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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



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Sunday <u>DATE</u> 1st November 2020

Solemnity of All Saints Year A

DIVINE OFFICE Week 3

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

Saturday 31 st October (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Monica Packington RIP (J&PC GF)	
<u>Sunday 1st November</u> Solemnity of All Saints	11.30am	People of the Parish Geoff Jones _{RIP} (AH) Ann Curry _{RIP} (Fr. C)	
Monday 2 nd Nov Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)		Holy Souls	
<u>Tuesday 3rd Nov</u> St. Winifride _{Virgin} Memorial		No Services Today	
Wednesday 4 th Nov St. Charles Borromeo Bishop Memorial		No Services Today	
Thursday 5 th Nov Feria	7.30pm	Dec. members of the Walsall Catenian's	
Friday 6 th Nov Feria	9.15am	A Private Intention (EM)	
Saturday 7 th Nov Our Lady Saturday Memorial		Sick in the Parish ^(SVP) John Kelly _{RIP} ^(DM)	
Sunday 8 th November		People of the Parish	
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of Anne Humphreys ^(K&PB) Int. of the Bowker & Lewis Family ^(CB)	

Pope Francis:

Those who love may be sure that none of their acts of love will be lost, nor any of their acts of sincere concern for others, nor any single act of love for God, nor any generous effort, nor any painful endurance. All of these enfold our world like a vital force.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who 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 livestream please inform one of the stewards as you enter the church.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This Sunday at 12 noon Bishop David Evans will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St. Chad's Cathedral. Married couples are encouraged to join in with this Mass, which will include a Renewal of Commitment, from home via the Cathedral Live-stream using the link below:

https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/

If you will be attending Mass yourself at this time a recording of the Mass will be available on the Cathedral Website using the same link above.

You can now access the Wedding Anniversary Photo Compilation Video at: https://youtu.be/RnZw84MR13I

See if you can spot the photographs of a few of our own parishioners who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year!

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of November: **Artificial Intelligence**. We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development Live Simply Prayer – Week 49

Lord God, support in spirit all suffering in any way harshly from the coronavirus. Through the intervention of your saints reinforce and reinvigorate all who work to bring them comfort, healing and recovery in the months ahead.

<u>Disaster in Lebanon</u>

As you will recall, earlier in August, two large explosions at the port in Lebanon's capital city sent enormous shockwaves across the city. Homes and livelihoods were destroyed. More than a hundred people were killed. CAFOD continues to ask us to help the people in Beirut by supporting their Beirut Emergency Appeal to supply medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelters. Through local experts, our Church network reaches survivors and their families directly. Obviously, this disaster added to existing critical issues there: the impact of Coronavirus, ongoing shortages of vital medical supplies, an ineffectual government, social disruption and loss of employment. Please pray for everyone still being affected by these terrible explosions. With your help CAFOD is tackling these problems and will be able to go on doing so. If you are able, please make a donation to CAFOD using this address:

https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off

or post a cheque to: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

Sick in the Parish

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

Leo Jones, Luke Smith. Patricia McMahon. Catherine Shepherd. Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Nancy Levell, Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Mark Desorgher, Anna nee Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Morgan Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Theresa Chandler, Mott. Evelvn Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Paddy Breen, & Max Lewis. Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Pray also for all suffering as a result of Covid-19, and those still isolating at home.

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for 'Peter's Pence'. This is the annual collection used to support the Pope's charitable work throughout the world.

New Sound System

During lockdown, a new sound system has been installed in the church costing £8,713. I hope you will agree that it is a vast improvement, giving a much better sound quality. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new system it would be greatly appreciated. Please put you donation in an envelope marked 'Sound System' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a GAD set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope'. Many thanks

50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for September entrants drawn on 25th October:

1 st Prize					
2 nd Prize	RL	83	£60		
3 rd Prize	EM	59	£37.50		
4 th Prize	HB	43	£20		
Total prizes this month £267.50					

St. Joseph's Nechells

Each year as a parish we collect presents for the children of St. Joseph's School in Nechells. Sadly, this year due to COVID-19 this will not be possible, as the school cannot distribute the gifts to the families. This is a real shame as the gifts are greatly appreciated by the children. This year, instead of donating presents, I wonder if we could collect the money normally spent on the presents, in order to provide the children with a Christmas Meal in school before the end of term. If you would like to contribute towards this please put your money in an envelope marked 'St. Joseph's' and pop it through the Presbytery door.

Rosary for the Unborn This Thursday, 5th November, please pray the Rosary at home for the unborn. The Intention for November is: For all children whose lives were lost to abortion.

Aldridge Remembrance Service

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year's Remembrance Service, due to be held next Sunday, 8th November, has been cancelled. Instead, a pre-recorded Service of Remembrance will be broadcast starting at 10.45am and can be accessed via:

https://www.facebook.com/AldridgeReme mbrance/

or via:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcdh Ci3L5 Sirml7eU6QF7g

Booking in to attend Mass

There are many of our parishioners for whom coming to Mass is still not an option, either because they are still having to follow strict instructions given by the government, or they are simply not yet ready to make that commitment. If you do fall into either of these two categories I want to assure you of my continued prayers at this time. Once you feel ready to return to Mass, the 'Booking in form' will remain on the 'Covid-19' page of the parish website, you simply need to complete it and click 'Submit'.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to all who have placed Christmas Card orders with the Parish Piety Stall over the past several weeks. Margaret L will now place the order. Once the cards have arrived we will contact you to inform you of the cost, and to arrange collection of the cards form the Presbytery.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig <u>directly</u> 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/baptis mal-enquiries.html

Here you will find all of the information that you need to know. You can also complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. Once this form has been submitted you will be contacted by Fr. Craig to make arrangements for you to attend a Baptismal Class.

And finally: Today we enter the month of November, the month, which in the Church has always been dedicated to the Holy Souls. It has long been the custom of this, and many parishes, to have a Book of Remembrance at the front of the church where we are able to inscribe the names of all who we wish to pray for during this month. Sadly, this year we are not able to do this due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, I have created a page on the Parish Website where the names of the dead, along with some traditional prayers for the faithful departed can be found. I have attempted to include on this page all whose names were written in the Book of Remembrance during the Month of the Holy Souls last year, and the names of those whose funerals have been celebrated since that time. Once you have had an opportunity to look at this page, and to pray for those whose names can be found there, if there are any other names that you would like to be added please do not hesitate to email me with their names. Each day during this month, take a moment to offer an 'Eternal Rest' for the souls of all the faithful departed, in the hope that one day, when we have died, there will be someone praying for us.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig