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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE
Sunday 6th September
2020

SUNDAY
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 3

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

<u>Saturday 5th Sept</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Brian Hornblower RIP ^(SVP)
<u>Sunday 6th Sept</u> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Alan Sambrook RIP ^(JH & Family) Canon Gerry Breen RIP
<u>Monday 7th Sept</u> Feria	9.15am	Alma Darby RIP ^(ES)
<u>Tuesday 8th Sept</u> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary ^{Feast}	9.15am	Brian Hornblower RIP ^(S&JW)
<u>Wednesday 9th Sept</u> Feria	9.15am	No Services Today
<u>Thursday 10th Sept</u> Feria	7.30pm	Tina Mahoney RIP ^(KW)
<u>Friday 11th Sept</u> Feria	9.15am	Chris Scott RIP ^(BB)
<u>Saturday 12th Sept</u> Most Holy Name of Mary ^{Memorial}	9.30am 6.00pm	Anthony Borg RIP ^(YD) Int. of Dorothy & Andrew Thompson ^(D&AT)
<u>Sunday 13th Sept</u> Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Elizabeth Johnston RIP ^(KM) People of the Parish Fr. Brian Doolan RIP

Pope Francis

The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together, all of us, in solidarity.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who 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 as you enter the church.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jo Jones** who passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family last weekend. We pray also for David, Emma, Lucy and all of the family at this time of bereavement.

Gift Aid Claims

As we prepare to submit our 2020 Gift Aid Reclaim you are reminded to make sure that you have paid enough tax to cover your claim. Could we also ask if you have changed your address in the past 12 months that you let myself or Peter D know ASAP. Many thanks.

Welcome Back

This week we welcome back all of the staff and pupils of our parish schools. In these strange and difficult times we continue to pray that God will keep you safe.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of September: **Respect for the Planet's Resources**. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 41

Fill our hearts, Lord Jesus, with compassion. Help us to share the goodness of your consoling love with all our neighbours, wherever we see a need and can act.

THE DISASTER IN LEBANON – As you know, on 4th August, two large explosions at the port of Lebanon's capital sent enormous shockwaves across the city. Homes and livelihoods are destroyed. More than a hundred people were killed. Thousands more lost their homes. You can help people in Beirut by supporting CAFOD's Beirut Emergency Appeal to supply medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelter. Through local experts, our Church network reaches survivors and their families **directly**. Sadly, this disaster has added to an existing crisis there. Hospitals and doctors were already reporting shortages of vital medical supplies, thanks to Coronavirus. Do pray for everyone affected by this terrible incident. And, if you are able, please make a donation to CAFOD for those suffering in Lebanon. Use this address:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off>
or post a cheque to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB

Please support in whatever way you can.

Sick in the Parish

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

Keiron Sanders, John Hayes, Jim Smith, Deirdre McLeary, David Goodwin, 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 Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Over the past several weeks Jacqui B and I have been looking at new ways of preparing parents for the Baptism of their child. If, therefore, you would like to have your child Baptised, and have, as yet, not contacted Fr. Craig, you can complete a booking form by visiting the 'Baptism Enquiry' page of the Parish Website.

50-50 Club Winners: Feb - July

At the beginning of lockdown I made the decision that, whilst the monthly 50/50 Club draws would continue to take place, the monies would not be paid out until things began to return to normal. I now feel that the time has come for the monies to be paid to those who were winners in the draws between February (drawn in March) and July (drawn in August). During the coming week all monies will be distributed to the rightful winners.

Life 50th Anniversary – The 'New Normal'

We need to complement our existing school education programmes. With online education this needs funding if we are to support our schools. Please consider an online donation at:

<https://lifecharity.org.uk/donate/>

Instructions for attending Weekend Mass

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

Once you have submitted a form and have been allocated a Mass, this will be your Mass time 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 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

There are 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: All of the readings appointed for Mass this weekend are united by the theme of 'love'. Here we see the virtue of love set before us as the catalyst, the driving force, which must lie at the heart of our relationship with God and with our neighbour. St. Paul even goes as far as to say that love 'is the answer to every one of the commandments'. So why is love so important? To gain the answer we simply need to turn to the First Letter of St. John: 'God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him' (1 John 5:16). Love is the very essence of God Himself; out of love He created us, out of love He sent His Son into the world to die for us, and out of love He has adopted us as His sons and daughters. As Christians we are therefore called to live lives of love, even to the point of loving our enemies, loving those who persecute us! Love unites, heals, strengthens, forgives and encourages; whilst hate destroys, divides, condemns and kills. May we be a people of love, true reflections of God in our time, and so play our part in building up God's Kingdom here on earth. *May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*