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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 21st March
2021**

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

Saturday 20th March (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Fr. Craig ^(School)
Sunday 21st March Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Francis Adamson ^(Srs) Michael Fleming ^(CM) RIP
Monday 22nd March Lent Feria	9.15am	Leslie Roberts ^(MR) RIP
Tuesday 23rd March Lent Feria	9.15am	Brian Joseph Hornblower ^(AH) RIP
Wednesday 24th March Lent Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity	7.30pm	Int. of Joan Moloney ^(Srs)
Friday 26th March Lent Feria	9.15am 3.30pm	Claire Higgs ^{nee McAnulty} ^(SB) RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27th March Lent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of Paddy Whelan ^(PJ) <i>Confessions</i> ^(by appointment only) Int. of Ruth & Michael Hardiman ^(PH)
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Kate McIlkenny & Freda Brennan ^(RJ) RIP Int. of Maureen Carr ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

By receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that is the heart of our process of conversion, we spread forgiveness. Having received forgiveness, we can offer it through attentive dialogue and giving comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain.

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.

Triduum at St. Chad's Cathedral

In the Vade Mecum 2021, the document setting out the guidelines for the celebration of Holy Week and the Triduum, there is a section about live-streaming. Here it encourages those who, for various reasons, cannot attend the Triduum Services in their own Parish Churches to join in the celebrations at which the Diocesan Bishop will preside. This is to show a greater sign of the unity of the Church. Archbishop Bernard will be presiding at the services at St. Chad's Cathedral as follows:

Maundy Thursday – 7.30pm

Good Friday – 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 7.30pm

All of these services can be followed on the Cathedral Website at:

www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

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:

Margaret & Leo Jones, John Wynn, Francis Patton, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, 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 Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and congratulations to the 17 children from our Primary School who were confirmed by Bishop Stephen on Thursday. We continue to pray also for the children of Y6 who were not confirmed, yet have helped and supported their fellow class mates in their journey of faith.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 17
(5th Sunday Lent)

Help us, Lord our God, to practise still those three commitments of a worthwhile Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Reclaim our Common Home

This is a new CAFOD campaign in response to Pope Francis' call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies.

They are asking Catholics in the parishes to sign their petition to the Prime Minister. Why? This year the British Government will host the G7 annual meeting for the leaders of the 7 richest countries who gather to discuss how to rebuild after the pandemic. Later in November the UN 'COP26' climate talks take place in Glasgow. So, let's urge Boris Johnson to put people hardest hit by the climate crisis at the heart of COP26.

As the eyes of the world will be on Britain, it is vital that we raise our voices and get our government to listen on 3 basic issues:

- **Tackle the climate crisis**
- **Ending unjust debts**
- **Holding multinational businesses accountable**

Will you sign CAFOD's petition? Yes?

Then go to:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Duddy**. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace.

Michael's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 26th March at 11.00am prior to burial at Streetly Cemetery.

Whilst it is only possible for the family to attend the Requiem you are invited to light a candle in your own homes and pray for the repose of 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.

Teaching Vacancy

Holy Name Catholic Primary School, Great Barr are looking for a class teacher (NQT or experienced) with possible TLR2a (£2,873 dependent on skills and experience) to start in September 2021 (or earlier). Please contact Mr. A. Neenan, Headteacher, on 0121 357 3216 or email: headteacher@holynameschool.sandwell.sch.uk if you are interested.

Praying for the Unborn



Today we celebrate 'World Down's Syndrome Day'. We pray especially for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's Syndrome from abortion, that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's Syndrome are loved and protected equally. Amen.

The Sacred Easter Triduum

There is now a page on the Parish Website called "Easter Triduum". On this page you can find all of the information about the services, their times, and the differences to the ceremonial. Here you can also find the 'Booking-in Forms' for each of the services.

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'.

Census 2021

If you have not done so already, remember that today, Sunday 21st March 2021, is the date by which we much have completed the National Census

And finally:- In the imminence of his Passion Jesus declared: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12:24). Now is no longer the time for words and discourse; indeed the crucial hour has come for which the Son of God came into the world and although his soul is troubled, he makes himself available to fulfil the Father's will to the end. And this is the will of God: to give eternal life to us who have lost it. However, in order for this to be brought about Jesus dies, like a grain of wheat that God the Father has sown in the world. Indeed, only in this way can a new humanity germinate and grow, free from the domination of sin and able to live in brotherhood, as sons and daughters of the one Father who is in Heaven. (Benedict XVI)

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig