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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



**SUNDAY**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
World Communications Day  
Year A

**DIVINE OFFICE**  
**Week 3**

**DATE**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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**

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish <b>Rosary &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9.15am	Int. of Jo Jones (AH & the Jones Family)
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> St. Philip Neri, Priest Memorial	9.15am	Tomas Daly RIP (DD & Family)
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Feast	9.15am	No Services Today
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter Feria	7.30pm	Mary NiX RIP (BO'B)
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Dedication of the Church, Solemnity	9.15am	Kevin Grennan RIP (EQ)
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter Feria	9.30am	Healing & Recovery James Marchant (DM)
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> Solemnity of Pentecost	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish <b>Rosary &amp; Benediction</b>

## Pope Francis

Receiving the joy of the Spirit is a grace. Moreover, it is the only force that enables us to preach the Gospel and to confess our faith in the Lord. Faith means bearing witness to the joy that the Lord gives to us. A joy as this cannot be the result of our own efforts.

## Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Christine Mary Bennett, Dorothy Meadows** and **Bp. Vincent Malone**, 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.

As many of you will know, Christine was one of the 6 people who were to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. However, when the closure of our churches was announced mid-March, and with Christine's failing health, I made the decision to receive Christine and Bruce into the Church on the Friday before the closure. She passed away peacefully, after a long battle with cancer, on Monday having been fortified with the Rites of our Holy Mother the Church. Please pray for 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.

## 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>

## Sick in the Parish

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

**David Goodwin, Jo Jones, Mark Desorgher, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia<sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, 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, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

### **Live Simply Prayer – Week 26**

**We continue to pray for the millions of starving and homeless across the globe. Move the leaders of this world to strive to bring an end to their suffering.**

Our parish continues to support a parish, Magdalena Medio, in Columbia through CAFOD. Parishioners, who would like information on people and the developments there, can get the information from this address: [cafod.org.uk/handson](http://cafod.org.uk/handson) via the web.

If you would like to know what CAFOD is doing in response to the world-wide coronavirus outbreak and bring help to bear, details can be had from this address: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus)

## Walsall Life

Since beginning of Lockdown, three of our young clients have safely delivered the babies they were expecting. Please remember them all in your prayers.

## Friends of the Holy Land

As Patron of Friends of the Holy Land, Archbishop Bernard has written to inform us of the appeal, launched in March by FHL. This appeal is in response to COVID-19 and the impact that it has had on the Christians in Bethlehem. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April FHL widened this appeal as a Pentecost Challenge to cover the whole of the region, including Gaza, Israel, Jordan and the West Bank. FHL have secured match funding for the first £100,000 and, with a few days to go to Pentecost, are close to reaching the target but they are seeking our help to get over the line. You can donate, and find out more information by visiting:

[www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge)

you can also find out more by viewing the news story on the Diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>

## SMA Primary School

There are still places available in the Nursery at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School for the academic year beginning September 2020. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01922 743411.

## Walsall Falls Prevention



**WALSALL FALLS PREVENTION SERVICE**

**Falls Slips**      **Trips Stumbles**

They can not only result in minor or major injury but can also impact on your

- strength and balance
- confidence
- ability to remain independent

Accord Age Matters are here to provide local information and advice on Falls Prevention

- Healthy Eating
- Staying Active
- Eye and Hearing Tests
- Foot Care
- Medication Reviews
- Keeping Your Home Falls Free



Please contact us on 01922 638825 or email [Age.Matters@accordgroup.org.uk](mailto:Age.Matters@accordgroup.org.uk)

Find us on Facebook @accordagematters

Walsall Council      Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

Walsall Falls Prevention have asked that we highlight the work that they do in helping raise the awareness of falls among people aged 50+, and to promote positive steps for staying active, remaining independent and generally enjoying life. As an organisation they work in partnership with Walsall NHS Trust and Walsall Sports and Leisure Services.

We are all at risk of falling – and falls account for more than half of hospital admissions for accidental injury.

You are most at risk if you:

- Have had a fall in the last 12 months
- Fall was a result of collapse/faint/dizziness
- Feel unsteady mobilising or have problems with balance
- Have balance, hearing or vision problems
- Are taking 4 or more medicines

The risk of falls may increase further at the moment due to social distancing. It may have an impact on your ability to stay active, eat healthily and access your usual support networks.

It's important to remember that local health services are still accessible and you should report any falls, even if you are not injured, to your GP. If you are concerned about a relative or friend you can also call us for advice.

Age Matters, of which Falls Prevention is a part, can offer advice and support via:

- Telephone support
- WhatsApp sessions
- Facebook

You can contact the Falls Prevention Advisor, at Age Matter (formerly Age UK Walsall) on 01922 638825. Their working hours are Monday-Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 8.30am-4.00pm. You can also contact them via email:

[Age.Matters@accordgroup.org.uk](mailto:Age.Matters@accordgroup.org.uk) or via their Facebook Page: [@accordagematters](https://www.facebook.com/accordagematters)

## Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020



Dear Pilgrims,

We invite you to a Virtual Pilgrimage starting with the opening Mass on Sunday 24 May at 3pm- from St Chad's Cathedral. The Mass is available to anybody, but especially for those who would have been making the pilgrimage this year.

You can take part in a daily programme of Masses, Liturgy and Prayer for the week that we would have spent in Lourdes so, like Bernadette, we will make a spiritual pilgrimage: “Every day I go in spirit to the Grotto. I make a pilgrimage there.”

The full programme with the links to livestream is below.

Please continue to join us in prayer via the Diocesan WebPage, as we pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes at this difficult time.

We very much look forward to joining together in Lourdes on our 2021 pilgrimage.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

Saint Bernadette, Pray for us.

Saint Chad, Pray for us.

By following this link you will be redirected straight to the page on the Diocesan Website where you can view the entire programme of events and join in with the Masses.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

**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*