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THE YEAR OF THE WORD

DATE

Sunday 5th April 2020

SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

In response to COVID-19 all public Masses and liturgies have been suspended until further notice. We are, however, live-streaming all of our Masses and Holy Week Services.

Please Note That All Masses Will Be Said In Private

<u>Sunday 5th April</u> Palm Sunday	9.30am	Claire Higgs (née McAnulty) RIP (SB)
<u>Monday 6th April</u> Monday of Holy Week	9.15am	Int. of Kathleen & Paddy Breen (K&PB)
<u>Tuesday 7th April</u> Tuesday of Holy Week	9.15am	Anthony Satariano RIP (YD)
<u>Wednesday 8th April</u> Wednesday of Holy Week	9.15am	Int. of Fr. Daniel John Stanton
<u>Thursday 9th April</u> Maundy Thursday	10.00am 7:30pm	Morning Prayer Mary Cassar RIP (YD)
<u>Friday 10th April</u> Good Friday	10.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Passion Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday 11th April</u> Holy Saturday	10.00am 8.30pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Geoff Jones RIP (AH & the Jones Family)
<u>Sunday 12th April</u> Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	9.30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis

It would be good to stop a moment this Friday to think about the sorrow of Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, and to say “thank you for accepting to be our Mother”. In the motherhood of Our Lady we see the Church’s maternity which welcomes everyone.

Lent Alms Giving

The Lent Alms Giving: This year we are donating the money to Survive Miva. If you would like to continue your Lent giving please put the money in an envelope through the Presbytery door.

Easter Offering

As many of you will know a considerable amount of a Parish Priest’s income comes from the Christmas and Easter Offerings. This year, with our churches being closed, the Easter Offering cannot be taken, resulting in a huge loss in my income. If you would, therefore, like to make your Easter Offering for your Parish Priest you can do so by putting it in an envelope marked ‘Easter Offering’, and popping it through the Presbytery Letterbox.

Sick in the Parish

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

Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, 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, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Walsall Life



Please remember in your prayers the pregnant women, new mothers and babies in our Walsall house, and those we are trying to help.

The earlier request for prams is of course suspended at this time.

With thanks from Ann and Beryl

Catholic Papers

Due to Coronavirus, many Diocesan Catholic Papers have been put on line to enable people to keep in touch with things going on. These papers can be viewed by visiting the website:

www.ChurchPapers.co.uk

50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for February entrants drawn on 20th March:

1 st Prize	TM	13	£150
2 nd Prize	DK	67	£75
3 rd Prize	TM	96	£37.50
4 th Prize	JO	35	£25

Total prizes this month £287.50

All monies will be paid when things get back to normal.

Devotions for use at home

I have added a page to our Website called ‘Devotions’ where you will find a selection of prayers to help you during these strange times we are living in.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 19

Together may we all find the joy, Lord Jesus, of living together, as one human family, your family, in our common home.

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

Set out below are the forms of the Ceremonies, which will take place over the Sacred Triduum. For those who are following at home using their Missals you will see that some changes have been made, this is due to the Ceremonies being celebrated without the presence of the faithful. What the Bishops' of England and Wales are recommending is in accord with the Decrees of the Congregation for Divine Worship.

Palm Sunday

In the celebration of the Mass of Palm Sunday, this is to be celebrated and the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem should be celebrated within the church building and not outside. In **Parish Churches** the Third Form (the simple Entrance) should be used. There is no blessing of palms in the third form. Parish Priests may bless palms separately from the liturgy so that they can be available to their people at a later date when travel becomes possible. (I will bless palms so that you can collect them once our church is open to the public.)

Maundy Thursday and the Mass of the Lord's Supper



The faculty to celebrate this Mass without the people is granted to all priests on this day. The washing of the feet is omitted and there is to be no procession to the Altar of Repose. The reserved Sacrament is to be kept in the Tabernacle. A camera (if live-streaming facilities permit) should be focused on the Tabernacle to allow those watching at home to have a sense of watching with the Lord. The Archbishop,

in the absence of the Chrism Mass, has asked priests to make a Renewal of Priestly Commitment at this time.

Good Friday



Good Friday will be celebrated as normal, using the first form for the *Showing of the Cross*, after which there will be a period of silent prayer before the Cross in place of the Veneration. The Holy Father has decreed that a special intention (*For the afflicted in time of Pandemic*) be inserted before the intercession *For those in Tribulation*.

Text of the Special Intention

For the afflicted in time of pandemic - Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequence of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died

Prayer in silence. The Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your presence those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Vigil

This should be celebrated in Cathedrals and Parish Churches only.

For those celebrating the Easter Vigil, following the Greeting, the *Lucernarium (the preparation of the fire)* is omitted, and the Paschal Candle is lit and placed in

the candlestick without ceremony and procession, the Easter Proclamation (the *Exultet*) immediately follows. As there is no procession, it is recommended that this part of the Vigil takes place in the Sanctuary where the Paschal Candle is enthroned either in the centre or at the lectern.

The Liturgy of the Word follows. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises is made without the blessing of water.

This is followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Those who should have celebrated the Sacrament of Christian Initiation, or to have been received into Full Communion with the Church and confirmed at the Easter Vigil should be remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful at the Vigil.



Mass of Easter Day



All priests should endeavour to celebrate Mass for their people on Easter Sunday. The Mass should be as prescribed in the *Roman Missal* but without the sprinkling of water as part of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

From the Family of Eliz McCabe

The McCabe family would like to thank Frs. Craig & Ryan and all the parishioners for their prayers, Mass cards and support during Eliz's time in Shenstone Hall Nursing Home and following her recent death. It has been greatly appreciated especially at this difficult time. In particular, we thank Ann Terry, for her enduring care and ministry to Mum. The parish will always be held closely in our thoughts and prayers.

Missio (Red Box)

Collection of the money from the Red Boxes will be suspended until further notice.

[A copy of the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Vade Mecum of the Bishops' of England and Wales can be found on the Home Page of our Parish Website.](#)

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*