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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



DATE

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December  
2020**

SUNDAY

**Feast of the Holy Family  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 1**

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

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Emma Jones <sup>(AH&amp;MJ)</sup>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b> Feast of the Holy Family	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Sheila Kerrigan <sup>(CK)</sup> Int. of Cath & the Weir Family <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> Holy Innocents <sup>Martyrs</sup> Feast	9.15am	Int. of Pat Marshall <sup>(CI)</sup>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> St. Thomas Becket <sup>Bishop, Martyr</sup> Feast	9.15am	Int. of Maureen Carr <sup>(D&amp;MH)</sup>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> Sixth day of the Christmas Octave		No Services Today
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> Seventh day of the Christmas Octave	7.30pm	Int. of Francis Patton <sup>(SK)</sup>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> Mary the Mother of God <sup>Solemnity</sup>	9.15am	Int. of Marguerite Baxendale <sup>(BB)</sup>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> St. Basil & St. Gregory <sup>Memorial</sup> Bishops, Doctors of the Church (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10–11am 6.00pm	Thomas Shaw <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(A&amp;JT)</sup> Confessions <i>(by appointment only)</i> Melina Satariano <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(YD)</sup>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Second Sunday after the Nativity	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish In thanksgiving for our priest <sup>(SK)</sup> Joan Lavin <sup>RIP</sup> <sup>(SVP)</sup>

## Pope Francis:

If the pandemic has forced us to be more distant, Jesus, in the Crib, shows us the way of tenderness, to be close to each other, to be human. Let us follow this path.

### 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). CAN 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.

# CAFOD

Catholic Agency for  
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### Live Simply Prayer – Week 5

**Almighty God, through the Holy Family of Nazareth you have given us a model for our families, to practise love and kindness within our homes. We thank you.**

### Disaster in Lebanon

As you will recall, earlier in August, two large explosions at the port in Lebanon's capital city sent enormous shockwaves across the city. Homes and livelihoods were destroyed. More than a hundred people were killed. CAFOD continues to ask us to help the people in Beirut by supporting their Beirut Emergency Appeal to supply medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelters. Through local experts, our Church network reaches survivors and their families **directly**. Obviously, this disaster added to existing critical issues there: the impact of Coronavirus, ongoing shortages of vital medical supplies, an ineffectual government, social disruption and loss of employment. Please pray for everyone still being affected by these terrible explosions. With your help CAFOD is tackling these problems and will be able to go on doing so. If you are able, please make a donation to CAFOD using this address:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off>

or post a cheque to: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

### Sick in the Parish

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

Please remember especially:

**Juliet Woodhall, Maureen Carr, Pat Hopley, Leo Jones, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia<sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan<sup>nee Meehan</sup>, 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.**

### Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who volunteered some of their time to help prepare the church and gardens for the celebration of Christmas. Over the past several months I have found myself having to fulfil the roles of church cleaner, flower arranger, box office manager, film production unit, and the list goes on. However, over the past several days people have generously offered their help with the erecting of the crib, the arranging of flowers, and a general clean of the church. I think you have to agree that the church looks amazing, and this has only been possible because of the work of others – I could not have done it alone! Therefore, on behalf of the whole parish, I say a very heartfelt ‘Thank you’. A special thanks must go to the choir, organist and Folk Group for the wonderful music and singing at the 5.00pm Christmas Eve Mass – Kings College, Cambridge, could not have done a better job.

### Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Caelan G** who was baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels last Sunday. We pray also for her parents and Godparent as they take on the great responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.

### Praying for the Unborn

Having celebrated the birth of our saviour and today the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we pray for all families across the world. We pray especially for all expecting parents who are worried about the practical means of supporting a child, that they would find hope in the story of the Holy Family and their ability to overcome all obstacles.

### 50-50 Club

If you are not already a member of the 50/50 club and are interested in becoming one please contact me via email. It costs £5 per number, and you are welcome to have more than one, paid by standing order each month. Half of the money goes into the prize fund and half to support the parish. The more members we have the greater the prize money!

### Christmas Offerings

I would like to take this opportunity to say ‘thank you’ for the many cards and gifts that I have received over the past several days. Most of all, however, I thank you for the generous Christmas Offering which I have received. Each year I am humbled by the generosity which parishioners show to their Parish Priest. Thank you all!

### 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.

### Walsall Life Group

We thank those who have sent donations of equipment and money. The girls in the Walsall Life Home have also thanked us for their Christmas Meal.

### 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>

### 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'.

And finally:



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