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**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS**



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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



DATE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**(Vocations Sunday)**

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**

<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</u> Fourth Sunday of Easter <b>(Vocations Sunday)</b>	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish <b>Rosary &amp; Benediction</b>
<u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</u> <b>English Martyrs, <sup>Feast</sup></b>	9.15am	Int. of Jo Jones <sup>(M&amp;LJ)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am	Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am	No Services Today
<u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	7.30pm	Int. of David & Shelagh Goodwin <sup>(D&amp;SG)</sup>
<u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am	Clare Wilson <sup>RIP (Wilson Family)</sup>
<u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.30am	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</u> Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 5.00pm	Maureen Hayes <sup>RIP (JH &amp; Family)</sup> <b>Rosary &amp; Benediction</b>

## Pope Francis

Christianity is not only a doctrine, a way of behaving, a culture. Yes, it is all of these things. But the core of Christianity is an encounter: the encounter with Jesus. A Christian is a person who has encountered Jesus Christ, and was open to that encounter.

### 50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for March entrants drawn on 26<sup>th</sup> April:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	CA	21	£150
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	SrA	121	£75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	TV	34	£35
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	AH	117	£25

**Total prizes this month £285**

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

### 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.



### Live Simply Prayer – Week 23

In many parts of the world the people of your Church are harshly oppressed and persecuted. Lord, strengthen and reassure them through The Holy Spirit.

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The effects of COVID19 on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat or access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable. The most marginalised and poorest communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed more than ever to help protect these lives. While not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at [cafod.org.uk/parishes](http://cafod.org.uk/parishes).

## Rosary & Benediction

On Sundays during the month of May we will be live-streaming the Rosary and Benediction at 5pm. Each week we will be offering the Rosary for our NHS and for all Keyworkers. Please do join us for this wonderful devotion during Mary's month of May.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Brian Joseph Hornblower, Dorothy Myres** and **Bp. Leo McCartie**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. We pray also for all who have lost their lives due to Coronavirus. May they Rest in Peace.

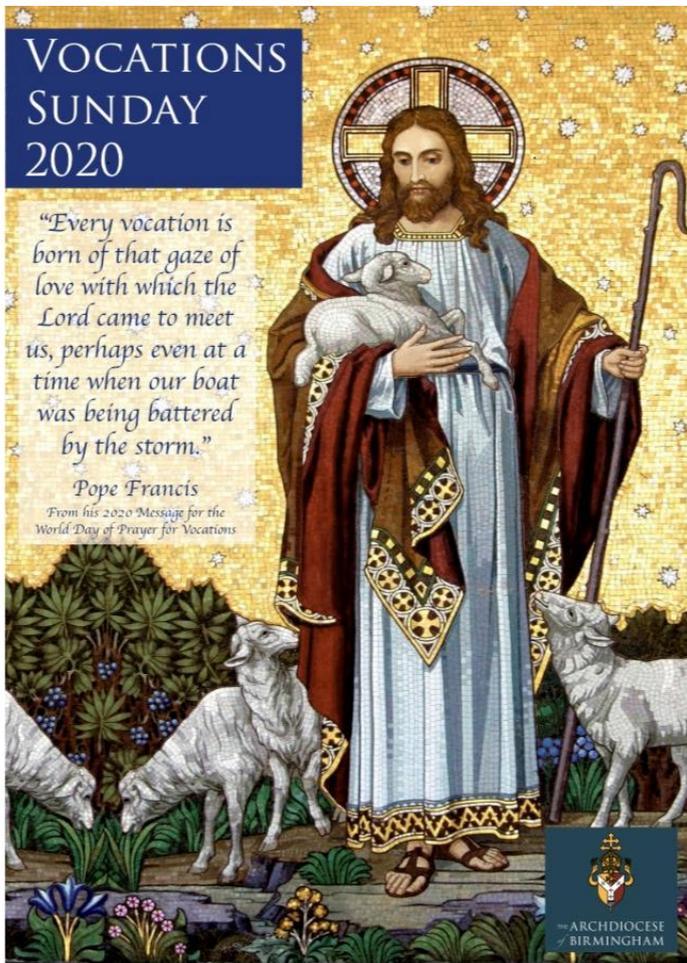
### Sick in the Parish

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** <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, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**

### Vocations Sunday

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally 'The Day of Prayer for Vocations'. On this day we, as the Catholic Community, are asked to pray in a very particular way for the gift of Vocations in the church. I have attached the prayer card produced for this Sunday so that we can join with the rest of the Archdiocese in praying for the wonderful gift of vocations in the Church.



On this special day dedicated to praying for the gift of vocations let us also remember to pray for those Parish Priests who have served us faithfully over the years and now rest in the hope of rising again:

- Fr. Norbert Holland O.F.M. (RIP)
- Fr. Valerian Picroni O.F.M. (RIP)
- Fr. Aiden Jackson O.F.M. (RIP)
- Fr. Julian Kennedy O.F.M. (RIP)
- Fr. Ephrem Conway O.F.M. (RIP)
- Fr. Charles Murphy O.F.M. (RIP)
- Fr. Cassian Frost O.F.M. (RIP)
- Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M. (RIP)
- The Very Rev. Laurence J. Hogarty (RIP)
- Mgr. Paul Watson (RIP)
- The Very Rev. Gerard Hanlon (RIP)

We remember also to pray for Canon Michael in his retirement.

As we look back to the past with gratitude in our hearts for all who consecrated their lives to Christ for the sake of the gospel, let us remember those who at this time are

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2020

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for the witness and ministry  
of the bishops, priests and deacons  
and consecrated men and women  
in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Continue to send labourers into your harvest.  
Inspire the hearts of your people  
to answer your call to the priesthood, the diaconate  
and to the religious life.

Bless our families  
with a spirit of generosity  
and may those you call have the courage  
to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Send your Holy Spirit upon me  
to guide me in my own vocation.  
Enlighten my mind to show me what you want of me;  
fill my heart with the determination  
to answer your call in faith, hope and love.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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in Formation for the Priesthood and the  
Permanent Diaconate:

- Tenny Anthony (Priesthood)
- Jonathan Henry (Priesthood)
- Jithin Titto (Priesthood)
- Gerard Bowen (Priesthood)
- David Bench (Priesthood)
- Toby Duckworth (Priesthood)
- Steven Fleming (Priesthood)
- Rev. Mr Clive Dytor (Priesthood)
- Rev. Mr Sean Gough (Priesthood)
- Rev. Mr Benedict Skipper (Priesthood)
- Rev. Mr Alex Taylor (Priesthood)
- Philip Bracken (Diaconate)
- Jonasz Paciorek (Diaconate)
- Martin Casey (Diaconate)
- Andrew Lansberry (Diaconate)
- Jim Brannan (Diaconate)
- Tim Naylor (Diaconate)
- Gary O'Brien (Diaconate)
- Mark Paine (Diaconate)
- Krzysztof Wasilewski (Diaconate)
- Peter Crosby (Diaconate)**
- John Garvey (Diaconate)
- Dirk Hermans (Diaconate)

We must never forget that, within the life of the church, a Vocation is not something restricted solely to those who are called to ordained ministry. Here in the Parish we are blessed to have the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon living and working in our midst. Today we pray for Sr. Anne and Sr. Ann-Marie who do so much in their own quiet way to bring the love of the Lord into the lives of the staff and residents at the Hawthorns.

We are blessed too with having two schools, and so we remember to pray for all who have answered the call of the Lord to serve Him as teachers, using their gifts and talents for the good of the children and young people of our parish and community.

In this time of COVID-19 how could we possibly forget to pray for those who work in the Public Sector. We pray especially for the Doctors, Nurses, support staff and other Healthcare Workers who work in our NHS; we pray for those who work in our Ambulance, Police and Fire Services; and for those who care for the elderly and infirm in the Care Homes of our Parish. All of who, like our Lord, offer that gift of self-sacrificial love for the good of others.

Let us not forget one of the greatest vocations of all, the vocation to married life and parenthood. We pray that God may strengthen all married couples, and those preparing for marriage, in their love for one another; and that He grant to them wisdom and understanding in their duty towards their children.

‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few’: let us pray also that the young people of our parish and of our Diocese will hear the call that the Lord holds for them. That they may have the strength, courage and generosity of heart to answer that call; and that their families and friends will support them. Remember that your priest is somebody’s son, maybe your son could be somebody’s priest.

Finally, and if you have time, please pray for me your Parish Priest, and for Fr. Ryan who is resident with us at this time. That the risen Christ may continue to pour into our hearts the gift of His divine love, and that we may use well the gift of the Sacred Priesthood given to us for the good of His Bride, the Church. That we may be wise and prudent shepherds of the flock entrusted to us, so that together we may all reach our true home in heaven.

**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*