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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**

This Parish is  
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DATE

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 2**

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| <u>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)                                    | 6.00pm                                 | Victor Alonzo RIP <sup>(MB)</sup>  |
| <u>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u><br>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  | 9.30am                                 | People of the Parish   |
| <u>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u><br>St. Sebastian <sup>Martyr</sup> Memorial                              | 9.15am                                 | Private Intention <sup>(KH)</sup>  |
| <u>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.</u><br>St. Agnes <sup>Virgin, Martyr</sup> Memorial                         | 9.15am                                 | Jackie Perks RIP <sup>(Sr. A)</sup>  |
| <u>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.</u><br>Feria  | 9.15am                                 | Service of Word and Communion  |
| <u>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan.</u><br>Feria   | 9.15am<br>7:30pm                       | Int. of Jim Smith <sup>(SVP)</sup><br>Mary Thomas RIP <sup>(M&amp;LJ)</sup>  |
| <u>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u><br>St. Francis de Sales <sup>Bishop, Doctor of the Church</sup> Memorial | 9.15am                                 | Mavis Bradin RIP   |
| <u>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u><br>Conversion of St. Paul <sup>Feast</sup>                             | 9.30am<br>10-11am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm | Tony Andrews RIP <sup>(CA)</sup><br>Confessions & Exposition<br>Benediction<br>Thomas Shaw RIP <sup>(A&amp;JT)</sup> |
| <u>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.</u><br>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time   | 9.30am                                 | People of the Parish   |

## Pope Francis

Compassion gets involved, it comes from the heart and gets involved, and it leads you to do something. Compassion is “suffering with”, taking the suffering of the other person upon yourself in order to resolve it, to heal it. And this was the mission of Jesus. Jesus did not come to preach the law and then leave. Jesus came in compassion, that is, to suffer with and for us and to give us life itself. The Lord has so much compassion, He involves Himself in our problems. Let us often repeat this simple prayer: Lord, I am a sinner, have mercy on me, have compassion for me.

## Recently Deceased

Pray for the souls of **Mary Nix, Fr. Brian Doolan & Fr. Patrick Farrelly**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

## Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This year the Diocese are hosting two Masses for those who are celebrating an Anniversary of Marriage, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of May at 12noon. If you are interested in going please see the details on the poster in the porch.

## Diocesan Directories 2020

Directories are available in the sacristy. They are priced at £5.00 a copy, money to be given to Fr. Craig.

## Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Meeting Room after Mass on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January starting at approx. 7.30pm. All members of the Parish are welcome to come along to the meeting.

## Whetstone Over 50s Group

Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Location to be determined

## Craft and Natter

We meet each Tuesday in term time from 11am, when everyone is welcome. For more information call Christine on 01922 860981

## Christmas Crib Collection.



This year the Crib Offering is being donated to support the work of LEPROA, a charity whose work focuses on bringing help and relief to those who are suffering from Leprosy.

The donation box will be left in front of the Crib throughout the Christmas Season.

## Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis

In front of the crib, I have placed copies of Pope Francis' apostolic letter *Admirabile Signum* - a reflection on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene. If you would like, please take a copy.

## St Francis of Assisi College

Our next SVP retreat afternoon will be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the theme will be based on Lent. Closer to the time we will send out a sign-up sheet.

## Lourdes Fundraising Concert

We are extremely grateful for all of the fundraising you have already been doing for our students at SFA, to finish our campaign we will run a concert on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We would love you all to join us for a night of incredible musical talent and help us to raise money for our great cause. More details will be realised closer to the time.

## Duty Rotas

New duty rotas for **Coffee Morning, Mass Welcomers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Cleaners** are now available from the stand in the porch. Our volunteers are urged to pick up their named copy, as the details published in the weekly newsletter are only as accurate as our ageing newsletter editor can make them. There are still many envelopes awaiting collection. Please look for yours.

## Sick in the Parish

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

**Olivia (Dotty)<sup>C</sup>, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>nee Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

**CAFOD**

Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

### **Live Simply Prayer – Week 7**

Lord, remember the innocent and defenceless fellow Christians who are being persecuted, in China, in Iraq and Syria, in Nigeria and India because of their faith in you. Comfort them, we pray!

**Many thanks for the donations of stamps, coins and broken jewellery for CAFOD. These are always much appreciated. Our gold box will remain in situ for any further donations.**



## Race Night

The Keeling Dance School is hosting the Race Night event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February to aid in raising monies for St. Francis of Assisi students to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in order to assist invalid pilgrims. Doors open at 7:30 for an 8:00pm start. Tickets are **£5** per adult and **£2** per child. Light refreshments will be available, but bring your own alcoholic drinks.

The Keeling school is located to the rear of the TSB on the high street. It can be approached through the car park behind Barclays Bank.

Email: [keelingdance@hotmail.com](mailto:keelingdance@hotmail.com)

Phone: 07541 502037 or approach Níamh or Katie to book a place.



## Members of Catholic Societies and Organisations

If you are a member of a Catholic Society or Organisation, for example the Catenians, Cafod, Life, SVP, Mothers Union, CWL, Guild of St. Stephen etc, please could you put your name and the name of the society of which you are a member on the list in the sacristy. Fr. needs this information in order to complete the annual statistics report for the diocese.

## Guild of St. Stephen Thanksgiving Mass

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Bishop David McGough will celebrate a Mass for the Guild at St. Chad's, followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw room. Guild members wishing to attend should let Fr. Craig know as soon as possible. Please see the notice board for details.

**Baptism Enquiries:** If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy then your family should take on this responsibility.

**PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AND DURING THE WEEK**

|                          |                  |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b> | <b>READERS:</b>  | Christine L & Pat H                |
|                          | <b>E. MINS:</b>  | Emma, David G, John C & Ann T      |
| <b>9.30AM SUNG MASS</b>  | <b>MUSIC:</b>    | Folk Group                         |
|                          | <b>READERS:</b>  | Brian & Keith                      |
|                          | <b>E. MINS:</b>  | Rosella, Dorothy, Jonathan & Denis |
|                          | <b>FLOWERS:</b>  | Sally                              |
|                          | <b>CLEANERS:</b> | Pat, Sally, Ann & Simon            |

**PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b> | <b>WELCOMERS:</b>      | Dawn & Katy                               |
|                          | <b>WARDENS:</b>        | John O                                    |
|                          | <b>READERS:</b>        | Gerry & James                             |
|                          | <b>E. MINS:</b>        | Keith, Christine H, Nathalie & Bernadette |
| <b>9.30AM SUNG MASS</b>  | <b>MUSIC:</b>          | Choir                                     |
|                          | <b>WELCOMERS:</b>      | Helen C & Margaret L                      |
|                          | <b>WARDENS:</b>        | Denis                                     |
|                          | <b>READERS:</b>        | Cathy & Helen                             |
|                          | <b>E. MINS:</b>        | Barbara, Phil, Sue & David W              |
| <b>CASHIERS:</b>         | Team A                 |   |
| <b>COFFEE:</b>           | Sally, Simon & Barbara |   |

**And finally:** This weekend, in the Gospel, St. John the Baptist bears witness to Christ as ‘the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world’. John’s ministry of “bearing witness to Christ” began even in his mothers womb, when he leapt for joy as the words of Mary reached his mother’s ear, and he encountered the nearness of his Lord in Mary’s womb. At Mass we too hear the Word of God and encounter the nearness of the Lord as we receive Him in Holy Communion. Through this encounter we too are “sent out” at the end of Mass to bear witness to Christ in the world today; sent out into our towns and communities to proclaim Him as ‘the chosen one of God’ who came ‘that we might have life’. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our faith, and give us the courage like John to proclaim “Yes, I have seen, I believe, and I am willing to be a witness”.

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*