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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

**Sunday 8th August
2021**

SUNDAY

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

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

Saturday 7th August (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	For all fighting sickness & illness
Sunday 8th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish John Seager RIP (McLeary Family) Janet Durkin RIP (SVP)
Monday 9th August St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross <small>Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe</small> <small>Feast</small>	9.15am	Francis Patton RIP (The Kerrigans)
Tuesday 10th August St. Lawrence <small>Deacon, Martyr</small> <small>Feast</small>	9.15am	Int. of Emma Jones (AH & Jones Family)
Wednesday 11th August <small>St. Clare</small> <small>Virgin</small> <small>Memorial</small>		No Services Today
Thursday 12th August Feria	7.30pm	Leslie & Robin Roberts RIP (MR)
Friday 13th August Feria	9.15am	Denis Healy RIP (DM)
Saturday 14th August St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe <small>Priest, Martyr</small> <small>Memorial</small> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Janet Durkin RIP (Birthday Anniversary) (HD) Confessions & Exposition Charlie Martin RIP (JH)
Sunday 15th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of Sandra Mallon & Richard (T&BM) People of the Parish Int. of Margaret Jones (SVP)

Pope Francis:

The invitation in the Gospel is this: rather than being concerned only with material bread, let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and, starting out from our relationship with Him, learn to love each other freely and without calculation.

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 newborn, 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.

Childrens Liturgy Leaders

We are in need of a few more people to go onto the Children's Liturgy rota. If you are willing to take on this important role in the life of the parish please contact Fr. Craig.

Missio (Red Boxes)



A big 'thank you' to all Missio Donors. A total of £427.22 has been banked for the first half of this year. God bless you all.

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:

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 (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 **Thomas Alfie W** who was 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.

We also offer our prayers and congratulations to **Kenneth & Fiona P** who entered into Holy Matrimony here on Friday 30th July. We pray that God will continue to bless them in their love for each other.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 37

(Nineteenth Sunday of the Year)

Lord, you are the bread of life that has come down from Heaven. We thank you.

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 23rd September - 7.30pm.

Praying for the Unborn

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

A 'Thank You' from Lincoln B

Many of you will have noticed Hannah Delmas on the sick list over the past few weeks. Hannah, the 25-year-old daughter of family friends Helen and Karl, is an intensive care doctor who was diagnosed with cancer a few months ago. After 3 bouts of chemotherapy and an operation, this week Hannah got the all clear from her consultant. I would like to thank all of the congregation who have been remembering her in your prayers, and particularly Fr. Craig who has followed her plight closely. With God's grace she will be able to pursue a happy and successful life.

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:- Today, through the Sacred Liturgy, our attention is drawn into the contemplation of the wonderful gift which is the Most Holy Eucharist. Every minute of every day, or as Eucharistic Prayer III put is "from the rising of the sun to its setting", Christ's saving Passion is represented to the Eternal Father for the salvation of souls at every Catholic Mass. Through the Most Holy Eucharist, whereby 'mere men [eat] the bread of Angels', we the consumer of the gift, are drawn to the heart of the Father as we are ourselves consumed by Christ, consumed by life itself. This is the wonder of our faith. This is the gift left to us by Christ in the Eucharist. From every Tabernacle in every Catholic Church, from every Altar where Christ is exposed for adoration, the Lord calls to us 'come to me all you who labour and are over burdened, and I will give you rest'. With thankfulness and praise let us adore the Lord forever.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig