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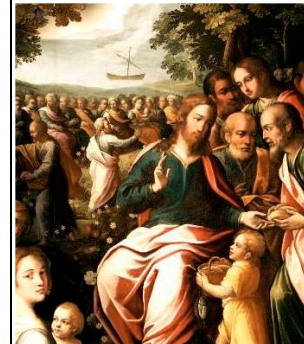
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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

Sunday 18th July 2021

SUNDAY

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

<u>Saturday 17th July</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Leo & Margaret Jones ^(KB)
<u>Sunday 18th July</u> Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Fr. Craig ^(The Patton Family) David Easthope ^(SVP) RIP
<u>Monday 19th July</u> Feria	9.15am	Eddie Wilson ^(CA) RIP
<u>Tuesday 20th July</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Wednesday 21st July</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 22nd July</u> St. Mary Magdalene ^{Feast}	7.30pm	Janet Reeves ^(J&AS) RIP
<u>Friday 23rd July</u> St. Bridget ^{Religious, Patron of Europe} ^{Feast}	9.15am	In thanksgiving for the People of the Parish ^(Patton Family)
<u>Saturday 24th July</u> Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Joan Lavin ^(Lavin Family) RIP Confessions & Exposition Lily Payne ^(SH) RIP
<u>Sunday 25th July</u> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Peter Taylor ^(FD) RIP Leslie Roberts ^(MR) RIP

Pope Francis:

In these days of being hospitalised, I have experienced how important good health care is, health care accessible to all. This is a precious benefit that must never be lost, which needs everyone's contribution.

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.

The Ending of COVID Restrictions

The government has now announced that "all restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19 will be lifted on Monday 19th July". At the time of writing there have, as yet, been no guidelines from the Bishops' Conference. Whilst I am very much looking forward to removing all of the signs of these restrictions from the church, it is with caution that we must, and are going to, proceed. Whatever the instructions, for the time being, the Sunday Mass schedule will remain as it is; however, you will now be free to attend any of the Masses without having to 'Book in'. I am presuming that the use of facemasks will become, as in all other sectors, an individual choice. Once I have received the definitive guidelines from the Bishops' Conference I will publish them on the Homepage of the Parish Website, and then further clarify what steps we will be taking here in the parish on next weekend's Newsletter.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of July is:- **Social Friendship**. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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 (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 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 **Summer Rose D** who was baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels last weekend. We pray also for her parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising Summer in the practice of the Faith.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 34

(Sixteenth Sunday of the Year)

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, take pity on us, when we go astray.

CAFOD School Volunteers Needed

Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for volunteers in the Walsall area to visit Catholic Schools. For further information please contact Joanne O'Meara at CAFOD Birmingham. Email: birmingham@cafod.org.uk.

St. Joseph's Care Home



Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St. Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just *how home feels*.

If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact the Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, email:

shellyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk

or visit our website at:

www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Thomas Smith**. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy. May he rest in peace. Peter's Funeral Service will be held at Streetly Crematorium on Thursday 22nd July at 11.30am.

Dates for your Diary

May I begin by thanking those parishioners who co-ordinate the Parish Groups for responding so promptly for a request for dates for the re-commencement of the group's meetings. The following dates, albeit provisional at the moment, are the planned dates for the first meeting of each group or activity:

Coffee Morning: Sunday 5th September – after the morning Mass.

Whetstone Over 50's Group: Committee Meeting – Monday 6th September - 2pm.

Group Meeting - Monday 11th October - 2pm.

Craft & Natter: Tuesday 14th September - 11am to 3pm.

Wednesday Friends: Wednesday 15th September - 10am.

Parish SVP Group: Thursday 23rd September - 8pm

Parish Pastoral Council: Thursday 30th September - 7.30pm.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their families, and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Amen.

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 14th September, 7pm Tuesday 26th October, 7pm Tuesday 7th December.**



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.

School Summer Holiday

On Wednesday of this week we see the end of another academic year. After what has probably been one of the most fraught and stressful years on record, we pray that the staff, and students, of our schools have a restful and joy filled summer holiday. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff in our schools for the tremendous work that they have done to keep our schools open, and our children safe.

And finally:- This weekend brings with it the promise of a return to some form of normality over the coming few days. Whilst for the vast majority of people this will bring with it a great sense of relief, there are those for whom this moment will bring anxiety and stress. This is not only the case for those with serious health issues, but there are those who have not ventured past their front door for over a year. In today's Gospel we see a wonderful image of the Lord's loving care for his disciples. Concerned for their well being he takes them off, after their missionary activities, to a "lonely place", a place where they can find rest and refreshment. We then see this loving care and concern move outwards for His intimate circle of disciples to caring for the whole of the community that had followed Him. As we move out of the current situation into a 'new normal' for our way of living and practising our faith, we must follow the example set by our Lord. Our attitude must be one of care and concern for others. Rescinding the restrictions on our lives is not a green light to forget everything that we have learnt and so return to life as if nothing has changed. In all that we do in the weeks, months and years ahead be shaped by the life of the Lord, a life of caring concern for others and the mutual flourishing of us all.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig