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THE YEAR OF THE WORD

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DATE

Sunday 31st May 2020

SUNDAY

Solemnity of Pentecost
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

In response to COVID-19 all public Masses and liturgies have been suspended until further notice. We are, however, live-streaming all of our Services.

Please Note That All Masses Will Be Said In Private

<u>Sunday 31st May</u> Solemnity of Pentecost	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Rosary & Benediction
<u>Monday 1st June</u> Mary Mother of the Church Memorial	9.15am	Alma Derby RIP (Choir)
<u>Tuesday 2nd June</u> Feria	9.15am	Tony Miller RIP (S&JW)
<u>Wednesday 3rd June</u> Ss. Charles Lwanga and Companions Martyrs Memorial	9.15am	No Services Today
<u>Thursday 4th June</u> Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest Feast	7.30pm	In Thanksgiving (FH)
<u>Friday 5th June</u> St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr Memorial	9.15am	Int. of Katie (SK)
<u>Saturday 6th June</u> Feria	9.30am	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 7th June</u> Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	9.30am	Brian Joseph Hornblower RIP (Choir)

Pope Francis

Let us entrust to Mary Help of Christians all in this difficult time who work for our peace, for dialogue between nations, for service to the poor, for the care of creation, and for the victory of humanity over every disease of body, heart and soul.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Christine Mary Bennett**, on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy. We pray also for all who have lost their lives due to Coronavirus. May they Rest in Peace.

The mortal remains of **Christine Bennett** will be received into Church on Wednesday 3rd June where she will rest before the Altar. Her **Funeral Service will be at Streetly Crematorium Chapel on Thursday 4th June at 9.45am prior to her burial in the cemetery.** As at this time it is not possible for us to attend her funeral, please light a candle in your own homes at 9.45am on Thursday and pray for the repose of her soul. Please pray also for Bruce and the family at this sad and difficult time.

Rosary & Benediction

On Sundays during the month of May we will be live-streaming the Rosary and Benediction at 5pm. Each week we will be offering the Rosary for our NHS and for all Keyworkers. Please do join us for this wonderful devotion during Mary's month of May.

SMA Primary School

There are still places available in the Nursery at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School for the academic year beginning September 2020. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01922 743411.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of June: **The Way of the Heart.** We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Prayers for the Unborn

Whilst we cannot gather in church to pray the Rosary for the unborn before the Blessed Sacrament, we can still pray the Rosary at home. The Intention for June is: **For fathers of children lost to abortion.**

Walsall Life

Since beginning of Lockdown, three of our young clients have safely delivered the babies they were expecting. Please remember them all in your prayers.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 27

Holy Spirit, transform us by your presence and power, so that we may live our lives each day with appreciation, delight and gratitude.

Our parish continues to support a parish, Magdalena Medio, in Columbia through CAFOD. Parishioners, who would like information on people and the developments there, can get the information from this address: cafod.org.uk/handson via the web.

If you would like to know what CAFOD is doing in response to the world-wide coronavirus outbreak and bring help to bear, details can be had from this address: cafod.org.uk/coronavirus

50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for April entrants drawn on 24th May:

1st Prize PM 17 £150

2nd Prize PC 44 £70

3rd Prize MD 124 £35

4th Prize HB 43 £22.50

Total prizes this month £277.50

All monies will be paid when things get back to normal.

Sick in the Parish

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

David Goodwin, Jo Jones, Mark Desorgher, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, 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, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.

The Solemnity of Pentecost



The Holy Spirit is first and foremost a Creator Spirit, hence Pentecost is also a feast of creation. For us Christians, the world is the fruit of an act of love by God who made all things and in which he rejoices because it is “good”, it is “very

good”, as the creation narrative tells us (cf. Gn 1:1-31). Consequently God is not totally Other, unnameable and obscure. God reveals himself, he has a face. God is reason, God is will, God is love, God is beauty. Faith in the Creator Spirit and faith in the Spirit whom the Risen Christ gave to the Apostles and gives to each one of us are therefore inseparably united. The Gospel passage offers us a marvellous image to clarify the connection between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father: the Holy Spirit is portrayed as the breath of the Risen Jesus Christ. Here the Evangelist John takes up an image of the creation narrative, where it says that God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life (cf. Gn 2:7). The breath of God is life. Now, the Lord breathes into our soul the new breath of life, the Holy Spirit, his most intimate essence, and in this way welcomes us into God’s family. With Baptism and Confirmation this gift was given to us specifically, and with the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance it is continuously repeated: the Lord breathes a breath of life into our soul.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

National Rosary Relay Rally

On Pentecost Sunday, 31st May 2020, we are invited to join in a ‘National Rosary Rally’. All of us here in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are asked to join with Archbishop Bernard to pray the Rosary at 10am. The Rosary begins at 9am in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, Nottingham and HM Forces. It then goes from Diocese to Diocese, beginning on the Hour, until it concludes in the Diocese of Paisley at 9pm. The intentions for the Rally are:

- For faith, sanctity of life and peace to prevail in our nations.
- For an end to the Covid-19 virus, the sickness it causes and its effects that

prevent us from living life in abundance.

- For the protection of the common good, and people's economic livelihoods.
- That the Holy Spirit will preserve us from disaster and war.

Sunday Evening Devotions

This Sunday sees the final 'Sunday Evening Rosary and Benediction for the NHS & Keyworkers' as we come to the end of May. Since arriving in the parish one thing which I have been keen to introduce is Devotions and Benediction on a Sunday afternoon/evening. At present, or at least before Covid-19, the only form of afternoon devotions on Sundays here at St. Mary of the Angels are the Stations of the Cross during Lent. For many of you, my parishioners, I am guessing that Benediction was a staple part of your religious and devotional life as you grew up. Or, if you are amongst the younger generation of parishioner,

you might never have had the opportunity to experience this part of our life of faith. Sadly, after the Second Vatican Council, this practice gradually disappeared until all we were left with was Mass. I would be interested to know if you would like to see a return to Sunday Evening Devotions. We could have Rosary and Benediction in May and October; Sacred Heart Devotions and Benediction in June; Stations and Benediction in Lent, and Evening Prayer and Benediction in the other months of the year. This, however, will only be possible if you are willing to support me in this venture. I truly believe that rekindling our devotional life as a parish will bring us many graces and blessings from the Lord. Please let me know if this is something that you would be willing to support as we continue to 'wait with joyful hope' for the day when things begin to get back to normal, and we see the opening of our churches once more.

And finally: Following the recent announcement by the Government and the Bishops' of England and Wales, we realise that for many this time could be a difficult and trying time for those who may have to self-isolate. Here at St Mary of the Angels we are putting into place a system where we can offer assistance to those who are most in need. If, for any reason, you as one of our parishioners, are in any kind of need, whether it be the need for some shopping to be delivered, or simply the sound of a friendly voice at the end of the phone, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Craig on the Presbytery phone number (01922 452316) and he will pass your details onto a wider support team who will do all that they can to help. If you know of anybody who might be in need of this support please pass on the above phone number.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig