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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



**DATE**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December  
2021**

**SUNDAY**

**Feast of the Holy Family  
Year C**

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 1**

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

**NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.**

<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Advent Feria</i>  (1 <sup>st</sup> Masses of Christmas)	9.15am  5:00pm 11:30pm 12 <sup>midnight</sup>	Brian Hornblower RIP (AH&Family)  Roger Howell RIP (SH) Carol Service Int. of John O'Neill (JO'N)
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Nativity of the Lord Solemnity</i>	9.00am 10:30am	People of the Parish David Evans RIP (ES)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	9.30am 11.30am	Alice & John Murphy RIP (S&JW) Janet Reeves RIP 1st Anniversary (JR&AS)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>St John Apostle, Evangelist Feast</i>	10:00am	Deceased of the Payne Family (SW)
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>The Holy Innocents Martyrs Feast</i>	9.15am	Geoff Jones RIP (YDAH & Jones Family)
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>St. Thomas Becket Bishop, Martyr Feast</i>		No Services Today
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Sixth day of the Christmas Octave</i>		No Services Today
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> <i>Seventh day of the Christmas Octave</i>		No Services Today
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God Solemnity</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	Melina Satariano RIP (YD)
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> <i>Second Sunday after the Nativity</i>	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Int. of Frances & John Hutchcocks (SVP)

## Pope Francis:

The season of Advent is meant for us to stop and ask ourselves how to prepare for Christmas. We are so busy with all the preparations, with gifts and things that pass. But let us ask ourselves what we should do for Jesus and for others!

### Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the left 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 ensure that you are seated on the right of the church.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Nott** on whose soul sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace.

### Christmas Masses

Masses over the Christmas Weekend:

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

- 5.00pm – First Mass of Christmas.
- 11.30pm – Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass.

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.00am – Mass of the Dawn
- 10.30am – Mass of the Day

**NB There will be no 6pm Mass on Christmas Day.**

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am – Sung Mass
- 11.30am – Said Mass

### Coffee Morning Rota

The latest coffee morning rota is now available to collect from the table at the back of church.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of December is: **For Catechists**. Let us pray for catechists summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Margaret Davis, Dcn. Peter Crosby, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Max Miotk, Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>née</sup> Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

The Gregory family thank you for your prayers, they are all now well and returned to the UK.

We pray also for all who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

### Parish SVP Group

Chris H & the Parish SVP Group would like to say thank you for the wonderful generosity that was show with the second collection last weekend. This year we raised the sum of **£492.48**. If there is anyone interested in joining our group please do come along to the next meeting.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 05

*(Feast of the Holy Family)*

**Lord, we pray that all families may be transformed by the model you have given us in your Holy Family. We pray especially for families displaced by war or violence.**

### CAFOD 'Hands On' News

There is a leaflet from CAFOD on the notice board in the porch about their latest "Hands On" development project. This replaces the one in Peru for which our parish has been fundraising. The brief reviews there are informative. CAFOD has also sent us this invitation to you individually: "By joining 'Hands On' you can directly support communities as they undertake a 2 or 3 year project and receive regular updates about their progress. Our next community is in Cambodia, where you can stand alongside fantastic farmers, terrific teachers and inspired young people. **Join 'Hands On' today by setting up a regular gift at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)** A great video shows the 'Hands On' projects. Get it at [www.cafod.org.uk/hands](http://www.cafod.org.uk/hands)"

### Thank You

**John, Pauline and family** of the late **Margaret Moseley** would like to thank Fr. Craig for his help. They would also like to thank their friends at St. Mary of the Angels for their Mass cards, donations and condolences on the occasion of Margaret's funeral. May God bless you all.

### Christmas Offering Envelopes

The envelopes, used for our Christmas Offering to our Parish Priest, are now available in the church porch.

### Walsall Life 'Coffee' Morning



A Mass is to be offered for the intentions of all who helped with and contributed to the collection for the Life House clients. This Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm in thanks for your generous help.

### New Parish Census

This weekend at all Masses the new parish census form will be handed out – one per family. Please complete as soon as possible and return to church, placing them in the basket in the sacristy corridor marked 'Census'. If you take communion to the sick, could you please take a census form for them to complete.

### Craft & Natter

We are now having a well earned break for Christmas, and we will return on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** from **11am to 3pm**. Come for an hour, a morning, an afternoon, or even for the day – don't forget to bring your lunch.

Drinks are unlimited for a 50p sub, which also covers certain materials to make things. Why not come and give it a try? For more information call Christine on 07900604920

### St. Mary of the Angels Primary School



Don't forget to apply for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2022 at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School, for your child. Reception applications close 15/01/2022, please apply via Walsall Council Admissions. Nursery applications close 18/01/2022, please contact the School Office for an application form. We have limited spaces available.

## Praying for the Unborn



As we celebrate the Christmas season, we pray especially for all expectant parents who are worried about the practical means of supporting their child, that they would find hope and consolation in the story of the Holy Family and, by the power of God, be able to overcome all obstacles.

## 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'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

**7pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

## Christmas Crib Collection



Throughout the Christmas Season there will be a collection box at the crib for our annual Christmas Crib Collection. This year we are taking this collection to help the work the Father Hudson's Society. Advent and Christmas allow us to reflect on the birth of Jesus and the life and sacrifice he made to lead us in our love and support of our neighbours and those who are strangers to us. Please help Father Hudson's to care for people in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

## 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.

**And finally:-** It has to be said that the past 21 months have been some of the most difficult in living memory. Starting with the lockdown of March 2020 and the many and varying different rules and regulations, which have followed, have caused much fear and anxiety about the future. However, it was into the reality of human life, and the difficulties of daily living, that God chose to enter and dwell through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This weekend, once again, we celebrate the mystery of God's coming on earth, when a tiny child who was King of all Creation, was born in the stable at Bethlehem. With this birth the hope of all the nations and the promise of a new life dawned, and God's love for us was revealed in the face of an infant lying in a manger. Let us pray that this celebration of Christmas will strengthen our hope for a better year ahead. May this feast, in which we recall God's loving care for each one of us, inspire us in our care for others. May this child, 'the light of the nation', strengthen and sustain us in the year ahead as we journey together towards our eternal home. May Emmanuel, God-with-us, fill our hearts and homes with His peace. I wish each and every one of you a blessed, happy, and Holy Christmas.

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