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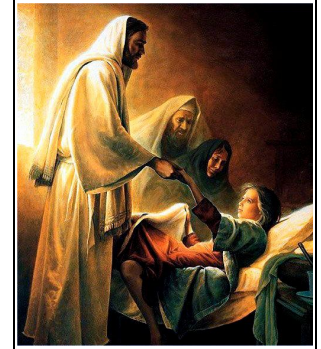
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 7th February
2021**

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

Saturday 6th February (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Jack Ryan ^{RIP} (St. Joseph's Primary (Lichfield)) Int. of the Brs. Hospitalers ^(PH) Gerry Bree ^{RIP}
Monday 8th February Feria	9.15am	Margaret Frazer ^{RIP}
Tuesday 9th February Feria	9.15am	Joan Lavin ^{RIP} (The Lavin Family)
Wednesday 10th Feb St. Scholastica ^{Virgin Memorial}		No Services Today
Thursday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial	7.30pm	Dec. of the Payne Family ^(SH)
Friday 12th February Feria	9.15am	Int. of John & Emma Hayes ^(KB)
Saturday 13th February Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Dec. of the Andrews & Wilson Families ^(CA) <i>Confessions</i> ^(by appointment only) Donna Lyons ^{RIP} ^(ES)
Sunday 14th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Josephine Cotterill ^(SC) Janet Reeves ^{RIP} ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

The Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the Liturgy. Let us ask for the grace of a personal and authentic encounter with the living Christ in the liturgical celebrations, so that our lives might become a spiritual sacrifice offered to God.

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.

Christmas Crib Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Crib Collection. This year we have been raising money for Aid to the Church in Need, money that will go to the aid of our suffering and persecuted Christian brothers and sisters. This year, despite the difficulties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have raised **£572.40**

Family of Janet Reeves RIP

Our sincere thanks to Fr. Craig, friends and parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels for their cards, prayers and Masses for Janet and our family. Your kindness has been overwhelming and very much appreciated by us all.

John, Anne, David and Claire.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of February: **Violence against women.** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Sick in the Parish

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

Francis Patton, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Maureen Carr, Pat Hopley, Leo Jones, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan ^{nee 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, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

St. Mary of the Angels Primary School



The admission deadline for the Nursery at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School for the academic year beginning September 2021 is 19th February 2021. If you are interested in a place for your child, please contact the school office on 01922 743411 for an application form and for information on the process.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 11

We thank you, Lord, for your mercy. We praise you for the good things you give us. We glorify you.

Reclaim our Common Home

CAFOD has launched a new campaign 'Reclaim our Common Home' in response to an urging from Pope Francis. "This summer Britain will be hosting the G7 annual meeting where leaders of the world's most powerful countries will discuss how to rebuild from the pandemic. And in November Britain will be hosting the UN COP26 climate talks, where world leaders will come together to agree on how to prevent catastrophic climate change. As host of these two key summits, the British Government will have significant leverage over these negotiations. We, as citizens, can influence our government. The world is at a crossroad and this opportunity for transformation cannot be missed."

CAFOD is mounting a new petition to the Prime Minister ahead of the COP26 meeting and is asking as many people as possible to sign it. If you would like to do so, you can go online and sign the petition at: cafod.org.uk/reclaim

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Canon Giles Goward**, Rector of St. Mary's College Oscott, & **Paul Casey**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Canon Giles' Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard in the Chapel of St. Mary's College on Monday 8th February at 12 noon followed by burial in the College Cemetery.



ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE BIRMINGHAM

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you at this very difficult time following the conviction and recent sentencing of Joseph Quigley at Warwick Crown Court.

On Friday 29th January he was sentenced to 11-and-a-half years in prison.

The crimes for which he has been sentenced are deplorable and totally unacceptable. There is no excuse for any kind of abuse and the Archdiocese apologises for the suffering he has caused.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with all those who have suffered and we again acknowledge their courage in coming forward to provide evidence during the trial.

I am acutely aware of the hurt and the understandable anger and concern this case has raised across the Archdiocese.

I cannot change the past but where there have been failings, as an Archdiocese, we must identify them and learn from them so that they do not happen ever again.

Therefore, in the light of this, I have already commissioned Barnardo's to undertake an independent review of the Archdiocese's actions at every stage of this case.

Joseph Quigley faces the Church's disciplinary process that will address the seriousness of his offences and I will seek his laicisation by the Holy See.

All who have suffered or may be suffering abuse are encouraged to report the matter to the police by calling 101 and, if appropriate, to the Archdiocese of Birmingham's Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or by email: safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

With my prayers for you all and every kind wish.

Yours sincerely in Christ

✠ Bernard

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Amen.

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.

Lent Walk with Me Booklets

With the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 17th February, copies of the Lent 'Walk with me Booklets' are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to assist in covering the cost of these booklets a donation of £1 can be placed into the basket on the table.

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 can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'.

And finally: During my first year of training for the Priesthood, whilst living in Valladolid, I was struck by a particular expression of faith which is common on the continent, and yet coming from the UK seemed quite alien. As I walked around the churches and Cathedrals of Spain I noticed how people would reach out their hands, even at times having to stretch high above their heads, in order to touch, even if only the feet, the images of the saints. It was as if by touching the statue in some way brought them into the physical presence of the saint that the image represented. Today in the Gospel we see the importance, and the power, of touch. Whilst the miracle of the healing of Simon Peter's mother-in law might be familiar to us, I wonder if we have ever noticed how it stands almost unique in the entirety of the scriptures? In almost every miracle of healing performed by Our Lord, there are words. He says something, or there are words and action together; yet here He does nothing more than take her by the hand and help her up. In this moment of touch she is cured of her illness. Mark doesn't however leave it there, he goes on to say 'and she began to wait on them'; after her healing she immediately begins to serve the Lord. In these few short lines St. Mark takes us to the very heart of the Gospel message, to the heart of the mission of the Word Incarnate. Christ entered our world to touch us with His grace; to heal us of our sins through the mystery of the Cross; to raise us from our fallen state by His resurrection from the dead, that we might serve the living God, and so enjoy the fullness of life in Him. Like those people I encountered in Spain, may we reach out daily in prayer to touch the Lord in faith, that we might experience the power of His healing and redeeming love.

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May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig