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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



DATE

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

SUNDAY

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 4**

**Live-streamed Masses: There will be no live-streamed this week.**

<u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Joan Lunny RIP <sup>(DW)</sup>
<u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</u> <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am 11.30am	Brian Hornblower RIP <sup>(AH)</sup> Matthew Collins RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</u> St. Edward the Confessor <sup>Memorial</sup>		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</u> St. Teresa of Avila <sup>Memorial</sup> Virgin, Doctor of the Church		No Services Today
<u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October</u> <b>Our Lady</b> <sup>Saturday Memorial</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	No Morning Mass No Confessions Francis Patton RIP <sup>(S&amp;JW)</sup>
<u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October</u> <b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am 11.30am	In Thanksgiving <sup>(A&amp;JS)</sup> People of the Parish

### Pope Francis:

Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit. They do not complain about others and the world, but start with themselves. They remind us that God is not to be proven, but shown; not announced with proclamations but witnessed by example.

### Data Protection – Live-streaming

**Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will normally be Live Streamed from St, Mary of the Angels.**

**These will not however be streamed until the next weekend the 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

**We regret that these will not be available but look forward to their return from that date**

My apologies for the incorrect date of our streaming return which appeared in last week's newsletter. This has since been corrected on our website, but the printed and hand distributed newsletters this week are still in error. JNT Editor

### Welcome

This weekend we welcome Canon Richard Walker, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, to the parish. During my 6 years at Oscott Canon (then Fr.) Richard was my Vice-Rector. He is a priest whom I greatly admire and to whom I am very grateful for the many kindnesses that he has shown to me over the years, I am therefore thrilled to be welcoming him to our parish.

### Whetstone Over 50's

Whetstone Over 50's are having their first meeting since lockdown this Monday, **11<sup>th</sup> October**, at 2pm. We will then meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Come along for an afternoon of light-hearted fun, a friendly chat together and a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a biscuit or two. Meetings are varied with speakers, demonstrations, quizzes and visits. Come along and see, you will be most welcome.

### Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of October is:- **Missionary Disciples**. We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Laoiseach Nolan, Max Miotk, Margaret & Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, John Wynne, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

We pray also for those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, and for all who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

### 50-50 Club

The Parish 50/50 Club draw takes place every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and costs £5 per number with a chance of winning one of the four cash prizes, the 1<sup>st</sup> prize being £150. Half of the money raised goes to supporting the parish. To enter you simply need to complete a Standing Order Form for the monthly £5 subscription

**If you are interested in joining in with our monthly Parish 50/50 Draw please speak to either Fr. Craig or Sue W.**



## Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 46

*(Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

God our Father, for us you make all things possible – you open our kingdom to us. We glorify your bountiful generosity.

### CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our brothers and sisters affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

### Sunday Morning Tea & Coffee

Each Sunday, after the 9.30am Mass, tea and coffee is served in the Parish Meeting Room. Instead of rushing off home as soon as the final hymn has ended why not pop in for a little while, have a chat, and get to know some of the parishioners. We would love to see you there.

### Kenelm Youth Trust

As we emerge from the pandemic and increase our school and programme numbers the Kenelm Youth Trust are seeking to recruit enthusiastic and capable retreat leaders and operational staff:

**Alton Castle Trainee Programme Leader, Alton Castle Programme Leader, Catering Assistant & Housekeeping Assistant.**

All information for these roles can be found on our website:

<https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/work4kyt.html>

### Craft and Natter

Have you missed going out and socialising this last 18 months? Then come and meet the ‘craft and natterers’ on Tuesdays – tea, coffee, and squash on tap (make your own). Come for the morning, the afternoon, or bring your lunch and stay for the whole session, 50p per session covers all you can drink and certain supplies for you to make your crafts. Come and tell us what you did in lockdown, what books or TV you were interested in, what you are looking forward to. If you are a crafter we have ideas for things to make. What are you waiting for, come along on a Tuesday, 11am until 3pm, in the meeting room at church. There will be hand sanitiser at the door, no need for masks, social distancing seating. For more information call Christine W on 07900 604902

### Assisted Dying Bill

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October the Assisted Dying Bill is due for its second reading and full debate in the House of Lords. Bishop John Sherrington, the lead Bishop for Life Issues, has written an open letter inviting all Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Bill. A full copy of the letter can found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-sherrington-letter-on-assisted-dying-bill-2021/>

### Adult Catechesis

**Our meetings will resume on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** If you are already a Catholic and interested in learning more about the faith you are most welcome to join us on Friday evenings at 6.30pm and in the Parish Meeting Room.

### Praying for the Unborn



Today we celebrate World Mental Health Day. We pray especially for all mothers experiencing difficulties in their pregnancies, whose mental health has, as a result, been negatively impacted. We pray that, as a society, we would do all we can to support mothers through these circumstances, and keep the health and well-being of both mother and child at the centre of our communities. Amen.

### 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.catholicdridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

**7pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**7pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**7pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

### 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.



Archdiocese of Birmingham  
Diocesan Education Service

The Diocesan Education Services are seeking a Senior Office Administrator (Salary £25-30,000 depending on relevant skills and experience. Please see the external church notice board for details, or *visit their website [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk) to.*

**And finally:-** One of the good things to come out of the past 18 months is the realisation of, and appreciation for, those things in our lives which really matter. The truth is, for all of us, that we carry around with us so much 'baggage', so many things which we worry about and fret over that sometimes we can lose sight of the things which are really and truly important. Today we encounter in the Gospel the famous saying of our Lord that "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God". The 'Eye of the Needle' was of course one of the principle gates in the wall of the City of Jerusalem, a gate through which many traders with their goods laden camels would have to pass in order to enter into the city. The problem was, the gate was very narrow. In order to get through the camels would have to be unburdened of their loads. Casting off the shackles that weigh us down can often be a difficult and painful task, but it is worth while in the end, for it is only then we begin to truly appreciate the things that really matter. We might not have to 'pass through the eye of a needle', but de-cluttering our lives allows the truly important things in life to enter more easily through the gateway of our hearts.

*May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig*