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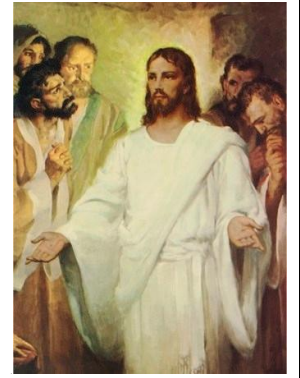
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

Sunday 17th May 2020

SUNDAY

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
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 Services.

Please Note That All Masses Will Be Said In Private

Sunday 17th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 5.00pm	David & June Barrett RIP ^(LB) Rosary & Benediction
Monday 18th May Easter Feria	9.15am	Frank & Olwen Borg RIP ^(MS)
Tuesday 19th May St. Dunstan, Bishop ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Int. of Anne Tynan ^(Sr.A)
Wednesday 20th May Easter Feria	9.15am	No Services Today
Thursday 21st May The Ascension of the Lord ^{Solemnity}	9.15am 4.30pm	Canon Gerry Breen RIP ^(F&MP) Requiem Mass – Brian Hornblower RIP
Friday 22nd May St. Rita of Cascia, Religious ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Int. of Jo Jones ^(M&LJ)
Saturday 23rd May Easter Feria	9.30am	Brian Joseph Hornblower RIP ^(J&DC)
Sunday 24th May Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Rosary & Benediction

Pope Francis

Prayer belongs to everyone: to men and women of every religion, and probably even those who profess no religion. Prayer is born within the secrecy of our being, in that interior place that spiritual writers often call the “heart”..

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/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Brian Joseph Hornblower, Anna Williams** and **Patricia Bowman**, 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.

Anna Williams’ funeral service takes place on Thursday 21st May at 11.30am at Streetly Crematorium.

Patricia Bowman’s funeral service takes place on Thursday 21st May at 1.30pm at Streetly Crematorium.

Brian Hornblower’s Requiem Mass will be live-streamed on Thursday 21st May at 4.30pm. Brian will be laid to rest in Streetly Cemetery on Friday 22nd May at 11.00am

Due to the current restrictions on funeral services it is not possible for us to come together to pray for their souls. I ask you therefore to light a candle at home at the time of the respective services and pray for the repose of their souls and for their families at this sad time.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 25

God of Love, help us to cherish the world you created, help us to stop the harm we are doing to it and help us to restore its beauty, as your good stewards.

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:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising> .

Sick in the Parish

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

Jo Jones, 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 & Aine McDonagh.

Picture Gallery

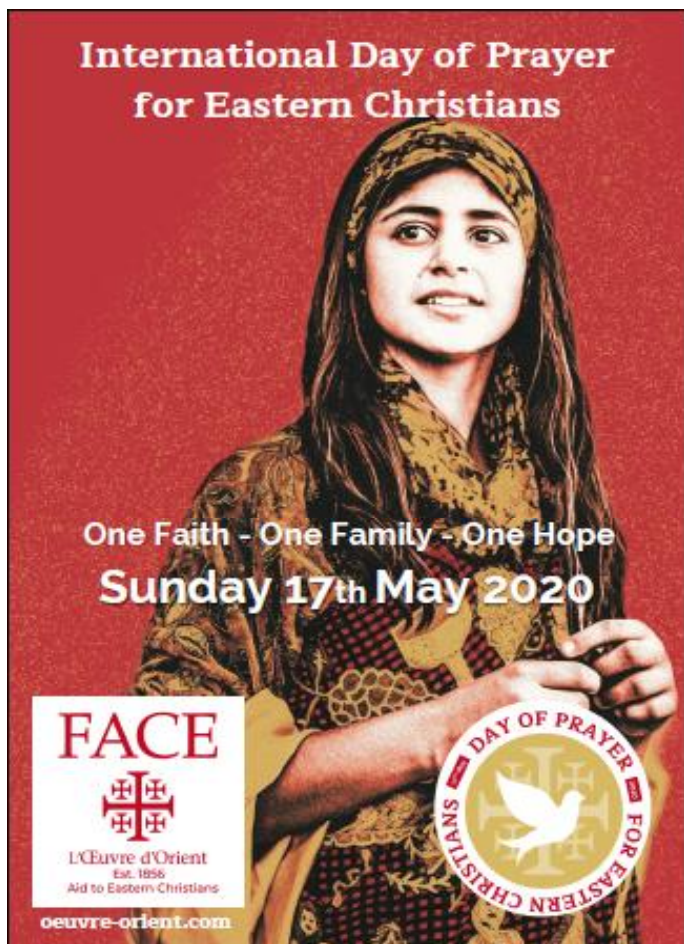
I have added a page to our Website called 'Gallery' where you will find a selection of pictures of the church and the grounds surrounding the church.

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

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.

[International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, Sunday 17th May 2020:](#)



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to inform you that the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on Sunday, 17th May 2020, with the participation of

Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and India.

The occasion – organised by our sister charity Oeuvre d'Orient in France – offers Eastern Christians and Western Christians an opportunity to unite in prayer, during the Easter celebrations.

Moreover, it offers Western Christians a moment to remember and give thanks for all that we owe the Eastern Churches, not least the first preaching of the Gospel, the monastic tradition, the early Church Fathers, the different liturgical traditions, and the witness of the Eastern Christians down the centuries, which has been, and still is, an inspiration to our faith.

Today, the Eastern Christians, already an oppressed minority group in their Arab societies, now face the added crisis of the Coronavirus epidemic, with its concomitant threat to their livelihood, health and well-being. For them, this is yet another crisis: a crisis within an already existing crisis! How can they overcome their desperation and live the joy of Easter? How can we support them and give succour to their broken hearts. For sure, this is an impossible mission for us without the hand of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of our board of trustees - including our Patron, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, and our Pastoral Advisor, Father Timothy Radcliffe – I wonder whether you would be so kind as to commend this day of prayer to all parishes under your pastoral care, and to send the attached information pack and poster to them, so that the following prayer may be included in the Bidding

Prayers at Mass on the Sixth Sunday of Easter:

“Heavenly Father, we pray today for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. By your heavenly grace, strengthen the faith and hope of Eastern Christians. May they be blessed with peace and prosperity in their lands. And may we be inspired by their devotion and witness to the Gospel, by their love and compassion for all in their communities, and by their courage, their endurance and self-sacrifice against oppression. Through their charity, tolerance and friendship, bring peace and reconciliation to those troubled lands, where Christianity was born and first spread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Whilst current measures of social confinement across Europe and the Middle East will prevent most of us from joining with others in person in our parishes and communities, the International Day of Prayer will resound vibrantly and joyously none the less through the communion of prayer across

many nations, and through our heartfelt focus on Eastern Christians.

With every hope that you are keeping safe and well in these challenging times, I send you my warmest salutations for a joyful Easter.

With my kindest regards, and with the prayers of Cardinal Fitzgerald, Father Timothy Radcliffe and all our trustees,



John Adam Fox,
Chair of Trustees,
Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of
the East (FACE).



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