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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

**Sunday 1st August
2021**

SUNDAY

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

<u>Saturday 31st July</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Kath & Paddy Breen ^(D&SG)
<u>Sunday 1st August</u> Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Alice Murphy RIP ^(J&SW) Int. of the Service Family ^(PS) People of the Parish
<u>Monday 2nd August</u> Feria	9.15am	Mark Warden RIP ^(DM)
<u>Tuesday 3rd August</u> Feria	9.15am	In Thanksgiving ^(PH)
<u>Wednesday 4th August</u> St. John Mary Vianney Priest Memorial		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 5th August</u> Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Memorial	7.30pm	John Borg RIP ^(YD)
<u>Friday 6th August</u> Transfiguration of the Lord Feast	9.15am	Int. of Fiona McParland ^(MP)
<u>Saturday 7th August</u> Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Mary Maloney RIP ^(KW) Confessions & Exposition For all fighting sickness & illness ^(JH)
<u>Sunday 8th August</u> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish John Seager RIP ^(McLeary Family) Janet Durkin RIP ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?" He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.

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.

Walsall Life

We urgently need a pushchair or pram suitable for a new-born, and a breast pump. If anyone has such which they no longer require, please contact Ann Terry or Beryl Meehan.

Walsall Life are also looking for volunteers to help with the gardening at the Walsall Life House. Please contact Ann Terry if you could help in this matter.

Praying for the Unborn



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

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of August is:- **The Church**. Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light 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:

Margaret & Leo Jones, Hannah Delmas, 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 (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 **Alfie Christopher Lawrence B & Paisley Elizabeth T** who were baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels last weekend. We pray also for their parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the Faith.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 36

(Eighteenth Sunday of the Year)

Loving Lord, we call upon you. Give food to all who hunger. Look upon the needs of the poor and dispossessed in our land and across the world. Open wide your hands and grant their just desires.

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.

Dates for your Diary

The following dates, albeit presently provisional, are the planned dates for the first meeting of each group or activity:

Children's Liturgy – Sunday 5th September.

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

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

Group Meeting - Monday 11th Oct. - 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.

50-50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for June entrants drawn on 25th July:

1st Prize	EQ	29	£150
2nd Prize	PH	31	£60
3rd Prize	JS	14	£35
4th Prize	AE	123	£20

Total prize money this month: £265

Prayers for the Unborn



This Thursday, **5th August at 7.00pm**, we will return to the practice of praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month our intention is: **'For women and families expecting a child at this time'**.

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.

Changes following the easing of the COVID-19 Regulations

As announced at the end of all Masses last weekend there have been significant changes in the way we are now permitted to celebrate Mass. It is, however, not a return to pre-pandemic conditions, we must still be careful and cautious in our approach to these changes. It is of paramount importance that we now, each and every one of us, take on the responsibility of keeping each other safe whilst inside the church building. Whilst there are no social distancing measures in place in the church we must be conscious of leaving spaces, not sitting immediately next to, or behind, other people. Here now are the significant changes:

Track and Trace: We are still required to keep a record, for parish usage only, of those who attend Mass. It is therefore necessary that you use the form on the COVID-19 page (only required once) to book into the Sunday Mass that you will attend regularly. You will then, upon arriving at church, put a tick next to your name on the 'Booking in Form' or alternatively use the QR code which can be scanned via the NHS Track and Trace App on your phone (this you will have indicated on the 'Booking in Form').

Offertory Gifts: These can now be brought to the altar, from the back of the church, by members of the congregation (at 6pm and 9.30am Masses only). Those bringing up the gifts must use the hand sanitiser on the offertory table before picking up the gifts.

Collections: These can now take place as before lockdown, using the basket system (6pm & 9.30am Masses only). At the 11.30 & 4.30 Masses this will be done as in previous weeks.

Votive Candles: You are now free to light candles at the shrines at the front of the church.

Singing: This will be reintroduced into Mass in September.

Servers: We will reintroduce serving at Mass in September.

Church Cleaners Needed

A new rota will be produced shortly. However since the old rota was suspended, many of our cleaning team members have resigned, to the point where we have less than half of our old volunteers.

If you could find time to help with this important parish activity, please contact Fr. Craig as a matter of urgency.

And finally:- This weekend I want to end the Parish Newsletter by simply thanking each and every person who attended Mass. As you know, from my announcement at the end of last Sunday's Masses, I was very anxious about how things would work now that we have entered into the final stages of the 'Roadmap to recovery'. That anxiety was very quickly dispelled with the celebration of Mass at 6pm on Saturday, and all of the other Mass only strengthened my belief that together we can get through this. There were, of course, a few teething problems with the new "signing in" system, but that was to be expected. It was however, in my opinion, a great success. The whole weekend felt relaxed and comfortable, and it was lovely to see some of the parishioners who have not been to Mass since the beginning of lockdown. I would, therefore, simply like to say 'thank you', and 'keep up the good work'.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig