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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

Sunday 10th May 2020

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

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| Sunday 10th May Fifth Sunday of Easter | 9.30am 5.00pm | Maureen Hayes RIP ^(JH & Family) Rosary & Benediction |
| Monday 11th May Easter Feria | 9.15am | Frank & Olwen Borg RIP ^(YD) |
| Tuesday 12th May <small>St. Pancras, Martyr Memorial</small> | 9.15am | Int. of Anne Marie Eden ^(Sr.A) |
| Wednesday 13th May <small>Our Lady of Fatima, Memorial</small> | 9.15am | No Services Today |
| Thursday 14th May <small>St. Matthias, Apostle Feast</small> | 7.30pm | Int. of Peggy O'Connor ^(K&PB) |
| Friday 15th May Easter Feria | 9.15am | Int. of Joan Lavin ^(SVP) |
| Saturday 16th May Easter Feria | 9.30am | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 17th May Sixth Sunday of Easter | 9.30am 5.00pm | David & June Barrett RIP ^(LB) Rosary & Benediction |

Pope Francis

To be Christian is to belong to a people freely chosen by God, and to remember those who have preceded us on the journey to salvation. Let us ask the Lord for the awareness of belonging to the people of God which, in its totality, has the sense of faith.

Praying the Rosary in May

May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Pope Francis has written a letter encouraging us to “*rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May*”. The Letter, along with two prayers, can be found by visiting:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/apa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Brian Joseph Hornblower, Dorothea Myres** and **Fr. David Duggan**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. We pray also for all who have lost their lives due to Coronavirus. May they Rest in Peace.

Dorothea Myers' funeral service will take place on Monday 11th May at 2.15pm at Streetly Crematorium. Due to the current restrictions on funeral services it is not possible for us to come together to pray for her soul. I ask you therefore to light a candle at home at 2.15 on Monday and pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this sad time.

Rosary & Benediction

On Sundays during the month of May we will be live-streaming the Rosary and Benediction at 5pm. Each week we will be offering the Rosary for our NHS and for all Keyworkers. Please do join us for this wonderful devotion during Mary's month of May.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 24

Good Shepherd, open my eyes to see the dignity of all my sisters and brothers, for you made us all in your own image and likeness and you die and rose to save us.

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30th April. The effects of COVID19 on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat or access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable. The most marginalised and poorest communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed more than ever to help protect these lives. While not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/parishes.

Sick in the Parish

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

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 Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Picture Gallery

I have added a page to our Website called 'Gallery' where you will find a selection of pictures of the church and the grounds surrounding the church.

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/gallery.html>

[A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of England and Wales: 'A People who Hope in Christ':](#)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The radiance of the risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives, and upon our world, the light of the resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: 'In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side.' (27th March 2020)

The impact of Covid-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the coronavirus, and others have been or remain seriously ill. Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of Covid-19, and to all those battling to overcome its effects.

May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.

When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.

None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments. Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully through 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and well-being.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.

As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our

liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.

None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the

Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.

We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

- ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

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