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THE YEAR OF THE WORD

DATE

**Sunday 29th March
2020**

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
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, hoping to begin live-streaming our Masses from this Sunday onwards - keep an eye on the home page of our New Website.**

Please Note That All Masses Will Be Said In Private

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| <u>Sunday 29th March</u> Fifth Sunday of Lent | 9.30am | Frederick Cotterill RIP ^(SC) |
| <u>Monday 30th March</u> Lent Feria | 9.15am | Int. of Brenda Thornberry ^(Sr.A) |
| <u>Tuesday 31st March</u> Lent Feria | 9.15am | Bryn & Bridie Howells RIP ^(DM) |
| <u>Wednesday 1st April</u> Lent Feria | 9.15am | No Services Today |
| <u>Thursday 2nd April</u> Lent Feria | 7:30pm | Louis Moylan RIP ^(HH) |
| <u>Friday 3rd April</u> Lent Feria | 9.15am | Tom O'Brien RIP ^(BO'B) |
| <u>Saturday 4th April</u> Lent Feria | 9.30am | People of the Parish |
| <u>Sunday 5th April</u> Palm Sunday | 9.30am | Claire Higgs ^(née McAnulty) RIP ^(SB) |

Pope Francis

In the context of the pandemic that threatens human life and the global economy, today we reiterate the teaching of Evangelium Vitae to transmit the culture of life to future generations: an attitude of solidarity, care, and welcome.

Lent Alms Giving

The Lent Alms Giving: This year we are donating the money to Survive Miva. If you would like to continue your Lent giving please put the money in an envelope through the Presbytery door.

Easter Offering

As many of you will know a considerable amount of a Parish Priest's income comes from the Christmas and Easter Offerings. This year, with our churches being closed, the Easter Offering cannot be taken, resulting in a huge loss in my income. If you would, therefore, like to make your Easter Offering for your Parish Priest you can do so by putting it in an envelope marked 'Easter Offering', and popping it through the Presbytery Letterbox. Many thanks, in anticipation.

Sick in the Parish

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

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, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Walsall Life



Walsall Life are once more in need of prams. If you have any that are no longer needed by your family, please contact **Ann T** or **Beryl M**. They will be greatly welcomed by those whom Life support.

Catholic Papers

Due to Coronavirus, many Diocesan Catholic Papers have been put on line to enable people to keep in touch with things going on. These papers can be viewed by visiting the website:

www.ChurchPapers.co.uk

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 April is: **For those grieving for the loss of a child during pregnancy.**

Devotions for use at home

I have added a page to our Website called 'Devotions' where you will find a selection of prayers to help you during these strange times we are living in.

Missio (Red Box)

Collection of the money from the Red Boxes will be suspended until further notice.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Thank you, Lord, for your great love for us, shown in your suffering and death on the cross. Help us to live lives worthy of such encompassing love.

An Urgent Request: Please Join in the Rededication of England to Mary as her Dowry

Sunday 29th March 2020 at 12.00 noon

Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry

In 1381 King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as her Dowry. The Bishops of England have been preparing for the Rededication of England to Mary for some time. It will take place at the National Catholic Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham at 12 noon on Sunday 29th March (though this will now be done behind closed doors because of Coronavirus restrictions). At this worrying time in our history as a nation, under the threat of this pandemic and deprived of the ability to attend Holy Mass because of the health risks, Catholics throughout England are invited to join the Act of Rededication of this country to Mary as her Dowry. Everybody is invited to join in the prayers and to participate in this loving act.

Join in the Prayers Below

You can watch the livestream of the Act of Rededication here:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

You can learn more about the Rededication and download more copies of the prayers here: www.Behold2020.com

Please say the prayers below on Sunday 29th March at 12 noon.

The Angelus Promise

The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to "share in the joy of the Annunciation" by following Mary's openness to God's call, through her faith-filled "yes". Through your own faith-filled "yes", the Lord will work wonders in your life.

R: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary V: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life. Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Behold the handmaid of the Lord V: Be it be done unto me according to thy Word

Mary's response to her invitation, "let it be done to me according to your Word", opened her heart to God's grace and all things became possible. Let my "yes" today take away fear, as I embrace God's Will, and like Mary "ponder these things in my heart". Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: And the Word became flesh (Bow or genuflect) V: And dwelt among us

At a moment in history, Mary's faith-filled "yes" conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour. Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today. Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Pray for us most holy Mother of God V: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that "the Word was made flesh and lived among us." May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO MARY

Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for England, Cardinal Griffin's Act of Consecration 1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul 1982

Prayer: O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

R: We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.

Prayer: By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

R: To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race. To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer: Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

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R: Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Prayer: Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

R: May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour.

Prayer: Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

R: May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of God's generous love.

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

R: That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.

A copy of the Pastoral Letter issued by His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols last weekend can be viewed on the Parish Website – it is very beautiful and I highly recommend it to you.

Remember



Although in these rather strange days, it probably lacks the impetus of previous years; this Sunday will see the beginning of British Summer Time. Please don't forget to put your clocks forward by one hour.

Welcome

We would like to welcome **Christine** and **Bruce** into the family of the church who received their first Holy Communion and were Confirmed as **Gertrude** and **Benedict** on Friday the 20th March at the 9:15 am Mass.

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