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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

Sunday 7th June 2020

SUNDAY

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
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 7th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	9.30am 5.00pm	Brian Joseph Hornblower RIP ^(Choir) Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction
Monday 8th June <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	Christine Bennett RIP ^(AH)
Tuesday 9th June St. Ephrem <small>Deacon, Doctor of the Church Memorial</small>	9.15am	Diedre Tully RIP ^(B&TM)
Wednesday 10th June <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	No Services Today
Thursday 11th June <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> <small>Memorial</small>	7.30pm	Int. of John O'Neill ^(JO'N)
Friday 12th June <i>Feria</i>	9.15am	For the Healing of Dee McLeary ^(J&EH)
Saturday 13th June St. Anthony of Padua, <small>Priest, Doctor of the Church Memorial</small>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	9.30am 5.00pm	Richard Chandler RIP ^(TC) Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction

Pope Francis

We have such need of the light and strength of the Holy Spirit! The Church needs it to walk harmoniously and courageously in the witness of the Gospel. And the entire human family needs it so as to move out of this crisis more united and not more divided.

With Heartfelt Thanks

The family of the Late Brian Joseph Hornblower give their heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude to Fr. Craig & Fr. Ryan for their compassion show to Brian, and to us as a family during this difficult time. We would also like to thank the Eucharistic Ministers, Sue W and Dorothy C in their loyalty to Brian. Thanks also go to everyone for the Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards with you wordings of love and support, and to those who lined the route from the church to the cemetery. "May God bless you all, you are forever in our hearts and prayers".

Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction

On Sundays during the month of June we will be live-streaming Sacred Heart Devotions and Benediction at 5pm.

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 Life



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

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of June: **The Way of the Heart.** We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Opening of our Churches

The Bishops of England and Wales are currently in talk with the Government looking at ways of opening Churches for private prayer in the near future. The guidelines set out by the government are very long and complicated and require a lot of working through. Here at St. Mary of the Angels Phil P. (our Health and Safety Rep) and I are looking at the best, and the most practical way, that we can open the church safely. Please be patient, and more will be announced soon.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 28

Holy God, keep us mindful of all those catechumens whose reception into your Church has been deferred by the lockdown in society. We pray that their longing to be united fully into the Body of Christ will soon be satisfied.

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 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

Maryvale Sacred Heart Novena



All are invited to join our Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the sacred Heart at Maryvale online.

There will be Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8pm from Thursday 11th June to Friday 19th June 2020 (The Feast of the Sacred Heart).

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21st June at 11am live streamed from St. Chad's Cathedral (the day that the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place).

Full details, and how to access each event, are available on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart-novena>

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^(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 Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.

Association of Christian Counsellors

The Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) wants you to know about a new service which they have set up in response to the evident distress and suffering of many people as a result of the situation caused by COVID-19.

ACC's COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service is for everyone in the UK, whatever their faith, who has been bereaved during the time of the epidemic and anyone working within an NHS setting in a frontline role.

The service offers anyone who is eligible up-to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis from a professionally trained counsellor.

All volunteer counsellors belong to ACC or an equivalent professional body for example: BACP, UKCP and NCS.

Further information is available by visiting the ACC's website:

<https://www.acc-uk.org/news/hidden-holding-pages/covid-19-crisis-counselling-support-service.html>

You will also find more information on the homepage page of the Parish website where I have attached a PDF of the ACC's information sheet.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

On this Solemnity, the liturgy invites us to praise God not merely for the wonders that he has worked, but for who he is; for the beauty and goodness of his being from which his action stems. We are invited to contemplate, so to speak, the Heart of God, his deepest reality which is his being One in the Trinity, a supreme and profound communion of love and life. The whole of

Sacred Scripture speaks to us of him. Indeed, it is he who speaks to us of himself in the Scriptures and reveals himself as Creator of the universe and Lord of history. Today we heard a passage from the Book of Exodus in which – something quite exceptional – God proclaims his own Name! He does so in the presence of Moses with whom he spoke face to face, as with a friend. And what is God’s Name? It never fails to move us: “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness”.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Sunday Evening Devotions

Since arriving in the parish one thing which I have been keen to introduce is Devotions and Benediction on a Sunday afternoon/evening. At present, or at least before Covid-19, the only form of afternoon devotions on Sundays here at St. Mary of the Angels are the Stations of the Cross during Lent. For many of you, my parishioners, I am guessing that Benediction was a staple part of your religious and devotional life as you grew

up. Or, if you are amongst the younger generation of parishioner, you might never have had the opportunity to experience this part of our life of faith. Sadly, after the Second Vatican Council, this practice gradually disappeared until all we were left with was Mass. I would be interested to know if you would like to see a return to Sunday Evening Devotions. We could have Rosary and Benediction in May and October; Sacred Heart Devotions and Benediction in June; Stations and Benediction in Lent, and Evening Prayer and Benediction in the other months of the year. This, however, will only be possible if you are willing to support me in this venture. I truly believe that rekindling our devotional life as a parish will bring us many graces and blessings from the Lord. Please let me know if this is something that you would be willing to support as we continue to ‘wait with joyful hope’ for the day when things begin to get back to normal, and we see the opening of our churches once more.

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