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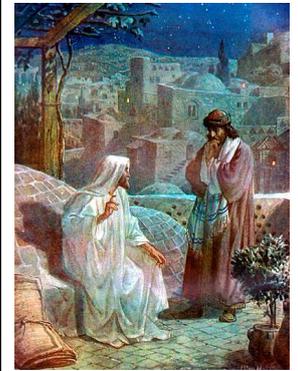
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 14th March
2021**

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

Saturday 13th March (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Janet Reeves RIP ^(AS)
Sunday 14th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Lætare Sunday</i> (Mothering Sunday)	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of Pat Hopley ^(FH) People of the Parish Int. of Francis Patton ^(SVP)
Monday 15th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15am	Int. of Margaret Jones ^(M&LJ)
Tuesday 16th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15am	James Brindley RIP ^(SB)
Wednesday 17th March St. Patrick Bishop, Patron of Ireland ^{Feast}		No Services Today
Thursday 18th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15am 7.00pm	Geoffrey Jones RIP ^(SH & Jones Family) Mass of Confirmation ^(Invitation Only)
Friday 19th March St. Joseph ^{Solemnity}	9.15am 3.30pm	Janet Reeves RIP ^(BB) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 20th March <i>Lent Feria</i> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	In Thanksgiving for Faith ^(EM) <i>Confessions ^(by appointment only)</i> Int. of Fr. Craig ^(School)
Sunday 21st March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Francis Adamson ^(Srs) Michael Fleming RIP ^(CM)

Pope Francis:

Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends.

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.

Stations of the Cross

Before each station:

V: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

R: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

After each Station:

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things, and I am heartily sorry for having offended you. Never let me separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will. Amen.

Second Collection

This weekend, **13th/14th March**, there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance. This is our annual collection to help with the maintenance and upkeep of St. Chad's Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of March is: **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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 Wynn, Francis Patton, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Maureen Carr, 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 Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

CAF⁺D

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 16

(4th Sunday Lent)

Happy are those who put their trust in you, Lord Jesus. Happy are we, for Easter is soon to come!

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Duddy**. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace.

Michael's Funeral arrangements will be announced once known. Please pray also for all who have lost their lives as a result of COVID-19.

Teaching Vacancy

Holy Name Catholic Primary School, Great Barr are looking for a class teacher (NQT or experienced) with possible TLR2a (£2,873 dependent on skills and experience) to start in September 2021 (or earlier). Please contact Mr. A Neenan, Headteacher, on 0121 357 3216 or email: headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk if you are interested.

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.

ANNUAL LENTEN ALMSGIVING



The 'Lent Alms Box' for our annual Lenten Almsgiving is now on the table at the back of the church. This year we will be donating all of the monies raised to the '**Friends of the Holy Land**'. Friends of the Holy Land are a non-political organisation whose sole purpose is to provide practical help directly to our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan & Israel – those parts of the world that we, as Christians, call the Holy Land. Their works focus on health, employment, family support, education, and housing improvement. This year the Holy Land, the Holy Places, and the many thousands of Christians who live and work there, have been badly affected by the COVID Pandemic. Please give generously to help this wonderful organisation continue the important work that they do.

Confirmation Candidates



On **Thursday** we will be welcoming **Bishop Stephen Wright**, one of the two newly ordained Auxiliary Bishops, into the parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 17 children from our primary school. We pray for these children, and for their families, asking that the Lord will pour out His blessings upon them as they prepare for this important day in their journey of faith. ***Due to the current restrictions on numbers attending Mass only the candidates, their families, and their sponsors will be able to attend.***

The Parish Mass on Thursday will be celebrated at 9.15am.

Praying for the Unborn



As we celebrate Mothering Sunday, we pray for all mothers who are expecting. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for an increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Amen.

The Sacred Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum this year, as you would expect given the current circumstances, is going to be a little different to what we are used to. However, it is wonderful that this year we can be present in church for some, or all of the ceremonies. On Monday there will be a page on the Parish Website called "Easter Triduum". On this page you will find all of the information about the services, their times, and the differences to the ceremonial. Here you will also find the 'Booking-in Forms' for each of the services. For each of the services I will work on a 'first come, first served'

principle. Once each of the services has reached the maximum capacity of the church the 'Booking-in Form' pertaining to that service will be removed from the website. This year it is permissible for the Liturgy of the Passion (Good Friday) to be repeated if necessary. Therefore, if necessary, this service will be repeated at 6.30pm, and the booking in form will change to reflect this need.

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:- Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reminds us that God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). We hear this comforting proclamation at a time when painful armed confrontation threatens the hope of humanity for a better future. Jesus affirmed "God so loved the world". So then, the Father's love reaches every human being who lives in the world. How can one not see the obligation that springs from such an initiative of God? Conscious of such great love, the human being can only open himself to an attitude of fraternal welcome towards his fellow human beings. (Benedict XVI)

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig