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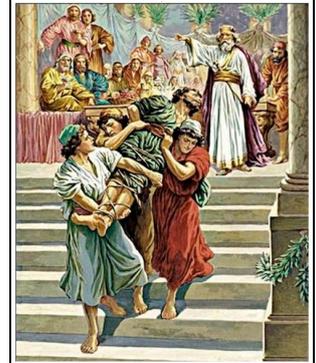
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 11th October
2020**

SUNDAY

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

Saturday 10th October (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	In Thanksgiving ^(BO'B) Fr. Robert Wright ^{RIP} Int. of the Corbett-Cyster Family ^(J&AT)
Monday 12th October Feria	9.15am	Dec. Srs of St. Joseph ^(Sr. A)
Tuesday 13th October St. Edward the Confessor ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Int. of Bill & Marguerite Baxendale ^(J&DC)
Wednesday 14th October St. Callistus I Pope, Martyr ^{Memorial}	9.15am	No Services Today
Thursday 15th October St. Teresa of Jesus ^{Memorial} Virgin, Doctor of the Church	7.30pm	Tina Mahoney ^{RIP} ^(The Weir Family)
Friday 16th October St. Margaret Mary Alacoque ^{Memorial} Virgin	9.15am	Dec. of Mitchell & Delaney Family ^(CM)
Saturday 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch ^{Memorial} Bishop, Martyr	9.30am 6.00pm	Brian Hornblower ^{RIP} ^(J&AS) Int. of Paddy Breen ^(KB)
Sunday 18th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Christine Bennett ^{RIP} ^(SVP) Thomas, Alice & Bernard Hopley ^{RIP} ^(PH)

Pope Francis:

We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity.

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.

Knights of St. Columba

The Knights of St. Columba is a group for catholic men. Our aim is to support the Church and the clergy in a variety of ways. We are looking to recruit new members. If you are interested please contact Joe McNamara on 07801 273086. You can find out more about what they do by visiting their website at: <http://www.ksc.org.uk>

Red Missio Box Holders

At the beginning of Lockdown we suspended the collection of the Red Missio Boxes. Could we now ask all holders of a Red Mission Box to empty their own box. Please put the money, uncounted, into a bag along with a slip of paper with your name and address. You can then either, bring the bag to Mass and leave it under one of the tables at the back of church, or deliver it to Fr. Craig at the Presbytery. Many thanks.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of October: **The Laity's Mission in the Church.** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



Live Simply Prayer – Week 46

Lord Jesus, as our parish continues to live with restrictions, we thank you for the chance to be present physically at mass, to receive you in reality at the Communion and so to build our intimacy with you week by week.

YOUNG or OLD, will you join CAFOD's CAMPAIGN: #CancelTheDebt?

The world's poorest nations are taking a double hit – the global pandemic and its severe economic impacts. Many are facing a potential crisis as they struggle to pay the debts they owe to financial institutions and richer nations. If debts are cancelled, then the money saved could be spent on basic health needs and to support the most vulnerable people in those countries at this time. Last July, finance ministers from the largest economies in the world – **the G20** – failed to make progress on this issue. World leaders will be having meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in October. Our UK leaders have the chance to play a critical role in them. Persuade them to do so. **Join CAFOD's photo campaign – Take photo action!** Here's what to do: Take a photo of yourself displaying the words, **CANCEL THE DEBT**, in front of you on a card. Email your photo to:

campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk and they will upload it to their campaign on your behalf.

* Please note the hyperlink address change above, it has been miss spelt in our last few weeks notices.

Sick in the Parish

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

Patricia McMahon, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, 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.

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for the work of Cafod. This is their annual 'Harvest Fast Day Collection'. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please use one of the envelopes provided.

New Sound System

Many of you will have noticed that, during lockdown, a new sound system has been installed in the church costing **£8,713**. I hope you will agree that it is a vast improvement, giving a much better sound quality. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new system it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Sound System' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a GAD set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope'. Many thanks

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/>

First Holy Communions

We offer our prayers, and congratulations, to the 32 children from our Primary School who received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion over the past few days.

Two New Auxiliary Bishops

Please pray for our two new auxiliary bishops, Bp. David Evans and Bp. Stephen Wright, who were ordained on Friday 9th October at St. Chad's Cathedral. Bp. Stephen will now have the Pastoral Care of the northern part of the Diocese, including the Walsall Deanery. We remember also, with gratitude, Bp. David McGough as he begins his retirement.

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'.

Christmas Cards

As Christmas draws ever closer, Margaret L. and I have been discussing Christmas cards. As it is increasingly difficult to purchase cards in the local shops that bear any relevance to the true meaning of Christmas, we are conscious that many of you like to purchase your cards from the piety stall. This year we are still willing to supply Christmas Cards, however, things will have to be done differently. If you would like to get your cards from the church piety stall could I ask that in the next few weeks you contact me either by telephone, or by email to place your order. You can look at the cards which are available by visiting: www.cbcdistributors.co.uk

Once on the website type "Christmas Cards" into the 'search' at the top of the page. Once you have found the cards you want, make a note of the 'Nr Code'. Use this code, and the number of boxes you want, when placing your order with Fr. Craig. We will then place an order, and once the cards have arrived I will contact you to arrange collection. Please could we ask that all orders have been placed by the end of October.

Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you will find all of the information that you need to know. You can also complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. Once this form has been submitted you will be contacted by Fr. Craig to make arrangements for you to attend a Baptismal Class.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

And finally: An often quoted, or should I say misquoted, line from Shakespeare's Richard III goes 'Now is the winter of our discontent'. Well, now is the winter of our discontent! Due to the current situation in which we find ourselves, having to celebrate Mass under then new Covid-19 guidelines, it will not be possible for us to use the church heating this winter. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, we have to ensure that the church is sufficiently ventilated, which means we have to leave the doors, and windows, open during the services. Secondly, due to the nature of the heating, forced air, it would not be advisable to have it switched on as this could potentially increase the risk of spreading the infection. I therefore advise that as the cold weather draws in we ensure that we wear sensible clothing (dust off the thermals) for Mass. Mercifully, under the current guidelines, the Sunday Services are shorter than normal. So as the winter draws in offer it up for the Holy Souls, and in doing so, hopefully we will get a little time off ourselves when our time arrives.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig