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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



SUNDAY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

DATE

Sunday 26th July 2020

Live-streamed Masses: 9.30am Sunday, and all weekday Masses.

Saturday 25th July (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	John & Emma Hayes ^(JH) 25th Wed Ann.
Sunday 26th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Tony Andrews ^(CA) RIP People of the Parish For all Keyworkers
Monday 27th July Feria	9.15am	Chris & Anne Rudd ^(JT) RIP
Tuesday 28th July Feria	9.15am	Eliz McCabe ^(BO'B) RIP
Wednesday 29th July St. Martha, ^{Memorial}	9.15am	No Services Today
Thursday 30th July St. Peter Chrysologus, ^{Memorial} Bishop, Doctor of the Church	7.30pm	Tony Gill ^(NP) RIP
Friday 31st July St. Ignatius of Loyola, ^{Memorial} Priest	9.15am	Thomas Roche ^(DR) RIP
Saturday 1st August St. Alphonsus Mary de' Ligouri, ^{Memorial} Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.30am 6.00pm	Alice Murphy ^(S&JW) RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of Maureen & Francis Patton ^(M&FP) Int. of all NHS Staff & Keyworkers Winnie Lythall RIP

Pope Francis

When love for parents and children is inspired and purified by love for the Lord, it then becomes wholly fruitful and produces good fruits within the family itself and well beyond.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who at this time cannot be with us in church. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the right side of the church you will become visible, in a way in which you might be recognisable, for a brief moment as you return from receiving Holy Communion. If you do not wish to appear on the live-stream please inform one of the stewards who will ensure that you are seated on the left of the church.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Now that our church has re-opened to the public for Mass it is also possible to resume some other aspects of the Sacramental life of the parish. Whilst it is not possible for us to return, at the moment, to our normal routine of Exposition and Confessions on a Saturday morning, it is possible for people to come to confession by appointment. If you would like to avail yourself of this Sacrament please do not hesitate to contact me at the Presbytery.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of August: **The Maritime World**. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 35

We pray for all those in our society who have been suffering abuse and violence domestically more severely these passing months. Move the hearts of their oppressors to compassion, regret, and change.

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disaster Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as Coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Coronavirus-response> to help CAFOD scale up its Coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your families and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/School-fundraising/Summer-of-Hope>

Please support in whatever way you can.

Subscribing to our Newsletter

If you would like to receive a copy of the Parish Newsletter via email you can subscribe by completing the form on the homepage of the Parish Website. This is both good for the environment (less paper), and reduces the cost of printing. You only need to request this once. You will then remain on the mailing list until and if you request to be removed.

Sick in the Parish

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

Deirdre McLeary, David Goodwin, Jo Jones, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Mark Desorgher, Anna Morgan ^{nee 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.

Pray also for all suffering as a result of Covid-19, and those still isolating at home.

Walsall LIFE

We thank all our supporters for their past generosity. At this time our help station is effectively closed, and are regretfully unable to take donated items. Once we are over this current crisis, we will hopefully once more, be able to advertise again in the newsletter.

Instructions for attending Weekend Mass

The following Masses must be booked:

- Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
- Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am, 4.30pm

Once you have submitted a form and have been allocated a Mass, this is the Mass that you must attend for the foreseeable future.

Attendees must:

- Follow the queuing system outside and wait to be admitted by a steward.
- Wear a facemask at all times.

- Remain at least 1 metre and preferably 2 metres apart.
- Sanitise their hands on entering and exiting the church.
- Remain in their places at all times, only moving when instructed to do so by a steward.
- Listen to, and follow, the instructions of the stewards.

During Mass there will be No...

- Altar Servers.
- Readers.
- Children's Liturgy.
- Eucharistic Ministers.
- Offertory Procession.
- Physical sign of peace.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood.
- Parish Missals or hymn books.
- Singing.
- Collection.
- Congregating outside of the Church.

Distribution of Holy Communion

- Come forward in single file at the instruction of the stewards.
- Remove mask before receiving the host, and replace mask after consuming it.
- Communion will be given in silence.
- Receive communion in the hand with your arms fully outstretched and hands flat.
- Return to your places via the side aisles.

Please Note:

- There will be no kneeling during the celebration of Mass.
- The Church will be cleaned and sanitised after each celebration of Mass.
- All parish meetings, catechesis, and other events will remain suspended until further notice.

Please stay at home if...

- You have a pre-existing medical condition that would render you vulnerable, or you are immunocompromised.
- You are feeling ill.
- You suspect you may have, or have been exposed to, Covid-19
- You have a sick relative at home.

If after attending Mass you...

- Become ill and test positive for Covid-19 you must contact the Parish Priest and inform him of the date and time that you attended Mass.

Booking in to attend Mass

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to those who responded so quickly in completing the 'Booking in form', and for your willingness to attend more than one Mass. It is only with your

co-operation and generosity that we are now able to move forward.

There are still many of our parishioners for whom coming to Mass is still not an option, either because they are still having to follow strict instructions given by the government, or they are simply not yet ready to make that commitment. If you do fall into either of these two categories I want to assure you of my continued prayers at this time. I can also assure you that you will not be abandoned, the live-streaming of the 9.30am Sunday Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue for as long as is necessary. Once you feel ready, and are able to return to Mass, the 'Booking in form' will remain on the 'Covid-19' page of the parish website until we can resume a more normal practice of public worship, you simply need to complete it and click 'Submit'.

And finally: In this weekend's readings we hear our Lord compare the Kingdom of Heaven to a 'fine pearl', a 'treasure hidden in a field'. Whatever the comparison, it is portrayed as something to be sought above and beyond all else. So what is this great treasure? By looking back to the first reading from the Book of Kings we gain the answer. When God asked King Solomon what he would like to receive he gave the answer 'understanding' or 'wisdom'. The gift he desired, however, was not simply the ability to make the right choices, but rather the ability to 'discern between good and evil'. Here we begin to see how "Divine Wisdom", one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, differs from "human wisdom". Human wisdom is, according to Socrates, the thirst for knowledge. A knowledge of the things of this world which then enables us to choose that which is good for ourselves and the society in which we live. Whilst this kind of wisdom is desirable, it does not have its focus on that which is eternal, on the effects that our choices have on our immortal soul, for this we need Divine Wisdom. Divine Wisdom enables us to look beyond the 'here and now', past that which will bring us and our society transitory happiness, to seek that which is beneficial for eternal salvation, and to reject everything contrary to our eternal happiness. Today we live in a world of rapid growth, a world in which, on a daily basis, we are faced with many choices, choices that have a lasting effect on our mortal souls. May our prayer be like that of Solomon, that the Lord grant to us the gift of Divine Wisdom, that we may always choose good and reject evil.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig