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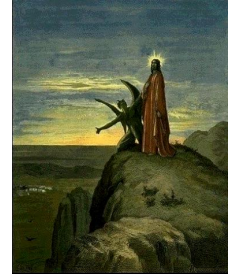
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD

DATE

Sunday 1st March 2020

SUNDAY

**First Sunday of Lent
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

<u>Saturday 29th Feb.</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Alan Payne RIP ^(SH)
<u>Sunday 1st March</u> First Sunday of Lent	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross
<u>Monday 2nd March</u> St. Chad Bishop Feast	9.15am	Joan Margaret Romans RIP
<u>Tuesday 3rd March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	Thomas Luke Weir RIP ^(Weir Family)
<u>Wednesday 4th March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
<u>Thursday 5th March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am 7.00pm 7:30pm	Int. of Colette Marsh ^(Sr.A) Rosary and Exposition for the Unborn Int. of the Benefactors of the SVP ^(SVP)
<u>Friday 6th March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am 3.30pm	Int. of David & Rose Bunce ^(D&RB) Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday 7th March</u> Lent Feria	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am	Patsy Hallett RIP ^(CM) Confessions & Exposition Benediction
<u>(1st Mass of Sunday)</u>	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 8th March</u> Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am 5.00pm	Bryn & Bridie Howells RIP ^(DM) Stations of the Cross

Pope Francis

Lent is a great time to make space for the Word of God. It is time to turn off the TV and open the Bible. It is a time to pull ourselves away from mobile phones and connect ourselves to the Gospel.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 3:30pm, and Sundays at 5:00pm, during the Season of Lent.

Archdiocese of Birmingham

The Archdiocese is advertising for a Finance Support Manager. Please see poster in porch for further details.

Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This year the Diocese are hosting two Masses for those who are celebrating an Anniversary of Marriage, Saturday 9th & Saturday 16th of May at 12 noon. If you are interested in going please see the details on the poster in the porch.

St Francis of Assisi College

Our next Youth SVP retreat afternoon will be on Tuesday 25th March. The theme will be based on Lent. Closer to the time we will send out a signup sheet.

Year of the Word

This year, The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, has dedicated as being The Year of the Word. We will begin our series of prayer and study with the Scriptures on **Friday 13th March at 7.00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Each session will include 30mins of Lectio Divina followed by 30mins of Scripture Study. Please do come along.

Lent Walk With Me

Copies of the Lent 'Walk With Me' booklets are available in the porch. If you would like to make a donation, please put the money in newspaper slot in the pillar.

St. Patrick's Dance



Aldridge Social Club
Saturday 14th March
Music by John Doogan
From 8:00pm to Midnight
Admission £4

Situation Vacant at Bishop Walsh

Bishop Walsh Catholic School in Sutton Coldfield (part of the St. John Paul II MAC) are seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward looking Principal for September 2020. Full details can be found on the school website: www.bishopwalsh.net

HMP Hewell, Redditch

HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please go to: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-o/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person-GB> for more information.

Congratulation

Congratulation to all our Confirmandi who were confirmed on Thursday evening 27th February by His Grace The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection **this weekend**, 29th February / 1st March, for Cathedral Maintenance. **Next weekend**, 7th/8th March, there will be a second collection for the work of CAFOD

Sick in the Parish

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

Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan nee Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, +Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Friday is CAFOD Family Fast day when we are encouraged to eat a little less. If you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please take one of the envelopes from the porch which can then be placed in the second collection next weekend.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 14

Lord, the created world is your precious gift to mankind. Give encouragement and courage to all who are campaigning and working to have climate change reversed.

Our gold box remains in situ for any donations of stamps, coins and broken jewellery. Many thanks for all your donations.

Whetstone Over 50s Group

March 3rd 3.15pm Committee Meeting in Parish Meeting Room.

March 9th meeting: Speaker will be Gerry Wintrip on ‘Doorstep Crimes and Scams’ at 2:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Entry is £1 for all.

Rosary for the Unborn

On Thursday **at 7.00pm**, the Rosary will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb. This month our intention is: **‘For medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life’.**

Quiz Night for Lourdes Fundraising

The quiz on the 6th of March, organised to raise funds for the Lourdes pilgrimage, is now fully booked. Many thanks to all who signed up to come along to support this event.

Craft and Natter

ATTENTION craft and natter are holding a sale of their work, including St Patrick’s, Mothering Sunday, and Easter gifts, please come and have a look; we will be at the back of Church on Saturday night and Sunday morning, 7th and 8th March.

World Day of Prayer 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe



FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



This year, **Aldridge Methodist Church** in Anchor Road will host the annual **World day of Prayer**. It commences at 7:00pm.

Lourdes Fundraising Concert

We are extremely grateful for all of the fundraising you have already been doing for our students at SFA. To finish our campaign we will run a concert on Wednesday 1st April. We would love you all to join us for a night of incredible musical talent and help us to raise money for our great cause. More details will be realised closer to the time.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Big Brew Breakfast

This Sunday, March 1st, after Mass, please join us for breakfast served with Fairtrade jam, marmalade and honey.

Baptism Enquiries: If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy then your family should take on this responsibility.

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 29TH FEB./1ST MAR. 2020, AND DURING THE WEEK

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	READERS:	Keith & Cathy
	E. MINS:	Emma, David G, John C & Ann T
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Christine L & Jacqui
	E. MINS:	Maura, Catherine, Rosella & Dorothy
CLEANERS:		Beryl, Julie, Catherine & Pat J

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 7TH/8TH MARCH 2020

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh & Anne H
	WARDENS:	John O
	READERS:	John H & Christine L
	E. MINS:	Keith, Christine H, Nathalie & Bernadette
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Pat J & Elena
	WARDENS:	Denis
	READERS:	Brian & Jacqui
	E. MINS:	Jonathan, Denis, Barbara & Phil
CASHIERS:	Team A	
COFFEE:	Jonathan, Helen C & Jenny T	

And finally: The grace filled Season of Lent has begun. This Season has traditionally been marked by the ‘giving up’ of something we enjoy, or by ‘taking on’ some extra work of devotion. This ‘giving up’ or ‘taking on’ of something is done to strengthen our resolve, our endurance, to resist temptation and to follow Christ more closely. One of the greatest weapons that the devil will use against us this season is the temptation to ‘simply give up’ if, after a few weeks or maybe even days, we fail to keep to our Lenten Commitment. May Christ bless and strengthen you in your endeavours this Lent to follow Him more closely; and if you have or do ‘fail’, do not give up! Remember, Our Blessed Lord fell three times on His way to Calvary.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig