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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**DATE**

Sunday 5th December
2021

SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent
Year C

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

Saturday 4th December (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Joe Kennelly ^(JH)
Sunday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am	Margaret Oakley ^{RIP} People of the Parish
Monday 6th Dec Advent Feria	9.15am	Int. of Dcn. Peter & Family ^(MO'L)
Tuesday 7th Dec St. Ambrose Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9.15am	Int. of Sheila Kerrigan ^(MP)
Wednesday 8th Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity		No Services Today
Thursday 9th Dec Advent Feria	7.30pm	Margaret Jones ^{RIP (D&SG)}
Friday 10th Dec Advent Feria	9.15am	Bert McBride ^{RIP (MR)}
Saturday 11th December Advent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of Teresa Chandler ^(SVP) Exposition, Confession & Benediction Bernard Dunkley ^{RIP (JH)}
Sunday 12th December Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	9.30am 11.30am	Patrick O'Reilly ^{RIP (SB)} People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

Let us be fearless amid the messy situations all around us, because that is where the Lord is, in our midst; God continues to perform his miracle of bringing forth good fruits (Jn 15:5). Christian joy is born precisely of this certainty.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the left 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 ensure that you are seated on the right of the church.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Moseley née Carter & Darren Forrest** on whose souls sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Margaret's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **10.00am on Monday 20th December**.

From John & Annette Smith

Annette and I are leaving Aldridge, Church, Friends, and the many wonderful memories we have in this place to move to Perton in Wolverhampton to be closer to our children, to be cared for by them over the coming years. May we take this opportunity to thank you all for the care, friendship and support we have always received from the church and you the parishioners over many, many years. You will always remain in our hearts, thoughts and of course our prayers. God bless you all. John & Annette.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of December is: **For Catechists**. Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sick in the Parish

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

John Wynne, Dcn. Peter Crosby, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Max Miotk, Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan née Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, 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 winners of the draw for October entrants drawn on 28th November:

1st Prize	TM	96	£150
2nd Prize	RA	56	£60
3rd Prize	CA	21	£35
4th Prize	JH	103	£20

Total prize money this month: £265.00

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 02

(Second Sunday of Advent)

**Come, Lord, to save the nations; make the
glory of your voice heard in our hearts.**

Retiring Collection

This weekend, **4th/5th December**, there is a retiring collection for the **Poor Parishes Fund**.

Next weekend, **11th/12th December**, we will be holding our annual retiring collection for the work of the parish **SVP Group**.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College Carol Service

Join us for the school's virtual Carol Service from the school chapel on our YouTube channel on **Thursday 9th December at 7pm**, for an evening of sacred vocal and instrumental music celebrating the Christmas Season.

There will be a selection of traditional and modern carols to experience and join in with as we celebrate the festive season in words and music. Follow this link to our YouTube page:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVQF78GOJR3giQRF_LVcXOQ

Fair Trade Stall



This Sunday, **5th December**, the Fairtrade Stall will once again be in the Parish Meeting Room after the Sunday 9.30am Mass. Please do go in at the end of Mass and support this important parish initiative.

Craft & Natter

Our Parish Craft & Natter Group is having a stall, at all Masses on **4th/5th December**, at the back of church. **Tuesday 7th Dec.** is our last meeting until we return in the New Year. Thanks to all who have supported us these last few months; it's been good getting back together. Here's hoping we can continue in the New Year. For more information call Christine on 07900694902

Parish Life Group

We would like to thank everyone who supported our cake and coffee morning last Sunday for the **Walsall Life House**. With your help and generosity we raised **£485.00**, which will be used to buy, Christmas presents for the mothers and babies in our Life House, and to treat them to a Christmas Dinner. Thank you!

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our Christmas Party is to be held on **Monday 13th December** at 1pm. If you would like to join us please put your name on the list at the back of church. We ask if you would bring something along for the shared table and a Secret Santa gift up to the value of £5.

We need to know by this weekend if you are intending to come.

Deacon Peter Crosby



Please keep **Deacon Peter** in your prayers at this time. On Monday he underwent surgery on one of his eyes to correct a detached retina. The procedure, I am pleased to report, went very well and he is now at home recovering. Due to the nature of the operation, and the length of the recovery period necessary, we will not see Dcn. Peter in church for about the next 6 weeks.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for an end to abortion. We pray especially that the Government would see the harm caused by the temporary 'DIY' abortion scheme, and that efforts to end this practice would be successful. 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.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

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

7pm Tuesday 15th February 2022

7pm Tuesday 27th April

7pm Tuesday 28th June

St. Joseph's Nechells

Each year as a parish we collect presents for the children of St. Joseph's School in Nechells. Sadly, as last year due to COVID-19, this will not be possible. This is sad as the gifts are greatly appreciated by the children. As last year instead of donating presents, I wonder if we could collect the money normally spent on the presents, to provide the children with a Christmas Meal in school. 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. **Please do this before the end of this weekend, or there will not be time for the children to get the meal before the end of term.**

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.

And finally:- On this Second Sunday of Advent, in the Gospel, we encounter the wonderful figure of St. John the Baptist. Once again the evangelist Luke immediately presents the appearance of the Baptist, and his call to repentance and conversion, in relation to the prophecy of Isaiah and its fulfilment. A prophecy which speaks of the coming of a voice crying in the wilderness 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. During Advent we are called to allow ourselves once again to be challenged by the Baptists call; to respond with generosity of heart to the invitation of Isaiah to 'Prepare a way for the Lord'. So easily we can allow ourselves to be caught up in the external preparations, the buying of gifts and the decoration of our homes, that we neglect to prepare ourselves spiritually for the feast that lies ahead. To aid us in our spiritual preparation I have placed on the homepage of our Parish Website a statement produced by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. In this statement the Bishops' invite us to look once again at the importance of keeping Sundays Holy, and of the importance of our relationship with the Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Please take some time to read this statement and allow it to form part of our prayerful preparation during this wonderful season of grace.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig