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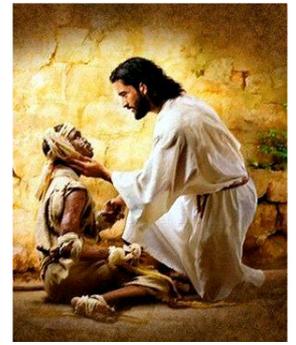
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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



**DATE**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
2021**

**SUNDAY**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B**

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 2**

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

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Donna Lyons RIP <sup>(ES)</sup>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Josephine Cotterill <sup>(SC)</sup> Janet Reeves RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Feria</b>		No Services Today
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.15am	Int. of Francis Patton <sup>(JH)</sup> (Healing & Recovery)
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9.15am 7.30pm	Int. of Peter Hardiman Int. of Sue Howell <sup>(KB)</sup>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>	7.30pm	Patrick Lavin RIP <sup>(The Lavin Family)</sup>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>	9.15am	For those who have died of Covid-19 <sup>(D&amp;MH)</sup>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of the Kerrigan Family <i>Confessions</i> <sup>(by appointment only)</sup> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Leo & Anne Cassidy RIP <sup>(BO'B)</sup> Brian Joseph Hornblower RIP <sup>(AH)</sup> Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup>

### Pope Francis:

The person who prays is like someone in love with the beloved in his or her heart wherever they go. So we can pray at any moment, and during what happens every day: on the street, in the office, on public transportation, through words and in the silence of our hearts.

### 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.

### Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Clara Julia C** who was baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels during the 9.30am Mass last Sunday morning. We pray also for her parents and Godparent.

### Family of Leslie Roberts RIP

Mary and the family wish to express our thanks to Fr. Craig, friends, neighbours and parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels for your condolences, prayers and support following the death of Leslie. Your kind words are much appreciated by all.

### 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 <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>nee Meehan</sup>, 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.**

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12**

Be our stronghold, Almighty God; be a sure rock for us in these uncertain times. Let us stand on your firm foundation. Let us find comfort and reassurance in 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](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

### **Recently Deceased**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Casey**. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace. Paul’s Funeral Service will take place at Streetly Crematorium on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm.**

**Whilst it is only possible for the family to be present at the funeral**, you are invited to light a candle in your home and pray for his soul at this time.

### **Organ Restoration Fund**

The church organ here at St. Mary of the Angels is in need of some urgent repair work. Many of the electrical components of the organ have now begun to fail, due to their age and general wear and tear, and need to be replaced. As we are currently not using the organ on a regular basis now would be the perfect time to address these issues and so bring the organ back up to perfect working order. The cost of the works needed is £5,824.80. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the repair work it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked ‘Organ Restoration’ through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a ‘One Off Donation envelope’: Many thanks.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**



This Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am & 7.30pm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ongoing restrictions under which we operate, things this year will be a little different. As with the distribution of Holy Communion, following the homily and the blessing of the Ashes, the priest will then say the acclamation ‘Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return’ once. The congregation then comes forward to receive the Ashes in the normal manner, however, instead of making the sign of the Cross on your forehead, the ash will be sprinkled on the crown of your head, and this will be done in silence. Ash Wednesday is observed by the whole Church as a day of penance, a day of both Fasting and Abstinence.

### Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressure of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Amen.

### Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend, **13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> of February**, for the 'Pro Life' movement. This is our annual collection to help support those agencies whose work is to promote and protect life from conception to natural death.

### 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.

### 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:** This weekend we stand on the verge of the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. This season, as we all know, is marked by three very clear characteristics; it is a season of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In the gospel of this Sunday, the encounter between Our Lord and the Leper, gives us an opportunity to reflect upon one of those characteristics – prayer – and our attitude towards it. The first thing to notice is the way in which the Leper approaches the Lord. He does not say 'If you can', instead he says 'If you want to'. Here the Leper is demonstrating his faith, his utter belief that the Lord can heal him, all he need do is ask the question – in other words, to pray. We too should approach the Lord in prayer with this same attitude, with a real belief that Christ can do all things, that he can answer our prayers if we ask of Him in faith. Our Lord's response 'Of course I want to' shows that Our Lord is waiting for us to pray, waiting for us to bring our needs before Him. It shows that He desires to bring healing and wholeness to our lives, if only we have the faith to ask. Yet the ending to the gospel passage brings our attention to an important point of faith. Christ orders the Leper 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest'. The Lord does not want people to come to Him in prayer simply because He can do something for them; to believe in Him simply because He is a worker of miracles. His true desire, the true purpose of His coming is that we may have life in Him, that we may have faith in Him who has power over sin and death. May this Lent bring about in us a deepening of faith; a renewed attitude in prayer, and a true spirit of thanksgiving in our hearts for the mystery of God's love for us revealed in Christ.

*May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig*