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**Sunday 15th August
2021**

SUNDAY

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

DIVINE OFFICE**Week 4**

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

Saturday 14th August (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	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)
Monday 16th August Feria	9.15am	Julie Bloomfield RIP ^(FD)
Tuesday 17th August Feria	9.15am	Denis Healy RIP ^(BO'B)
Wednesday 18th August Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 19th August Feria	7.30pm	Matthew Collins RIP ^(D&MH)
Friday 20th August St. Bernard Abbot, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9.15am	Kathleen Golden RIP
Saturday 21st August St. Pius X Pope Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Francis Patton RIP ^(The Patton Family) Confessions & Exposition Josephine Teuton RIP ^(JH)
Sunday 22nd August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Peter Thomas Smith RIP ^(YS) Int. of the Bradbury Family ^(CB)

Pope Francis:

The external law cannot bring life because it does not change the heart. The radical newness of the Christian life is life according to the Holy Spirit who frees us from the law and at the same time brings it to fulfilment in the commandment of love.

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.

Annual Thanksgiving Mass

The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Sunday 9th October, 12noon at St. Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap at:

marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then and now' photos to be part of the video compilation.

We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you are, or your parents or grandparents could be, then let Lianne know.

The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via the above email address. Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

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 pray also for those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, and for all who carry the burden of their illness privately at this time.

Congratulations

We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Arthur George & Sebastian James 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.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Matthew Collins**, the 34 year old grandson of Don & Mary H, who passed away suddenly during the week.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 38

(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Mary, we revere you, the door to humanity's salvation. Sinless and faithful, the Father, took you uncorrupted into heaven. From the cross your Son made you the Mother of all Christians. Intercede now, we ask, for us and for all mankind.

10th Anniversary of the Syrian Conflict

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

Praying for the Unborn



Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement. On this feast of the Assumption, we ask for his intercession, along with our Lady's, as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would be models of support through their pregnancy and beyond. Amen.

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 9th September - 8pm

Parish Pastoral Council: Thursday 23rd September - 7.30pm.

Children's Liturgy Leaders

We are in urgent need of a few more people to go onto the Children's Liturgy rota as leaders. If you are willing to take on this important role in the life of the parish please contact Fr. Craig. If we do not get any volunteers then it is possible that we will no longer be able to offer this service to the young families and children of our parish.

Walsall Life



We urgently need a pushchair or pram suitable for a new-born. 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.

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

Track and Trace: We are still required to keep a record 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. 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.

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

Singing: This will be reintroduced into Mass in September.

Servers: We will reintroduce serving at Mass in September.

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.

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:- Since the earliest days of the Church's existence the Christian faith has been founded upon 12 Articles of Faith. Each Sunday and solemnity we profess our firm belief in these 12 pillars of the faith using the formula of either the Nicene or the Apostles Creed. Today's celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary not only takes us to the very heart of the final two articles of faith; it strengthens our belief in their reality in a real and concrete way. Mary, having served the Lord faithfully throughout her earthly life, was given a full participation in the Resurrection of her Son and was taken, body and soul, into the glories of the everlasting life of heaven. The yearly celebration of the Assumption, even in the uncertainty of the times in which we are presently living, serves to remind us of the end towards which our earthly pilgrimage looks forward. It points to the certain hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; of the life promised to all who are faithful to Christ. May Mary, taken up into heaven, pray for us with a mother's love, and lead us to her Son.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig