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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 28th February
2021**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday of Lent
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

Saturday 27th February (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	The Howard Family (Parish Memorial Mass)
Sunday 28th February Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Eliz McCabe RIP (SMCC) People of the Parish David Farmer RIP (B&TM)
Monday 1st March St. David Bishop, Patron of Wales <small>Feast</small>	9.15am	James & Noelene Kelly RIP (BO'B)
Tuesday 2nd March St. Chad Bishop, Patron of the Diocese <small>Feast</small>	9.15am	Holy Souls (ES)
Wednesday 3rd March Lent Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 4th March Lent Feria	7.30pm	Int. of John O'Neill (JO'N)
Friday 5th March Lent Feria	9.15am 3.30pm	Special Intention (G&NP) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 6th March Lent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Leslie Roberts RIP (T&AB) <i>Confessions (by appointment only)</i> Int. of Ellie Hayes (JH)
Sunday 7th March Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of the Hornblower Family (AH) Int. of the Benefactors of the SVP (SVP)

Pope Francis:

During the Season of Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert (MK 1:12-15). It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us.

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

On Fridays at 3.30pm, during the Season of Lent, we meditate upon the mystery of the Lord's Passion in the Stations of the Cross. For those joining us via the live-stream, and who may be unfamiliar with this devotion, here are the two prayers, which will help you participate more fully.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention

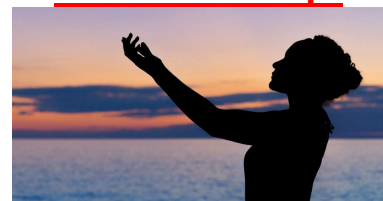
The Pope's prayer intention for the month of March is: **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Sick in the Parish

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

John Wynn, Francis Patton, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Maureen Carr, Pat Hopley, Leo Jones, 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 & Aine McDonagh.

Awake with Hope



Women of the Archdiocese of Birmingham (WOD) have organised a 'Day of recollection for Women'. This day will take place, via Zoom, on Monday 20th March from 9.45 am to 2.30pm. This event is being facilitated by Jo Boyce (CJM Music) The cost of the day is £10 (£5 unwaged) Register online at: <http://bit.ly/awakenwithhope> or by telephone 07586521502.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 14

Almighty God, teach us to love the world that is our home and to work to restore it in every way we can, day by day, in what we undertake. Let us do the Earth no more harm!

Family Fast Day



Friday **26th February 2021** was Lent Family Fast Day. This offered an opportunity to direct some of our almsgiving effectively to meet a basic need of other people, a way of helping them survive. This is made possible because CAFOD has made **the provision of water** a major objective. If you would like to get information about CAFOD's aim, it can be had at this web address: <https://www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> **Your Family Fast Day offering can be placed in the Basket at the back of church this weekend.**

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Fr. Oliver Kemp & Paul Casey**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Paul's Funeral Service will take place at Streetly Crematorium on **Thursday 4th March at 1.00pm.**

Whilst it is only possible for the family to be present at the funeral, you are invited to light a candle in your home and pray for his soul at this time.

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.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all who are considering an abortion at this time. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Amen.

Confirmation Candidates

On **Thursday 18th March** we will be welcoming **Bishop Stephen Wright** into the parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 17 children from our primary school. Next week these children will be returning to school, after a long time of online learning, to begin the final stages of preparation. Over the next few weeks let us pray for these children, and for their families, asking the Lord to pour out His blessings upon them as they prepare for this important day in their journey of faith.

Rosary for the Unborn

On Thursday we pray the Rosary for the protection of all babies in the womb. This month our intention is: **‘For medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life’.**

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:- When one has the grace to live a strong experience of God, it is as if one is living an experience similar to that of the disciples during the Transfiguration: a momentary foretaste of what will constitute the happiness of Paradise. No one, however, is permitted to live “on Tabor” while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in the shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on this earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing... And so, this is the gift and duty of each one of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to Him in His Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to Him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the message of Providence. Finally, to listen to Him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, for whom Jesus Himself demands our concrete love. (Benedict XVI)

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig