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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

**Sunday 22nd August
2021**

SUNDAY

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

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

Saturday 21st August (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Josephine Tritton 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)
Monday 23rd August St. John Wall Priest, Martyr ^{Feast}	9.15am	Jo Jones RIP (1st Anniversary) ^(DJ & Family)
Tuesday 24th August St. Bartholomew Apostle ^{Feast}	9.15am	David Easthope RIP ^(JE)
Wednesday 25th August St. Louis of France ^{Memorial}		No Services Today
Thursday 26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi ^{Feast} Priest, Religious	7.30pm	Francis Patton RIP ^(BO'B)
Friday 27th August St. Monica ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Christine Smith RIP ^(PM)
Saturday 28th August St. Augustine Bishop, Doctor of the Church ^{Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of the Fisher Family Confessions, Exposition & Benediction Leslie Roberts RIP ^(MR)
Sunday 29th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of John O'Neill ^(JO'N) People of the Parish Int. of Mary Fitzpatrick ^(ES)

Pope Francis:

God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills: this is the father of all evils.

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 ^{née 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 **Theodore Jack & Sonny Allan B**, and **Finlay Samuel Michael D** 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.

We also congratulate all those who have received their GCSE & A Level results in the past few weeks. We pray that God will continue to bless and guide them in whatever paths they now choose to take.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 39

(Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lord Jesus, like Simon Peter, we believe that you are the Holy One of God. Help us to attend to your message and win your gift of life eternal.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our brothers and sisters affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Praying for the Unborn

We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for both the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through this precious journey 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 newborn. If anyone has such which they no longer require, please contact Ann Terry or Beryl Meehan.

The Life Group would like to everyone who have responded to their request for items required by their clients in Walsall, they are very much appreciated.

Retiring Collection

Next weekend, **28th/29th August**, there will be a missionary appeal & retiring collection for the work of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

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:- This weekend we come to the end of our Lord's teaching on the Bread of Life in St. John's Gospel. Today we encounter those disciples who, as Deacon Peter mentioned in his homily, could not accept this teaching, calling it 'intolerable language', and so fell away. At this point our Lord then asks his inner circle of disciples 'What about you, do you want to go away?' The question put to the disciples is an important question for us. It is easy to say, "I believe" when things are going well, when it appears that all of our prayers are being answered in the way that we would like them to be answered. But what happens when things go wrong, when life gets tough? Do we continue to trust, believing that all things are in God's hands? Or do we question our beliefs and even doubt that God is listening? Being a Christian does not mean that life will be 'a bed of roses'; it does not guarantee that we will never face challenging and difficult times. But having a real faith, a faith which enables us to say 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life' brings us the strength and endurance that will carry us through the good times and the bad.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig