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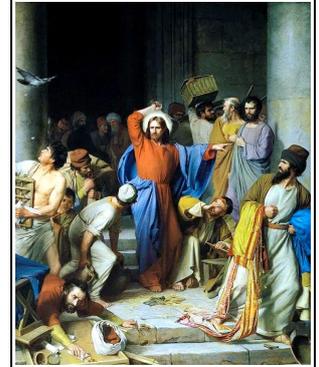
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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



DATE

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
2021**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Lent  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

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

<u>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Ellie Hayes <sup>(JH)</sup>
<u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of the Hornblower Family <sup>(AH)</sup> Int. of the Benefactors of the SVP <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Lent Feria</b>	9.15am	Deceased Relatives and Friends <sup>(DM)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Lent Feria</b>	9.15am	Leslie Roberts <sub>RIP</sub> <sup>(BB)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Lent Feria</b>		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Lent Feria</b>	7.30pm	Canon Giles Goward <sub>RIP</sub>
<u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Lent Feria</b>	9.15am 3.30pm	Doris Borg <sub>RIP</sub> <sup>(J&amp;YD)</sup> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<u>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Lent Feria</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of Barbara Wood <sup>(Srs)</sup> <i>Confessions</i> <sup>(by appointment only)</sup> Janet Reeves <sub>RIP</sub> <sup>(AS)</sup>
<u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Lætare Sunday</i> (Mothering Sunday)	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of Pat Hopley <sup>(FH)</sup> People of the Parish Int. of Francis Patton <sup>(SVP)</sup>

## Pope Francis:

We would not have had the courage to believe in a God, who loves humanity, if we had not known Jesus. What kind of God is prepared to die for his people? What kind of God loves always and patiently, without demanding to be loved in return?

### 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.

### Stations of the Cross

#### Before each station:

**V:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**R:** Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

#### After each Station:

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things, and I am heartily sorry for having offended you. Never let me separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will. Amen.

### Second Collection

Next weekend, **13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March**, there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance. This is our annual collection to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of March is: **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### Sick in the Parish

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

John Wynn, 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 & Aine McDonagh.

### Awake with Hope



Women of the Archdiocese of Birmingham (WOD) have organised a 'Day of recollection for Women'. This day will take place, via Zoom, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 9.45 am to 2.30pm. This event is being facilitated by Jo Boyce (CJM Music) The cost of the day is £10 (£5 unwaged) Register online at: <http://bit.ly/awakenwithhope> or by telephone 07586521502.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

### **Live Simply Prayer – Week 15** 3rd Sunday Lent

**We pray for all those, both here and in other lands, who have been displaced from their homes. Prompt us, Lord, to feel compassion for them. Move us to support the Catholic agencies that strive to right this wrong and rescue them in their distress.**

### **Recently Deceased**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Fr. Oliver Kemp, Michael Duddy, John Patton & Catherine Ryan**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Michael's Funeral arrangements will be announced once known. Please pray also for all who have lost their lives as a result of COVID-19, and for their families and loved ones at this difficult time.

### **The THOMAS Project**

There are two Trustee vacancies at the THOMAS project for the roles of Chair and Fundraiser. Anyone interested in these roles can request further details and an application pack from our Deputy Chair of Trustees, Clive Thomas at [jobclub@thethomasproject.co.uk](mailto:jobclub@thethomasproject.co.uk)

### **Triduum Services**

The Bishop's Conference is currently working on the guidance for the Triduum Services for this year. Whilst public worship is permitted, it will be possible to celebrate the Triduum with people present this year. However, there will be restrictions on the manner in which the various elements of the ceremonies can take place. Once I have the guidelines, which I hope will be very soon, I will update you on what will be taking place here at St. Mary of the Angels, and how the booking in system will work.

### **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.

### **ANNUAL LENTEN ALMSGIVING**



The 'Lent Alms Box' for our annual Lenten Almsgiving is now on the table at the back of the church. This year we will be donating all of the monies raised to the **'Friends of the Holy Land'**. Friends of the Holy Land are a non-political organisation whose sole purpose is to provide practical help directly to our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan & Israel – those parts of the world that we, as Christians, call the Holy Land. Their works focus on health, employment, family support, education, and housing improvement. This year the Holy Land, the Holy Places, and the many thousands of Christians who live and work there, have been badly affected by the COVID Pandemic. Please give generously to help this wonderful organisation continue the important work that they do.

## Praying for the Unborn



Tomorrow we celebrate International Women's Day. We pray especially for all pregnant women that they too would be championed and supported by all of us in society, not just tomorrow, but always. Amen.

## Confirmation Candidates



On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March** we will be welcoming **Bishop Stephen Wright**, one of the two newly ordained Auxiliary Bishops, into the parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 17 children from our primary school. This week these children will be returning to school, after a long time of online learning, to begin the final stages of preparation. Over the next few weeks let us pray for these children, and for their families, asking the Lord to pour out His blessings upon them as they prepare for this important day in their journey of faith.

## 50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for January entrants drawn on 28<sup>th</sup> February:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>JM</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>£150</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>£60</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>HB</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>£20</b>

Total prizes this month £265.00.

## 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:-** The words of the Apostle Paul, which today the liturgy proposes for our meditation, resounded in my mind: "We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ [is] the power of God and the wisdom of God". I have nothing to propose or give to those whom I shall meet except Christ and the Good News of His Cross, a mystery of supreme love, of divine love that overcomes all human resistance and even makes forgiveness and love for one's enemies possible. This is the grace of the Gospel that is capable of transforming the world. The Church, therefore, does not pursue economics, social or political objectives; the Church proclaims Christ, certain that the Gospel can move the hearts of all and transform them, thereby renewing people and societies from within. (Benedict XVI)

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