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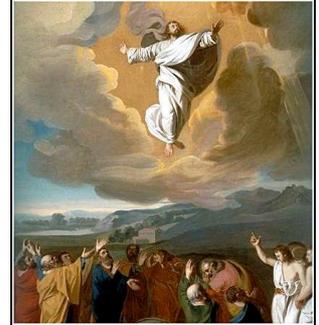
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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



DATE

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

SUNDAY

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 2**

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

<u>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Michael J. Duddy RIP <sup>(ML&amp;GW)</sup>
<u>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May</u> Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Eric Myers RIP <sup>(AD-W)</sup> Tom & Pat McMahon RIP <sup>(KF)</sup>
<u>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am	Int. of Margaret & Leo Jones <sup>(AH &amp; Family)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am	Francis Xavier Borg RIP <sup>(YD)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May</u> The Ascension of the Lord <sup>Solemnity</sup>	9.15am 7.30pm	People of the Parish Patrick Lavin RIP <sup>(Lavin Family)</sup>
<u>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May</u> <b>St. Matthias</b> <sup>Apostle</sup> <b>Feast</b>	9.15am	Int. of the Hornblower Family <sup>(AH)</sup>
<u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Leslie Roberts RIP <sup>(AH)</sup> David Easthope RIP <sup>(JH)</sup>
<u>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May</u> Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of Marguerite Baxendale <sup>(BB)</sup> People of the Parish Paul Eden RIP <sup>(Sr.AM)</sup>

### Pope Francis:

Loving contemplation, typical of the most intimate prayer, does not need many words. A gaze is enough. It is enough to be convinced that our life is surrounded by an immense and faithful love that nothing can ever separate us from.

### 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.

### With Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Daniel Francis Patton would like to thank you, our dearest friends in St. Mary of the Angels Parish, for the Masses received for Francis, the sympathy cards, the beautiful bouquets of flowers, the lovely emails and the many heartfelt messages. Thank you also for your very generous donations towards the repair of the church organ. We look forward to hearing beautiful music being played from the organ as soon as this is possible.

It was a joy for us to be able to celebrate Francis' Requiem Mass with you all. We have requested for a Mass to be offered for the intentions of the whole parish community, and know that God will continue to bestow his grace upon St. Mary of the Angels and upon our most wonderful Fr. Craig Davies

### Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of May is:- **The World Finance**. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Hannah Delmas, Margaret Healy, Margaret & Leo Jones, John Wynne, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, 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.**

We continue to pray also for those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, and for all who are involved in caring for the sick and the dying.

### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday, **13<sup>th</sup> May** is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and under normal circumstances would be a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am & 7.30pm. Whilst at present the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is suspended, I would like to encourage you to keep this important day 'Holy' by attending one of the Masses being celebrated.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**Live Simply Prayer – Week 24**  
*(6th Sunday of Easter)*

**Freedom is ours! We rejoice. Salvation is ours! We rejoice, Lord Jesus, in your death and resurrection for us at Easter time.**

**Recently Deceased**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **David Easthope**, **Janet Durkin** and **Denis Healy**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they Rest in Peace. **David's Requiem Mass** will be celebrated on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11.00am. **Janet's Requiem Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Denis' funeral arrangements will follow shortly. Due to the current restrictions on funeral services it is only possible for the family, and others who have been invited, to attend the service in the church. At the times of the services I invite you to light a candle in your own homes and to pray for the soul of the person whose funeral we are celebrating on that day.

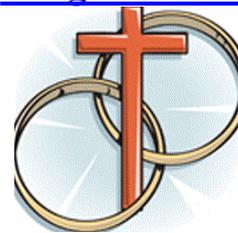
**Second Collection**

There will be a Second Collection next weekend **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> May** for Catholic Communications. This is our annual collection to support the work of the Catholic Communications Departments of both the Archdiocese and the Bishops' Conference. The monies for this collection can be placed in the basket marked 'Second Collection' on the table at the back of the church.

**Annual Gift Aid Claims**

As we prepare to submit our 2021 Gift Aid Reclaim you are reminded to make sure that you have paid enough tax to cover your claim. Could we also ask that if you have changed address in the past 12 months you let either myself or Peter Differ know ASAP. Many thanks.

**Congratulations**



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Sean Michael G & Nola Carmel M** who, last Saturday, were joined together in Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary of the Angels.

**First Holy Communion**

Next Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, the children of our Primary School will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Due to the current restrictions on numbers in the church these Masses will not form part of the Parish Mass Schedule, but will be private Masses at which only those who have been invited may attend. I do, however, ask you to keep these children, and their families, in your prayers as they prepare for this important day.

**Praying for the Unborn**



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

## The Year of St. Joseph

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis has therefore dedicated this year to St. Joseph and has asked that we pray each day asking St. Joseph to intercede for us. To help us in this pursuit Pope Francis has written the following prayer:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

## Sacrament of the Sick

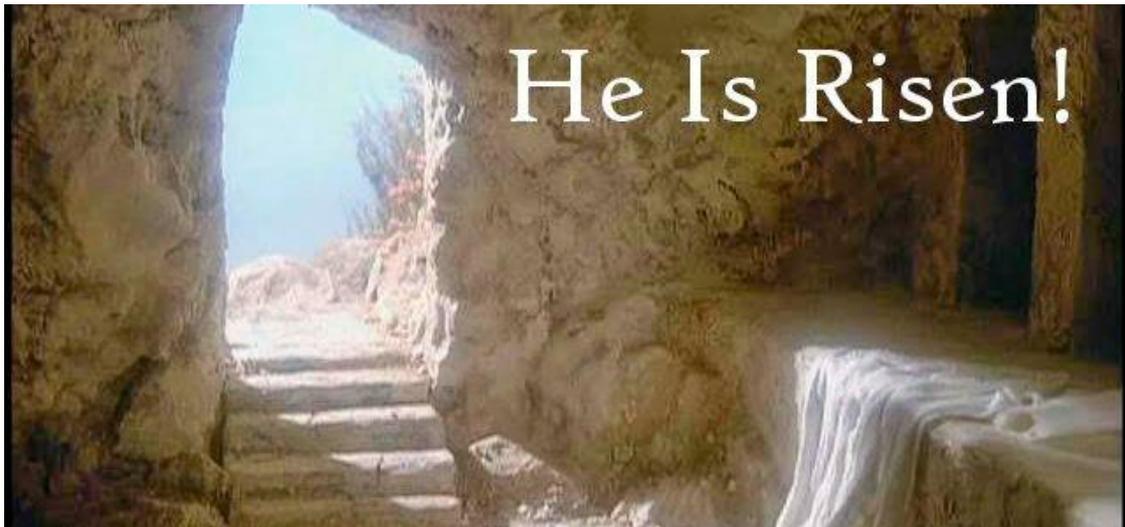
Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

## 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.catholicdridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'.



**And finally:-** The history of salvation begins with the choice of a man, Abraham, and a people, Israel, but its scope is universal, the salvation of all peoples. The history of salvation has always been marked by this interweaving of particularity and universality. We see this connection clearly in today's First Reading: on seeing in Cornelius' home the faith of the Gentiles and their desire for God, St. Peter says: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation and one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him". Learning to fear God and practice justice thus opens the world to the Kingdom of God: this is the most profound purpose of all interreligious dialogue. (Benedict XVI)

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