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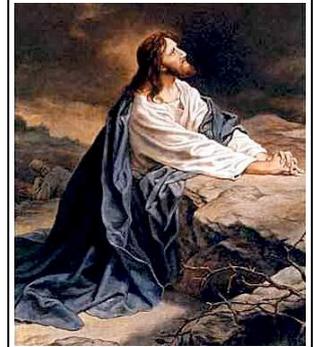
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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



DATE

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

SUNDAY

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

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

<u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	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>
<u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am	Olwen Borg RIP <sup>(YD)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am	Christine Bennett RIP (1st Anniversary) <sup>(BB)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	7.30pm	Private Intention <sup>(TM)</sup>
<u>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9.15am 11.00am	Denis Campbell RIP Requiem: David Easthope <b>(by invitation only)</b>
<u>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</u> Easter Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Holy Souls <sup>(BO'B)</sup> Confessions <b>(by appointment only)</b> Janet Durkin RIP <sup>(J&amp;EH)</sup>
<u>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</u> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Francis Patton RIP <sup>(JO'N)</sup> People of the Parish Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup>

### Pope Francis:

Praying is not easy. Each time we want to pray, we think of many other activities that seem more important and urgent. Almost always, after putting off prayer, we realise that those things were not essential at all. This is how the Enemy deceives us.

### 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.

### Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection this 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.

### 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.

### Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Evelyn Marie G** who was baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels last Saturday. We also pray for her parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**Live Simply Prayer – Week 25**  
*(7th Sunday of Easter)*

**Lord Jesus, you promised us the Paraclete. Now we look forward to His coming and the transformation He will bring soon within us; ‘Gloria Domino’!**

**A Request for Prayer**

CAFOD was founded some 60 years ago by two women, small time. They set about raising funds for a mother and baby clinic in Dominica. Today **CAFOD** operates world-wide, thanks to the charity and effort of individual Catholics on a huge scale on behalf of the Church. **CAFOD**'s work is now huge, pursuing justice, giving practical aid to people in desperate situations – an unimaginable growth and achievement.

**CAFOD**'s aim is to express God's love for all men and women in need (wherever) and to respect and restore God's creation, which we humans still abuse and damage. Such is the Faith in action. Parishioners make this possible. As you know, two international meetings are shortly to take place in the UK. The first will be between 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June. It will discuss how to rebuild after the COVID pandemic. The second conference is on behalf of the United Nations. Its task – the task for all world leaders – will be to agree the next steps to take to counteract climate change on a sure timetabled basis.

There is a real need for prayer in both cases. Talk sessions will be no use. For the world leaders this is going to be a big ask. Please do pray to the Lord for them. A miracle is required.

**Recently Deceased**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Christine Smith, David Easthope, Janet Durkin** and **Denis Healy**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they Rest in Peace.

**Christine**, who taught French at SFA for many years and will be known by older students, died on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**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' Requiem Mass** will be celebrated on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.15pm.

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.

**Novena for Pentecost**

On the homepage of the Parish Website there is a set of Novena Prayers leading up to the Solemnity of Pentecost. This 'Nine Days of Prayer', running from the Solemnity of the Ascension to Pentecost, has been produced by the 'God Who Speaks' team which offers prayers, readings and recent Papal teaching on the theme of Creation.

**Praying for the Unborn**



We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and come to recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. 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

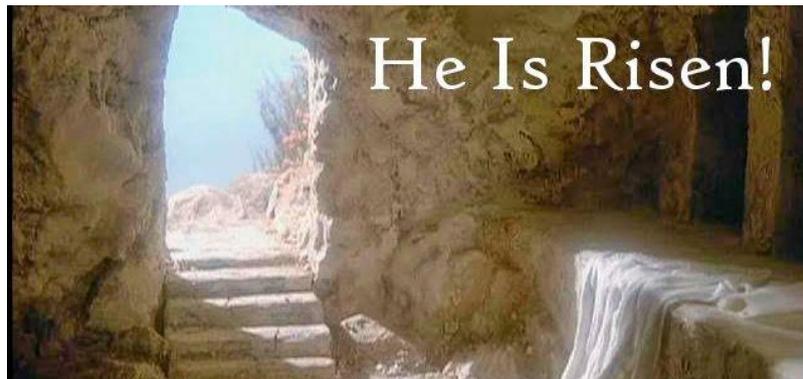
Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

## 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:-** In his Gospel, Saint John, more fully than the other three evangelists, reports in his own distinctive way the farewell discourses of Jesus; they appear as his testament and synthesis of the core of his message. Twice in the course of the priestly prayer Jesus speaks of the revealing of God's name. Jesus thus means to say that he is bringing to fulfilment that which began with the burning bush; that in this, God who made himself known to Moses, now reveals himself fully. In doing so he brings about reconciliation, that the love with which God loves the Son in the mystery of the Trinity now draws men and women into this divine circle of love. To give one's name means to enter into relationship with another. The revelation of the divine name, then, means that God, infinite and self-subsistent, enters into a network of human relationships; that he comes out of himself, so to speak, and becomes one of us, present among us and for us. (Benedict XVI)

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