to be, called by the Lord into his service; that we all have a vocation which is as unique to us as we are as individuals in the sight of God himself. Like Samuel, Andrew, and Simon, if we are to answer our call, to come to know what our true vocation is, we must first make time to listen for the voice of the Lord. We must pray each day, asking the Lord to make his will known to us – to say with Samuel "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". Then, having listened and heard, we must pray for wisdom needed to discern what that call means; pray for the courage to respond to that call, no matter the cost; and pray for the strength to follow, each and every day, the path that the Lord has set us upon. Great things happened when Andrew and Peter answered their call! What more great things might happen, I wonder, if we all answered ours?

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig