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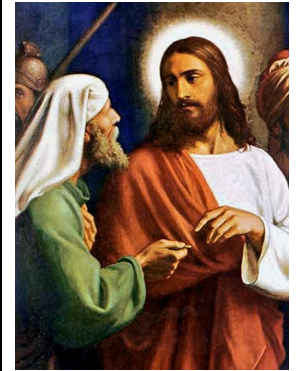
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 18th October
2020**

SUNDAY

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

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

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| Saturday 17th October (1 st Mass of Sunday) | 6.00pm | 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)} |
| Monday 19th October St. Paul of the Cross ^{Priest Memorial} | 9.15am | Alphonso Donavon Keith Dennis ^{RIP (D&CW)} |
| Tuesday 20th October Feria | 9.15am | Int. of Max Lewis ^(R&JL) |
| Wednesday 21st October Feria | 9.15am | No Services Today |
| Thursday 22nd October St. John Paul II ^{Pope Memorial} | 7.30pm | Int. of all NHS Workers ^(CM) |
| Friday 23rd October Feria | 9.15am | Michael Joyce ^{RIP (M&VJ)} |
| Saturday 24th October Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} | 9.30am 6.00pm | Int. of Tony & Audrey Burns ^(T&AB) People of the Parish |
| Sunday 25th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm | Pat Kerrigan ^{RIP (SK)} Johnson Association Benefactors Mass Int. of Fr. Ryan Service ^(BO'B) |

Pope Francis:

It is not enough to simply accept the invitation to follow the Lord; one must be open to a journey of conversion, which changes the heart and mind. The garment of mercy, which God offers us unceasingly, is the free gift of his love; it is grace.

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.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 48

Grant us, Lord, respect for your creation, gratitude for the world you have given us and a determination to protect and restore the natural world in all the areas where we have power and responsibility, however small.

Disaster in Lebanon

As you will recall, earlier in August, two large explosions at the port in Lebanon's capital city sent enormous shockwaves across the city. Homes and livelihoods were destroyed. More than a hundred people were killed. CAFOD continues to ask us to help the people in Beirut by supporting their Beirut Emergency Appeal to supply medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelters. Through local experts, our Church network reaches survivors and their families **directly**. Obviously, this disaster added to existing critical issues there: the impact of Coronavirus, ongoing shortages of vital medical supplies, an ineffectual government, social disruption and loss of employment. Please pray for everyone still being affected by these terrible explosions. With your help CAFOD is tackling these problems and will be able to go on doing so. If you are able, please make a donation to CAFOD using this address:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off>

or post a cheque to: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

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 APF World Mission Sunday. This is the annual collection to help and support the missionary activity of the Church.

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

Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering that so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. Please consider an online donation at:

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

COVID-19

Last Sunday, 11th October, marked exactly three months since we were once again able to open our church for public services. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to offer a sincere thank you to the stewards for all that they have done, and for their continued commitment. I would also like to thank you, the parishioners, for accepting and supporting the requirements we all have to adhere to for us to be able to celebrate Mass in the church. Sadly things don't seem to be getting any better. We must, therefore, continue to be vigilant. May I remind you of the importance, should you test positive for Covid-19 after attending Mass, of informing me immediately.

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'.

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.

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. When 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.

And finally: In his first Letter to the Thessalonians St. Paul reminds us of the importance of prayer, and the importance of giving thanks to God. By beginning his letter in this way: 'We always remember you in our prayers and thank God for you all...' St. Paul seeks to encourage them in their faith and strengthen them in hope. In these strange and difficult times, whether through a need to shield or because of local lockdown restrictions, we are separated from our friends and loved ones, we too need the comfort of knowing that we are not forgotten. At this time one of the greatest and most valuable gifts that we can give to each other is the assurance of our prayers, and of our thankfulness to God for his love revealed to us in each other. For as long as I am your Parish Priest, and especially in these challenging times for us all, I want to assure you all that each and every day: '[I] always mention you in [my] prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how [at this time] you have shown your faith in action...'

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig