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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

Sunday 21st June 2020

SUNDAY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

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| <u>Sunday 21st June</u> Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.30am 5.00pm | People of the Parish Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction |
| <u>Monday 22nd June</u> Ss. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs ^{Feast} | 9.15am | Tom O'Brien RIP ^(BO'B) |
| <u>Tuesday 23rd June</u> Feria | 9.15am | Pat Kerrigan RIP |
| <u>Wednesday 24th June</u> Nativity of St. John the Baptist Solemnity | 9.15am | No Services Today |
| <u>Thursday 25th June</u> Feria | 7.30pm | Leo & Anne Cassidy RIP ^(BO'B) |
| <u>Friday 26th June</u> Feria | 9.15am | Michael Sylvester RIP ^(Service Family) |
| <u>Saturday 27th June</u> Our Lady ^{Memorial} | 9.30am | Geoff Jones RIP ^(AH & Jones Family) |
| <u>Sunday 28th June</u> Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul | 9.30am 5.00pm | People of the Parish Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction |

Pope Francis

Our principle of unity is the Holy Spirit who reminds us that above all we are God's beloved children. He comes to us, in our differences and difficulties to tell us that we have one Lord, Jesus, and one Father. For this reason we are brothers and sisters.

Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction

On Sundays during the month of June we will be live-streaming Sacred Heart Devotions and Benediction at 5pm.

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.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Trickett** and **Dame Vera Lynn**. Margaret was a resident at Aston Court Care Home and a regular on our sick communion list. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may she rest in peace.

Job Vacancy with the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". This is a new role with the family of the Archdiocese and a detailed job description can be found by visiting the website of the Archdiocese via this link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

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.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 30

We pray for the young that they will have the courage to reject atheism and materialism and find the way of Christ's justice and truth.

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 worldwide coronavirus outbreak, go to their web address: cafod.org.uk/coronavirus. In particular Cafod wants us to sign a petition to the Prime Minister to get the UK government to support poorer people and countries. Full details for all of this is available at:

<https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>

Please do join in.

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.

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, 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 Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Reopening of our Churches for Individual Prayer



The Archdiocese has added a page to their website entitled “Reopening our Churches for Individual Prayer”. On this page, which will be updated with all of the latest information, you can read the statement of Vincent Cardinal Nichols in response to the Government’s announcement, the Government’s Press Release made on 7th June, and the Archdiocesan Update. You can visit this page of the Diocesan website by clicking on this link:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/reopening-our-churches-for-individual-prayer>.

Prayers for Fr. Ryan

Please keep Fr. Ryan in your prayers over the course of the next week or so, as, via the wonders of modern technology, he will be sitting his final exams.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Born six months before Our Lord, St. John the Baptist was the son of St. Zechariah and St. Elizabeth. He was the last of the greatest of the prophets and, as forerunner of the Saviour, he prepared for the coming of Christ. The celebration of his earthly birthday marks the coming of the new dispensation. The Church observes the day of John’s birth as a holy day: none of the fathers is thus solemnly commemorated. We celebrate John’s birth as we celebrate Christ’s. Its very profundity gives you food for thought.

(St. Augustine)

The Reopening of St. Mary of the Angels for Individual Prayer

Over the past several days much has been said about the announcement made by the UK Government on 7th June with regards to the reopening of Places of Worship for individual prayer. Whilst it is now possible for our churches to be open from Monday 15th June, it does not mean that they will be open from Monday 15th, the key phrase here is that ‘it will be possible’. I would love to be able to say that the doors of St. Mary of the Angels will be open from this Monday onwards, however, this is not going to be a reality – it is not possible for us to open at this time. Before we can open our doors, for a limited period of time each week for individual prayer, we as a parish, have to be able to prove to the Diocese that we are capable of allowing people in whilst ensuring that our church is as safe as it possibly can be, and that we are doing all that we possibly can to reduce the risk of our church being the source of an increase in the transmission of COVID-19. At this point I must thank Phil Probert who has worked alongside me (maintaining Social Distancing of course) in trying to

complete the Risk Assessment which is required by Law, upon which the Diocese will assess whether we can open our doors or not. Alongside all of this, before we can open the church we have to wait for the delivery of PPE (gloves, Masks and aprons) which the Wardens and Cleaners will need whilst they are on duty (more will be said about that in a moment). We are required by Law to provide hand sanitiser with an alcohol content of 70% and above which everyone visiting the church will have to use on entering and exiting the building. We have to set up a one way system in the church and mark off the two meter social distancing on the floor both inside and outside the church etc, etc – believe me, the list goes on and on! A little earlier I mentioned Stewards and Cleaners. If we are to open our church, we need volunteers to act as Stewards and cleaners, without which our church ‘MUST REMAIN CLOSED’. Once it is possible it is my intention to open the church on Sundays from 11am – 3pm. During this time we need two teams (each team covering a 2hr slot) made up of 3

Stewards and one Cleaner. Now, here is where it gets more difficult – you are only qualified to volunteer for these roles if you are under the age of 70, and are not a person who has any underlying health issues and do not need to be shielding. One member of the team (if possible) should be familiar with the safeguarding procedures and policy of the Archdiocese. If possible a team member should have some form of First Aid Training. And to top it off – we can only allow people to volunteer for one of these roles if they already have a voluntary role in the Parish and are known to the Parish Priest. On the Parish website I have created a page entitled ‘COVID-19’, here you will be able to read all of the documentation which has come from the Diocese and the Bishops Conference with regards to the Reopening of our Churches. Also on this page, if you qualify, you can offer your time as a volunteer to work in the church during the opening times – and I must stress – **if we get too few volunteers the church will not, can not, be open for individual prayer at this time.**

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