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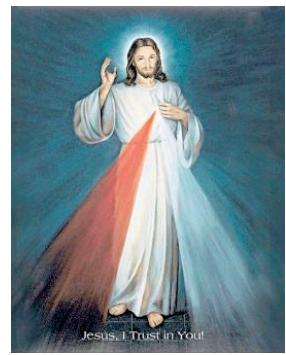
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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity №:234216

DATE

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
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**

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	9.30am 3.00pm	People of the Parish Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Feria	9.15am	Int. of Tony Meehan <sup>(BM)</sup>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> St. Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial	9.15am	Int. of Frances Russell <sup>(Sr.A)</sup>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Easter Feria	9.15am	No Services Today
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> St. George, <small>Martyr, Patron of England,</small> <small>Solemnity</small>	7.30pm	Mary Nix <sup>RIP (SVP)</sup>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Feria	9.15am	Margaret Gallagher <sup>RIP (D&amp;SG)</sup>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. Mark, <small>Evangelist,</small> <small>Feast</small>	9.30am	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> Third Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Mary Borg <sup>RIP (YD)</sup>

## Pope Francis

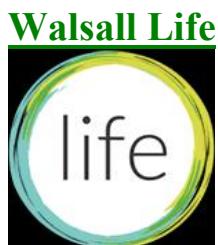
The joy of the Lord is your strength (Neh 8:10). The joy of the Lord is the great strength we possess which drives us to continue being witnesses of life. Today, let us ask for the grace of this joy, which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

## Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners, family and friends for their support for Amy's fundraising quiz night, which took place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We raised a final profit of £319. Thank you to Gerry Wintrip for a follow up donation from his recent talk to the Over 50's Group. The money raised has been donated to support the St. Francis of Assisi pilgrimage group to Lourdes (or a future group). Thank you to Fr. Craig for the use of the Parish Hall. John and Emma.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. At 3pm we will live-stream the Devotions to the Divine Mercy, praying especially for all who have been affected in anyway Covid-19. The service will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



**Please remember in your prayers** the pregnant women, new mothers and babies in our Walsall house, and all those we are trying to help.

## Devotions for use at home

I have added a page to our Website called 'Devotions' where you will find a selection of prayers to help you during these strange times we are living in.

## Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Alma Derby, Pamela McAndrew, Betty Daniels, Christine Treadwell** and **Noel Sweeney**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. We pray also for all who have lost their lives due to Coronavirus. May they Rest in Peace.

Alma's Funeral Service takes place at 1.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. As the service begins in the Crematorium Chapel a candle will be lit; at the same time we are asked to light a candle in our homes, and to pray for the repose of Alma's soul. In this action we are uniting ourselves in prayer with Alma's family, as at the present time it is not possible for us to be at the funeral.

## Sick in the Parish

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

Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (<sup>Dotty</sup>) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>nee</sup> Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.



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## Live Simply Prayer – Week 21

We praise you, Lord, for your glorious resurrection, which gives us the hope and expectation of eternal life.

## The Bells! The Bells!

Parishioners who are fortunate to live close enough to the church will, provided the wind is in the right direction, be able to hear our bell at 9:00am, 12 mid-day and 6:00pm when the *Angelus* is rung. You will have noticed that, being Eastertide, the usual 3, 3, 3 and 9 bells of the *Angelus* have been replaced by the 9 and 9 bells of the *Regina Caeli*.

Bell observers will also have noticed that on Thursday, Fr. Craig rang the church bell for 2 minutes at 8:00pm. in thanks to the dedicated members of our NHS and Keyworkers.

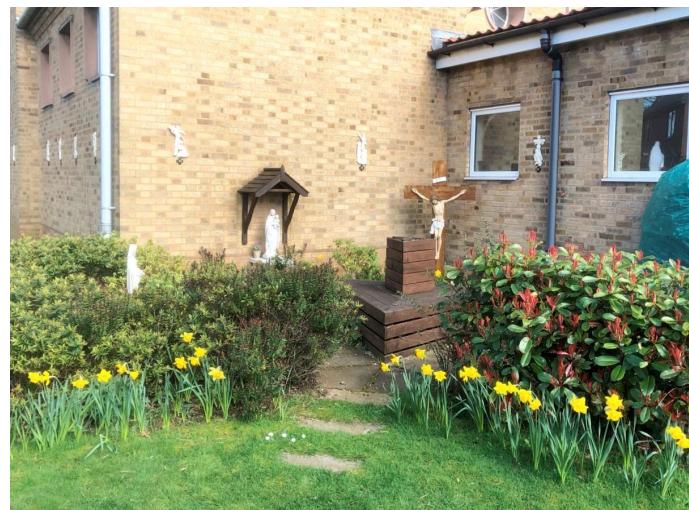
## While We Are Still In Lockdown

Our church, along with every other in most of Europe and the world, is closed and we will be unable to celebrate Mass together in church for the foreseeable future. While the church building itself is off limits to us, and provided we observe the government recommended distancing regime we may still enter the church grounds.

We are fortunate to have our lovely memorial garden, where we may sit in quiet prayer or just relax while looking at the flowers and shrubs that have been planted there. We also have a beautiful set of Stations of the Cross where, again not forgetting the distancing rules, we can continue our devotions.

Being ‘closed’, we have taken advantage of the quiet and the good weather to maintain the wood of the bench and small roof over the statue of Our Lady with the infant Jesus (the cross was treated a little while ago). Meanwhile the Corbett-Cyster family has cleared and weed proofed some beds in the car park.

We have now come to the end of the daffodils that were planted a couple of years ago in a parish initiative to raise funds for CAFOD and in remembrance of the Holy Souls. Although the daffodils are gone I have included here some photographs taken when they were in full bloom, just in case you missed them.



Around the Marion Shrines parishioners have left small memorials, potted plants and some children have decorated pebbles. These are wonderful ways to remember loved ones. While tidying last week, we spotted some small potted plants that had dried and withered in the sun.

If you do leave plants, please remember to pop back occasionally to bring them a little water. We request only that any plants left not be planted through the weed proof membrane that lines these areas in the garden.

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**On Good Friday** a special prayer was added into the Solemn Intercessions at the request of Pope Francis. The texts of this prayer are very beautiful, and very poignant during this time of COVID-19. In the Decree of the Congregation of Divine Worship it states that ‘so that the prayers of those who invoke him in their tribulation might reach God the Father and so that, even in their adversity, all can experience the joy of his mercy. I have decided that it might be a good thing for us to use this prayer each day, in our own private prayers, to continually invoke the mercy of God for all who have been affected in any way by Coronavirus. As we say this prayer I also invite you to bring before God all who are working in the NHS and all other Keyworkers, who, day by day, are putting themselves at risk as they care for those with COVID-19,

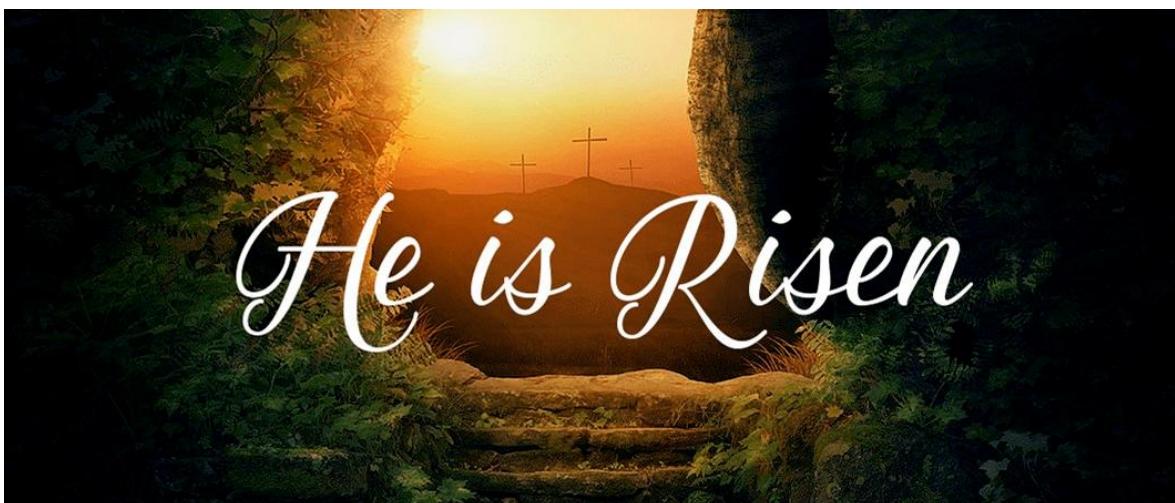
and or are working to keep us all safe at this difficult time.

**For the afflicted in time of pandemic**

**Let us pray** for those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Almighty ever-living God**, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**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*