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**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



DATE

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
2021**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

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

**NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.**

<u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Bernard Dunkley RIP <sup>(JH)</sup>
<u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	9.30am 11.30am	Patrick O'Reilly RIP <sup>(SB)</sup> People of the Parish
<u>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> <i>St. Lucy</i> Virgin, Martyr <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	David Easthope RIP <sup>(KE)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> St. John of the Cross Priest, Doctor of the Church <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	Margaret Jones RIP <sup>(BO'B)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>	7.30pm	Vera & Reg Yates RIP <sup>(MD)</sup>
<u>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.15am	Rena McEleney RIP <sup>(G&amp;NP)</sup>
<u>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December</u> <i>Advent Feria</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Colin & Gary Watson RIP <sup>(AW)</sup> Exposition, Confession & Benediction People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30am 11.30am	Bert Margetts RIP <sup>(EM)</sup> For successful surgery <sup>(AA)</sup>

## Pope Francis:

In this Season of Advent, let us ask the Lord, through the fatherly intercession of Saint Joseph, to remain always like sentinels in the night, attentive to see the light of Christ in our poorest brothers and sisters.

### 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 left 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 ensure that you are seated on the right of the church.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Margaret Moseley née Carter & John Wynne** on whose souls sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Margaret's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **10.00am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Christmas Masses

This year the Masses over the Christmas Weekend will be as follows:

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

- 5.00pm – First Mass of Christmas.
- 11.30pm – Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass.

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.00am – Mass of the Dawn
- 10.30am – Mass of the Day

**NB There will be no 6pm Mass on Christmas Day.**

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am – Sung Mass
- 11.30am – Said Mass

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of December is: **For Catechists**. Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them. Please remember especially:

**Dcn. Peter Crosby, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Jess, Oli & <sup>the</sup> Gregory family, Morris Moseley, Max Miotk, Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>née</sup> Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

We pray also for all who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

### Coffee Morning Rota

The next coffee morning rota is now available to collect from the table at the back of church.

### Wednesday Friends

The parish Wednesday Friends Group meets this Wednesday, **15<sup>th</sup> December**, at 10.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. If you have not yet managed to join us for a friendly chat, a cup of tea and some toast why not consider coming along to this months gathering.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 03

*(Third Sunday of Advent)*

Let us rejoice now as we await the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ; when God becomes human for the salvation of us all.

### Retiring Collection

This weekend, **11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be holding our annual retiring collection for the work of the parish **SVP Group**.

### Archdiocese of Birmingham Social Welfare Advisor

One of our paramount duties is to support our Clergy as they prepare to leave active ministry and beyond retirement.

To help us deliver on this responsibility we are now seeking to recruit a part-time Social Welfare Advisor who will provide information, advice and practical assistance on social welfare issues to our Clergy or to those retiring/retired. This may include where necessary on their benefit entitlement.

To fulfil the duties of this role you are likely to have / must have a nursing or social work background and can communicate/emphasise with individuals of senior years. You will also need an understanding of state and local authority benefits.

Applications for this role is by covering letter, which should set out how your skills, knowledge and experience meet those required for this role and CV.

The Job description can be obtained from Gerry Dryden, Human Resources and Communications Director via email: [gerry.dryden@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:gerry.dryden@rcaob.org.uk).

Closing Date for this application is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Craft & Natter

Thank you to everyone who made, helped to sell and set up, clear up, and to all who came and browsed and bought too.

We had a great weekend selling our wares and we made £160, and with the money carried over from March 2020 we have been able to give Fr. Craig £220 for church funds. We return to the meeting room for Craft and Natter on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 11am to 3pm**. For more information call Christine on 07900604920

### St. Mary of the Angels Primary School



Don't forget to apply for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2022 at St. Mary of the Angels Primary School, for your child. Reception applications close 15/01/2022, please apply via Walsall Council Admissions. Nursery applications close 18/01/2022, please contact the School Office for an application form. We have limited spaces available.

### Deacon Peter Crosby



Please keep **Deacon Peter** in your prayers at this time. He has recently undergone surgery on one of his eyes to correct a detached retina. The procedure went very well and he is now making good progress in his recovery at home. Due to the nature of the operation, and the length of the recovery period necessary, we will not see Dcn. Peter in church for about the next 5 weeks.

### Praying for the Unborn



Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the unborn. We ask for her guidance and inspiration as we, the Church, seek to support all pregnant mothers and unborn children, and that we would become models of support to all in society. 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

### St. Joseph's Nechells

Over the past several weeks we have been collecting money for St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Nechells. Last year the money that was raised, instead of our normal practice of donating Christmas presents, purchased for the children a Christmas Meal, a virtual pantomime, and some other items to be used in school.

Once again I find myself writing to thank each and every one of you for the kindness and generosity that you have shown in response to this collection.

**This year we have raised a total of £750.**

On Monday I shall be posting the cheque, together with a letter sending our greeting to all at the school.

### 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.

**And finally:-** "A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people..." This line, taken from today's gospel, sums up perfectly the nature of the Third Sunday of Advent. I also hope that it is the feeling now growing in the hearts of each one of us as we move ever closer towards the celebration of the nativity of the Lord. To emphasis the joyful expectancy of this Sunday we light the Rose candle on our wreath, and the sacred ministers change out of their Advent Purple into Rose (not pink) coloured vestments. This joy, however, is not simply a one-day event during the course of the liturgical year, it is a characteristic which should mark the lives of every Christian each and every day; it is, after all, one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Now that the Christmas Season is in sight, the goal is before us, we must not allow our joyful expectancy to cause us to relax in our spiritual preparations. Rather, this Sunday should spur us on with ever-greater joy to attain the prize, the goal. It should encourage us to 'keep on running steadily in the race that lies before us'.

*May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig*