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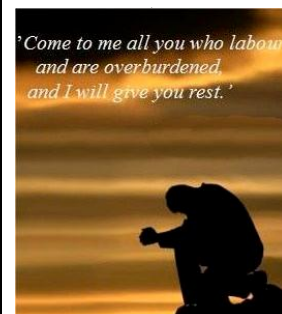
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

Sunday 5th July 2020

SUNDAY

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

Public Masses will resume from 6pm on Saturday 11th July 2020. From that time the 9.30am Sunday Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed.

Please Note That All Masses Will Be Said In Private

Sunday 5th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 6th July <i>St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr</i> Memorial	9.15am	Int. of the Maryvale Family ^(SVP)
Tuesday 7th July <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	Rafeala & Francesco Borg ^{RIP (YD)}
Wednesday 8th July <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	No Services Today
Thursday 9th July <i>Feria</i>	7.30pm	Int. of Maureen Prothero ^(MP)
Friday 10th July <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	Int. of Leo Jones ^(AH & Jones Family)
Saturday 11th July <i>St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe</i> Feast	9.30am 6.00pm	John Murphy ^{RIP (S & JW)} Lily Payne ^{RIP (SH)} (1st Public Mass)
Sunday 12th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of all Keyworkers Con Emerson ^{RIP}

Pope Francis

God created us for communion, for fraternity. Now more than ever the pretence of focusing everything on ourselves, making individualism society's guiding principle, has proven illusory. We have to be careful! When the emergency is over we can easily fall back into this illusion.

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.

The Church Grounds

Over the past several weeks much work has been done in the grounds of the Church, and a huge debt of thanks is due to all who have assisted in any kind of way. If you have been working on your own garden during this period of lockdown and have some shrubs that you would like to dispose of, we would very happily take them to be planted in the grounds of the Church. Or, if you would like to donate a plant in memory of a loved one, please contact either Dawn M or myself to discuss this matter further.

50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for May entrants drawn on 28th June:

1st Prize PC 44 £150

2nd Prize GW 94 £70

3rd Prize PM 17 £30

4th Prize MP 82 £22.50

Total prizes this month £272.50

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

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of July: **Our Families**. We pray today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Subscribing to our Newsletter

One of the best ways for us as a parish to share information is via the parish website and the weekly edition of the Parish Newsletter. A huge thanks goes to those who have been delivering the Newsletter to our parishioners over the past several weeks. One way of cutting the running cost of the parish, once we return to normal, is reducing the number of Newsletters we have to print each week. This can be done if you opt to receive a copy of the newsletter via email. If you would like to subscribe to an electronic version of the Newsletter this can be done via the homepage of the parish website.



Live Simply Prayer – Week 32

We pray for our brothers and sisters across the world who continue to suffer in so many ways. Move us and our governments to help them with an unselfish sense of equality.

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.

The Trees

The trees on the north side of the church have been pruned, and I hope you will agree with me, they are now looking much better than before. We now have to look to the south side of the church!

Sick in the Parish

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

Deirdre McLeary, David Goodwin, Jo Jones, 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 & Áine McDonagh.

Resuming Public Masses

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since the government announcement, making it possible for us to celebrate Public Masses, much work has been undertaken to ensure that we, here at St. Mary of the Angels, can resume public celebrations in a way that is safe for us to do so. At this point, once again, I owe a huge debt of thanks to Phil Probert, and to all who have so generously offered their time as volunteers, making it possible for us to reopen our doors for the first time in over three months. Public celebrations of the Mass will recommence on Saturday 11th July 2020, beginning with the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

Once our doors have reopened we, as a Catholic community, have to accept that things are going to be different. We cannot simply roll back the clock to 20th March and continue as if nothing has happened, as if there is no need for change. In the statement made last week by the Catholic Archbishops' of England we read 'With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been

changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown'.

This means that the way in which we attend Mass, and certain parts of the Mass will be radically different from what we are used to.

The first of the major changes, and at this point I have to stress that it will only be possible with your co-operation, is that we now have to use a '**Booking in System**' for Mass attendance. This is essential not only due to the restricted numbers of people that will be allowed in the church at any one time. But also to enable us to '**Track and Trace**' lest anyone should become ill with Covid-19 after attending Mass. By the time you read this there will be, on the Covid-19 page of the parish website, a booking in form at the bottom of the page. There will be options to attend Weekend Masses on Saturdays at 6.00pm, and on Sundays at 9.30am, 11.30am and 4.30pm. You might also opt not to come at the weekend but on a weekday, remembering that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended**. When completing the form I ask that you tick as many Mass times as possible – this does not mean that you will have to come to all of them, but to enable me to allocate a Mass time to you - (we cannot have the attitude that I only go to Mass on Saturday at 6pm). Once a Mass slot has been allocated, this will be the Mass you must attend for the foreseeable future. If you do not have access to the Internet please ask a member of your family, or a friend, to complete the form for you, using their email address in the required field.

At the moment there are 54 individual places available in the church – this is using the 1meter + (meaning that you will be required to wear a facemask all of the time whilst inside the church). If you refuse to wear a facemask you **will not be allowed to enter the church!** If you book

to come to Mass as a couple or a family, or if you are in a 'Social Bubble' with another person and arrange to come to the same Mass together, this increases our capacity as you do not need to social distance. This information can be added to the booking in form in the 'I am coming to Mass with' box. **I ask that you complete the form by no later than the evening of Tuesday 7th July.***

*The form may be found at the bottom of this page on our website
<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/covid-19.html>

When you come to Mass, at your allotted time, you must use the queuing system marked on the floor outside the church (it starts at the Presbytery door) and wait to be admitted into the church by a steward. Once inside the church (mask on of course) you must sanitise your hands, this will also be required as you leave the building. It will not be possible for you to go to the shrines to light a candle, however, they will be available in the porch – you simply leave the candle in a basket and they will be placed at the shrines and lit at the end of Mass. You will then be shown to your seat in the church by one of the stewards.

During the celebration of Mass things will be a little different too. Firstly, **you will not be allowed to kneel**, this is to reduce the amount of cleaning required at the end of Mass, and to ensure that we can maintain the 1meter distance between each person in the church.

For the time being there will be **no servers** and **no readers** at Mass – these roles will be fulfilled by the priest. This is to reduce the amount of contact that people have with books and sacred vessels etc, and also to

reduce the amount of movement around the church.

During the celebration of Mass there will be no singing, no offertory procession, no collection, no 'sign of peace'. There will also be no 'Prayers of the Faithful' and (now you will like this change) a very short homily. These changes are to reduce the time spent in the church, and to enable sufficient time for cleaning between each of the Masses.

The biggest change comes at communion time. Following the 'Lord I am not worthy' the celebrant will hold up the Sacred Host and say '**the Body of Christ**' to which all respond '**Amen**' – the same with the chalice. Once the celebrant has received communion you will be guided, row by row, by a steward to come forward to receive communion – this will be in silence as you have already said 'Amen'. Communion will be given in **the hand only**. To receive communion you must remove your mask and hold your hands out at full stretch, consume the host and return to your seat via the side aisle (remember to replace you mask).

At the end of Mass the celebrant will leave the sanctuary and return directly to the sacristy. The stewards will guide you out of the church starting from the back to the front – remember 'the first will be last and the last first'. As you leave the church you must once again sanitise your hands. Please remember to keep a safe distance between each other in the car-park at the end of Mass.

And finally: I know that there is a lot to take in, and that things are going to feel very strange, however, we must do all that we can to keep ourselves, and others safe. Remember: '**Protect yourselves in order to protect others**'. Please read all of the above carefully, make your decision, and then complete the 'Booking in Form' on the parish website. It has been a long time, and I pray that we will see each other very soon.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig