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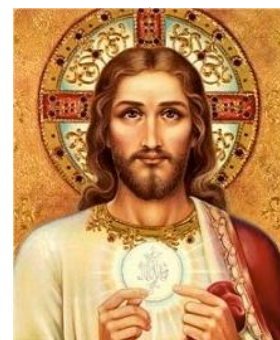
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD

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**SUNDAY**

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &
Blood of Christ
Year A**

**DIVINE OFFICE
Week 3**

DATE

Sunday 14th June 2020

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

Sunday 14th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	9.30am 5.00pm	Richard Chandler RIP ^(TC) Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction
Monday 15th June Feria	9.15am	Thomas Luke Weir RIP ^(Weir Family)
Tuesday 16th June Feria	9.15am	Int. of Christina McCann ^(Sr. A)
Wednesday 17th June Feria	9.15am	No Services Today
Thursday 18th June Dedication of the Cathedral ^{Feast}	7.30pm	Int. of the Goodwin Family ^(D&SG)
Friday 19th June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity	9.15am	Eddie Wilson RIP ^(CA)
Saturday 20th June Immaculate Heart of Mary ^{Memorial}	9.30am	Int. of Sr. Katherine Mary ^(EM)
Sunday 21st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction

Pope Francis

In our darkest moments, when we sin or are disoriented, we always have an appointment with God. We do not need to be afraid, because God will change our hearts and give us the blessing reserved for those who allow Him to change them.

Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction

On Sundays during the month of June we will be live-streaming Sacred Heart Devotions and Benediction at 5pm.

SMA Primary School

There are still places available in the Nursery at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School for the academic year beginning September 2020. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01922 743411.



Maryvale Sacred Heart Novena

All are invited to join our Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the sacred Heart at Maryvale online.

There will be Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8pm from Thursday 11th June to Friday 19th June 2020 (The Feast of the Sacred Heart).

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21st June at 11am live streamed from St. Chad's Cathedral (the day that the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place).

Full details, and how to access each event, are available on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart-novena>

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of June: **The Way of the Heart.** We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 29

We pray, Lord Jesus, for the young of our parish who were preparing for the sacraments this year. Keep them and their families committed on their journey to greater closeness to You.

Our parish continues to support a parish, Magdalena Medio, in Columbia through CAFOD. Parishioners, who would like information on people and the developments there, can get the information from this address: cafod.org.uk/handson via the web.

If you would like to know what CAFOD is doing in response to the world-wide coronavirus outbreak, go to their web address: cafod.org.uk/coronavirus. In particular Cafod wants us to sign a petition to the Prime Minister to get the UK government to support poorer people and countries. Full details for all of this is available at:

<https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>

Please do join in.

The Church Grounds

Many parishioners will be aware that quite a few of the trees in the grounds have preservation orders on them. They are in need of pruning and so tree surgeons have been commissioned.

They will be on site on Wednesday 1st July to perform the necessary work.

Sick in the Parish

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

Deirdre McLeary, David Goodwin, Jo Jones, Mark Desorgher, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, 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, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Reopening of our Churches for Individual Prayer



The Archdiocese has added a page to their website entitled “Reopening our Churches for Individual Prayer”. On this page, which will be updated with all of the latest information, you can read the statement of Vincent Cardinal Nichols in response to the Government’s announcement, the Government’s Press Release made on 7th June, and the Archdiocesan Update. You can visit this page of the Diocesan website by clicking on this link:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/reopening-our-churches-for-individual-prayer>.

Prayers for Fr. Ryan

Please keep Fr. Ryan in your prayers over the course of the next week or so, as, via the wonders of modern technology, he will be sitting his final exams.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Everything begins, one might say, from the heart of Christ who, at the Last Supper, on the eve of his passion, thanked and praised God and by so doing, with the power of his love, transformed the meaning of death which he was on his way to encounter. The fact that the Sacrament of the Altar acquired the name “Eucharist” – “thanksgiving” – expresses precisely this: that changing of the substance of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is the fruit of the gift that Christ made of himself, the gift of a Love stronger than death, divine Love which raised him from the dead. This is why the Eucharist is the food of eternal life, the Bread of Life.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

The Reopening of St. Mary of the Angels for Individual Prayer

Over the past several days much has been said about the announcement made by the UK Government on 7th June with regards to the reopening of Places of Worship for individual prayer. Whilst it is now possible for our churches to be open from Monday 15th June, it does not mean that they will be open from Monday 15th, the key phrase here is that ‘it will be possible’. I would love to be able to say that the doors of St. Mary of the Angels will be open from this Monday onwards, however, this is not going to be a reality – it is not possible for us to open at this time. Before we can open our doors, for a limited period of time each week for individual prayer, we as a parish, have to be able to prove to the Diocese that we are capable of allowing people in whilst ensuring that our church is as safe as it possibly can be, and that we are doing all that we possibly can to reduce the risk of our church being the source of an increase in the transmission of COVID-19. At this

point I must thank Phil Probert who has worked alongside me (maintaining Social Distancing of course) in trying to complete the Risk Assessment which is required by Law, upon which the Diocese will assess whether we can open our doors or not. Alongside all of this, before we can open the church we have to wait for the delivery of PPE (gloves, Masks and aprons) which the Wardens and Cleaners will need whilst they are on duty (more will be said about that in a moment). We are required by Law to provide hand sanitiser with an alcohol content of 70% and above which everyone visiting the church will have to use on entering and exiting the building. We have to set up a one way system in the church and mark off the two meter social distancing on the floor both inside and outside the church etc, etc – believe me, the list goes on and on! A little earlier I mentioned Stewards and Cleaners. If we are to open our church, we need volunteers to act as Stewards and cleaners, without which our church ‘MUST REMAIN CLOSED’. Once it is possible it is my intention to open the church on Sundays from 11am – 3pm. During this time we need two teams (each

team covering a 2hr slot) made up of 3 Stewards and one Cleaner. Now, here is where it gets more difficult – you are only qualified to volunteer for these roles if you are under the age of 70, and are not a person who has any underlying health issues and do not need to be shielding. One member of the team (if possible) should be familiar with the safeguarding procedures and policy of the Archdiocese. If possible a team member should have some form of First Aid Training. And to top it off – we can only allow people to volunteer for one of these roles if they already have a voluntary role in the Parish and are known to the Parish Priest. On the Parish website I have created a page entitled ‘COVID-19’, here you will be able to read all of the documentation which has come from the Diocese and the Bishops Conference with regards to the Reopening of our Churches. Also on this page, if you qualify, you can offer your time as a volunteer to work in the church during the opening times – and I must stress – **if we get no volunteers the church will not, can not, be open for individual prayer at this time.**

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