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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

**Sunday 19th December
2021**

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

<u>Saturday 18th December</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 19th December</u> Fourth Sunday of Advent 'O Radix Jesse'	9.30am 11.30am	Bert Margetts RIP ^(EM) For successful surgery ^(AA)
<u>Monday 20th Dec</u> Advent Feria 'O Clavis David'	10:00am	Requiem Margaret Moseley née Carter RIP
<u>Tuesday 21st Dec</u> Advent Feria 'O Oriens'	9.15am	Int. of John Clarke ^(DC)
<u>Wednesday 22nd Dec</u> Advent Feria 'O Rex Gentium'	4.30pm	Reception of John Wynne into church
<u>Thursday 23rd Dec</u> Advent Feria 'O Emmanuel'	9.45am 7.30pm	Requiem John Wynne RIP Nicolette Atanasio RIP ^(YD)
<u>Friday 24th Dec</u> Advent Feria (1 st Masses of Christmas)	9.15am 5:00pm 11:30pm 12 ^{midnight}	Brian Hornblower RIP ^(AH&Family) Roger Howell RIP ^(SH) Carol Service Int. of John O'Neill ^(JO'N)
<u>Saturday 25th December</u> Christmas Day	9.00am 10:30am	People of the Parish David Evans RIP ^(ES)
<u>Sunday 26th December</u> Feast of the Holy Family	9.30am 11.30am	Alice & John Murphy RIP ^(S&JW) Janet Reeves RIP 1st Anniversary ^(JR&AS)

Pope Francis:

Christmas symbols, especially the crib and the trimmed tree, bring us back to the certainty that fills the heart with peace, with joy for the Incarnation, to God who becomes familiar: He dwells with us, He fills our days with the rhythm of hope.

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 souls of **Margaret Moseley, John Wynne & John Nott** on whose souls sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Margaret's Requiem will be celebrated at **10.00am on Monday 20th December**. John's Requiem will be celebrated at **9.45am on Thursday 23rd December**

Christmas Masses

Masses over the Christmas Weekend:

Friday 24th December

5.00pm – First Mass of Christmas.

11.30pm – Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass.

Saturday 25th December

9.00am – Mass of the Dawn

10.30am – Mass of the Day

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

Sunday 26th December

9.30am – Sung Mass

11.30am – Said Mass

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, Jess, Oli & ^{the} Gregory family, 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 ^{née 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.

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

Coffee Morning Rota

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

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 04

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Almighty God, as the feast of our salvation is drawing so close, may we press forward eagerly to celebrate the mystery of your Son's nativity.

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 A great video shows the 'Hands On' projects. Get it at www.cafod.org.uk/hands"

The Big Cleanup



Our Big Cleanup for Christmas is this **Thursday 23rd** after morning Requiem Mass. If you can spare anytime to help, please do come along from **11:30am**.

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



The final sum for the life house Christmas collection was a magnificent £500. The Walsall life group extends their most grateful thanks for the overwhelming support you have given.

A Mass is to be offered for your intentions on Thursday 6th January 7:30pm in thanks for your generous help.

Thank You from Deacon Peter

Deacon Peter wishes to thank you all for your prayers, cards and Masses following his recent eye surgery. The procedure went very well and he is continuing to make good progress in his recovery at home.

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.

Craft & Natter

We are now having a well earned break for Christmas, and we will return on **Tuesday 11th 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

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be provided by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Amen

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 15th February 2022

7pm Tuesday 27th April

7pm Tuesday 28th 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:- On Friday, 17th December, we began to use what have traditionally been called 'The Great O Antiphons'. These seven antiphons, which are used daily from the 17th to the 23rd December as the Magnificat Antiphon at Vespers, and as the Alleluia verse at Mass, are first recorded as being used in the 6th century. Each antiphon beginning with 'O', hence the name, presents us with one of the great Christological titles linking the birth of Christ with the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The usage of these antiphons marks a shift in our Advent focus. In these final days of preparation our focus is moved from looking forwards to Christ's return at the end of time, to His first coming, His birth in the stable at Bethlehem. In these final few days and weeks of Advent, as our preparations for the Christmas festivities intensify with the wrapping of gifts, and the decorating of trees, let us not lose sight of the true meaning of Advent – our watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. Each day take a few moments to look at the 'O Antiphon' of the day, to pause and reflect upon its meaning, and so prepare our hearts and minds to receive Christ who is: the Morning Star, the Key of David, the Root of Jesse etc.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig