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**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS**



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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



DATE

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
2021**

SUNDAY

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

**Live-streamed Masses: There will be no live-streamed this week.**

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| <u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</u><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)   | 6.00pm            | Francis Patton RIP <sup>(CM)</sup>   |
| <u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</u><br><b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  | 9.30am<br>11.30am | Denis Healy RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup><br>David Easthope RIP <sup>(JE)</sup>       |
| <u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</u><br>St. Francis of Assisi <sup>Memorial</sup>  |                   | No Services Today  |
| <u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</u><br>St. Faustina Kowalska, <sup>Virgin</sup> <sup>Memorial</sup>                                      |                   | No Services Today  |
| <u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</u><br><b>Feria</b>  |                   | No Services Today  |
| <u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</u><br><b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> <sup>Memorial</sup>  |                   | No Services Today  |
| <u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</u><br><b>Feria</b>   |                   | No Services Today  |
| <u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October</u><br>St. John Henry Newman <sup>Priest</sup> <sup>Feast</sup><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday) | 6.00pm            | No Morning Mass<br>No Confessions<br>Joan Lunny RIP <sup>(DW)</sup>          |
| <u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</u><br><b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  | 9.30am<br>11.30am | Brian Hornblower RIP <sup>(AH)</sup><br>Matthew Collins RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup> |

### Pope Francis:

The example of St. Vincent de Paul encourages us to make time and space for the poor, and to make their worries and troubles our own, because Christianity without contact with those who suffer becomes disembodied, incapable of touching the flesh of Christ.

### Data Protection – Live-streaming

**Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will normally be Live Streamed from St, Mary of the Angels.**

**These will not however be streamed until the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

**We regret that these will not be available but look forward to their return from that date**

### Welcome

This weekend we welcome Fr. Craig Szmidt, the Vocations Director of the Archdiocese, to the parish.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 45

*(Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

**Teach us, Lord Jesus, to lay aside our self-assurance and vain convictions, so we may approach you with child-like confidence.**

### Family Fast Day

This year Family Fast Day will be on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** and a collection will be taken at Masses on **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October**. Please do your best to support this important endeavour.

### Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of October is:- **Missionary Disciples**. We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Laoiseach Nolan, Max Miotk, Margaret & Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, 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>née Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

We pray also for those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, and for all who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

### 50-50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for August entrants drawn on 27<sup>th</sup> September:

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|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> | <b>SG</b> | <b>116</b> | <b>£150</b>   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> | <b>AS</b> | <b>26</b>  | <b>£60</b>    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b> | <b>BB</b> | <b>63</b>  | <b>£32.50</b> |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b> | <b>JS</b> | <b>71</b>  | <b>£20</b>    |

Total prize money this month: £262.50

**If you are interested in joining in with our monthly Parish 50/50 Draw please speak to either Fr. Craig or Sue W.**

## Craft and Natter

Have you missed going out and socialising this last 18 months? Then come and meet the 'craft and natterers' on Tuesdays – tea, coffee, and squash on tap (make your own). Come for the morning, the afternoon, or bring your lunch and stay for the whole session, 50p per session covers all you can drink and certain supplies for you to make your crafts. Come and tell us what you did in lockdown, what books or TV you were interested in, what you are looking forward to. If you are a crafter we have ideas for things to make. What are you waiting for, come along on a Tuesday, 11am until 3pm, in the meeting room at church. There will be hand sanitiser at the door, no need for masks, social distancing seating. For more information call Christine W on 07900 604902

## Retiring Collection

This weekend, **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October** there will be a retiring collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. There are envelopes and leaflets on the tables in the porch relating to this collection. Please, however, could I ask that you only use an envelope if you intend to Gift Aid your Donation. All other monies can be placed in the collection basket.

## Prayers for the Unborn



This Thursday, **7th October at 7.00pm**, we are asked to pray the Rosary in our own homes for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month our day of prayer falls on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a wonderful day to seek Our Lady's intercession for this intention. This month our intention is: **'For the end to abortion in our country'**.

## The Kerrigan Family

On behalf of Sheila, the Kerrigan Family would like to thank friends and parishioners for their good wishes, prayers and Masses. Mom is being well looked after and cared for at Fotherley Hall (Room 21).

## Kenelm Youth Trust

As we emerge from the pandemic and increase our school and programme numbers the Kenelm Youth Trust are seeking to recruit enthusiastic and capable retreat leaders and operational staff:

**Alton Castle Trainee Programme Leader, Alton Castle Programme Leader, Catering Assistant & Housekeeping Assistant.**

All information for these roles can be found on our website:

<https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/work4kyt.html>

## Whetstone Over 50's

Whetstone Over 50's are having their first meeting since lockdown on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. We will then meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Come along for an afternoon of light-hearted fun, a friendly chat together and a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a biscuit or two. Our meetings are varied with speakers, demonstrations, quizzes and visits. Come along and see, you will be most welcome.

## Fairtrade Stall



This Sunday, **3<sup>rd</sup> October**, the Fairtrade stall will be resuming after the 9.30am Mass. There will be a small selection of lower priced Christmas cards on sale as well as the usual items. Thank you for your support.

### Adult Catechesis

We have begun our programme of Adult Catechesis for those preparing to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

**These meetings are currently suspended but will resume on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** If you are already a Catholic and interested in learning more about your faith you are most welcome to come along on Friday evenings at 6.30pm and join us in the Parish Meeting Room.

### 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'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

**7pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**7pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**7pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**



**And finally:-** During the course of the week the Church will celebrate the newly established feast of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun who received a vision of Christ which today we call 'The Divine Mercy'. In 'The Diary of her Soul' St Faustina recalls how she encountered the Lord Jesus in her soul, an encounter which caused her to meditate on what the Lord worked in her for the benefit of all. She says that 'listening to Him who is Love and Mercy we come to understand that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ'. Today we live in a world scared by warfare, hatred, indifference, and intolerance; a world desperately in need of the mercy of God which brings with it unity, healing, harmony and peace. At the beginning of his Pontificate Pope Francis called for a 'Year of Mercy', a year to remind us that we are all called to be 'ambassadors of mercy in our world today'. To become an ambassador of mercy, however, we must first recognise our own need for God's mercy. It is only then, having encountered the healing touch of Christ, as He reaches down from His Cross, which gives life and wholeness to our souls, that we will truly understand what it means to 'be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful'.

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