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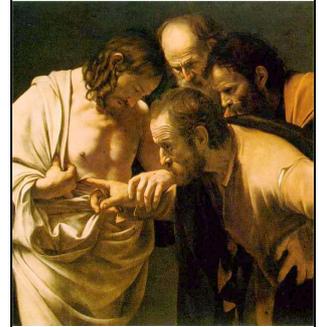
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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

**Sunday 11th March
2021**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
Year B**

**DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2**

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

Saturday 10th April (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Geoffrey Jones RIP (AH & the Jones Family)
Sunday 11th April Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Janet Reeves RIP (SK) Int. of John Wynne (SVP)
Monday 12th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Tuesday 13th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Wednesday 14th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 15th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Friday 16th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Saturday 17th April Easter Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Francis Patton RIP (BB)
Sunday 18th April Third Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Fr. Craig (Srs) Int. of Barbara Tomkinson (SVP)

Pope Francis:

Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of Christ. In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation.

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.

From the Parish Council-Thank You

On behalf of the Parishioners I would like to give a big thank you to Father Craig for all the work he has undertaken for the Parish during this most difficult year.

His care and inspiration has been appreciated by all of us. The cleaning, flower arranging, holding and streaming of the Masses culminating in an inspiring and uplifting Easter period has been the result of extremely hard and continuous work and dedication.

We must also thank the Stewards, as without their help we would not have been able to physically attend Mass.

Yours in faith,
Martin Hoskisson
Chairman of the Parish Council

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of April is: **Fundamental Rights**. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Sick in the Parish

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

Margaret & Leo Jones, John Wynne, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, 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 Hawley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Catholic Voices



Catholic Voices will be hosting an online conference titled "Sharing the Church's Story" on April 17th 2021. You will hear a variety of speakers share simple, powerful tips and workshops to enable everyone to share the Church's story with charity, clarity, and confidence. If you would like more information about this conference, or to sign up, please email: info@catholicvoices.org.uk

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip

On behalf of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley joins his prayers with those of Cardinal Vincent Nichols for the repose of the soul of **Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh**. May he rest in peace.

We pray during this Easter week that he may see the light on the face of the risen Christ. We also pray that Our Lord will strengthen and uphold Her Majesty The Queen and all her family in the days ahead.

Live Simply Prayer – Week 20

(2nd Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy)

Called into your heavenly kingdom, we pray that each of us by our lives, by our words and by our actions, will bear witness to the new life you have brought to this world, Lord Jesus.

Reclaim our Common Home

This is a new CAFOD campaign in response to Pope Francis' call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies.

They are asking Catholics in the parishes to sign their petition to the Prime Minister. Why? This year the British Government will host the G7 annual meeting for the leaders of the 7 richest countries who gather to discuss how to rebuild after the pandemic. Later in November the UN 'COP26' climate talks take place in Glasgow. So, let's urge Boris Johnson to put people hardest hit by the climate crisis at the heart of COP26.

As the eyes of the world will be on Britain, it is vital that we raise our voices and get our government to listen on 3 basic issues:

- **Tackle the climate crisis**
- **Ending unjust debts**
- **Holding multinational businesses accountable**

Will you sign CAFOD's petition? Yes?

Then go to:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

Organ Restoration Fund



The church organ here at St. Mary of the Angels is in need of some urgent repair work. Many of the electrical components of the organ have now begun to fail, due to their age and general wear and tear, and need to be replaced. As we are currently not using the organ on a regular basis now would be the perfect time to address these issues and so bring the organ back up to perfect working order. The cost of the works needed is **£5,824.80**. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the repair work it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Organ Restoration' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope'. Many thanks.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of **Francis Patton** and **Phillip John Meadows**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace. **Francis' Requiem Mass** will be celebrated at **10.30am and Friday 23rd April** prior to committal at Streetly Crematorium. The Requiem is by invitation only, due to the current restrictions, and the family have asked for donations towards the Organ Restoration Fund, in lieu of flowers, in memory of Francis. Following the Mass the funeral cortège will travel to the Crematorium via St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College. **A Parish Requiem Mass will be offered for Francis at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd April** – this will be 'first come first served'.

Praying for the Unborn



As we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy we remember the words of St. Faustina: “that in difficult moments we might not despair... but with great confidence submit ourselves to [God’s] holy will, which is love and mercy itself”. We pray these words especially for women considering an abortion, that the love, hope and mercy of Christ would be with them in their difficulty, and that they will find care and support in their family and friends so that they can keep their unborn child. Amen.

Sacrament of the Sick

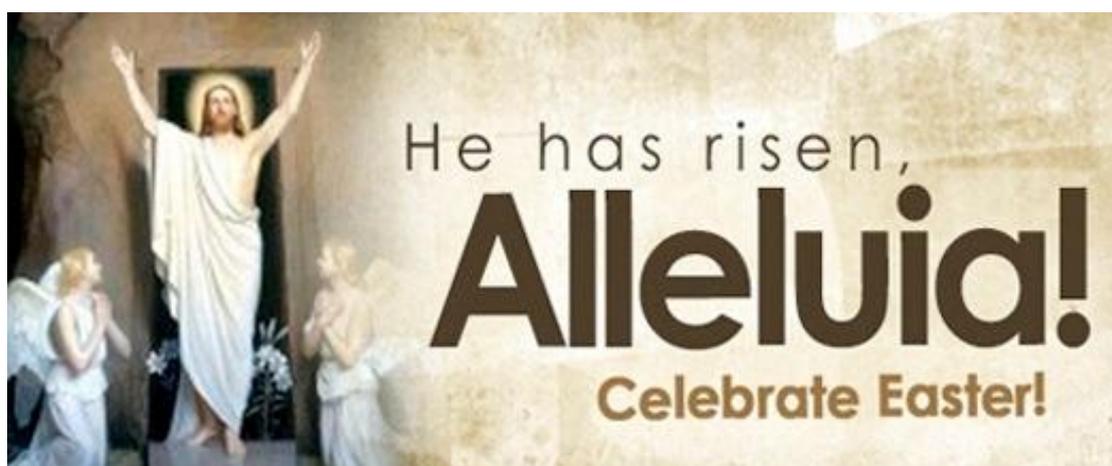
Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

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:- Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the risen Christ. It is the Spirit who heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father’s love and of fraternal unity. It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church is called “Divine Mercy Sunday”. Christ has taught us that “man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called ‘to practice mercy’ towards others: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Mt 5:7). (Pope St. John Paul II).

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig