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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



**DATE**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

**SUNDAY**

**Solemnity of Pentecost**  
Year B

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 4**

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

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Janet Durkin RIP (J&EH)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Francis Patton RIP (JO'N) People of the Parish Sick in the Parish (SVP)
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> Mary, Mother of the Church <small>Memorial</small>	9.15am	Holy Souls (BO'B)
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> St. Bede the Venerable <small>Memorial</small> Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.15am 10.30am	Int. of Andrew Davies Requiem: Janet Durkin (by invitation only)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> St. Philip Neri <small>Priest Memorial</small>		No Services Today
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest <small>Feast</small>	7.30pm	Joan Lavin RIP (The Lavin Family)
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.15am	Tomas Daly RIP (V&DD)
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Solemnity of the Dedication (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	June & David Barrett RIP (LB) Confessions (by appointment only) Roger Howell RIP (SH)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Kathleen Golden RIP (CF) Int. of Nancy Levell (JL)

### Pope Francis:

In order to ensure the proper care of our common home, we must become a “we” that is ever wider and more co-responsible, in the profound conviction that whatever good is done in our world is done for present and future generations.

### Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed. 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.

### Changes at Mass

With the easing of the Covid restrictions on 15<sup>th</sup> May there have also been some changes to our celebration of Mass. The first of these changes is the way in which Holy Communion will be distributed. The celebrant will now say ‘The Body of Christ’ to the communicant who will respond ‘Amen’ during the distribution of Holy Communion. The second change is that, as of Monday, there will be no stewards at the weekday Masses. Instead, those attending Mass will be responsible for completing the ‘Track and Trace’ form themselves. This will either be by placing a tick next to your name on the pre-completed form, or by adding your details if they are not already there.

### 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 the children of Y3 from St. Mary of the Angels Primary School who received their **First Holy Communion** last Saturday.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

## Live Simply Prayer – Week 26 (Solemnity of Pentecost)

**Almighty God, set us on fire, this day, with that Spirit through whom you inspired your Apostles. May we enjoy His gifts and live by them.**

### 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, 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.

**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.

### Pastoral Letter of the Bishops' of England & Wales

There are copies of the Pastoral Letter of the Bishops' of England and Wales on the table at the back of Church. This Pastoral Letter, for the Solemnity of Pentecost, deals with the issue of 'Care for our Common Home', and the forthcoming G7 and COP26 meetings to be held here in the UK in the coming months. Please feel free to take a copy.

### Praying for the Unborn



As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. 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

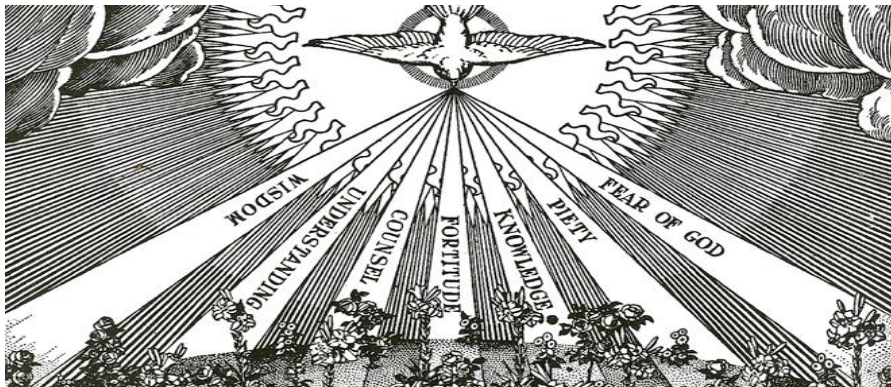
Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

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

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'.



**And finally:-** The Holy Spirit overcomes fear. We know that the disciples sought shelter in the Upper Room after the arrest of their Lord and that they had remained isolated for fear of suffering the same fate. After Jesus' Resurrection their fear was not suddenly dispelled. But here at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit rested upon them, those men emerged fearless and began to proclaim the Good News of the Crucified and Risen Christ to all. They were not afraid because they felt they were in the hands of the strongest One. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, wherever the Spirit of God enters he puts fear to flight; he makes us know and feel that we are in the hands of an Omnipotence of love: something happens, his infinite love does not abandon us. It is demonstrated by the very existence of the Church which, despite the limitations and sins of men and women, continues to cross the ocean of history, blown by the breath of God and enlivened by his purifying fire. (Benedict XVI)

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