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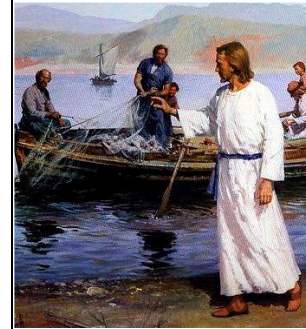
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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 24th January
2021**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

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

Saturday 23rd Jan (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Jo Jones RIP (D&SG)
Sunday 24th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Tony Andrews RIP (CA) Sick in the Parish (SVP)
Monday 25th Jan Conversion of St. Paul <small>Feast</small>	9.15am	Int. of Evelyn Hawkley (S&JW)
Tuesday 26th Jan Ss. Timothy & Titus <small>Bishops Memorial</small>	9.15am	Claire Kerrigan RIP
Wednesday 27th Jan Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 28th Jan St. Thomas Aquinas <small>Priest, Doctor of the Church Memorial</small>	10.30am 7.30pm	Requiem: Janet Reeves <i>(by Invitation only)</i> Doug Ingleby RIP (5th Anniversary) (CI)
Friday 29th Jan Feria	9.15am	The Miner Family (D&MH)
Saturday 30th Jan Our Lady <small>Saturday Memorial</small> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of Angela Hedger (M&LJ) <i>Confessions (by appointment only)</i> In thanksgiving for Parishioners (JH)
Sunday 31st January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish The Howard Family (Parish Memorial Mass) Leslie Roberts RIP (SVP)

Pope Francis:

The world's faith depends on Christian Unity; in fact, the Lord asked that we be one "so that they might believe" (John 17:21). The world will not believe because of our convincing arguments, but because we have borne witness to that love that unites us and draws us near.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who at this time cannot be with us in church. 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.

Christmas Crib Collection



Throughout the Christmas Season there will be a collection basket on the table at the back of the church for our annual Christmas Crib Collection. This year we are taking this collection to help the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). ACN work to help our suffering and persecuted Christian throughout the world. Since the beginning of the pandemic many of our Christian brothers and sisters have been some of the most severely affected as a result of Covid-19. Your generosity could help support the work of ACN in places like Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Nigeria, Lebanon, India & Eritrea.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of January: **Human Fraternity**. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Sick in the Parish

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

Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Maureen Carr, Pat Hopley, Leo Jones, 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.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Casey Jon Arlo M** who was baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We pray also for his parents and Godparent.

Many Happy Returns

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Fr. Craig who celebrates his 40th Birthday this Thursday.

Live Simply Prayer – Week 9

You are the light for the world, Lord Jesus. Teach us to follow you closely each day, so we may reflect your light to all we meet and overcome the darkness of our world.

CAFOD NEWS

Last weekend there was some information for you about CAFOD's Magdalena Medio Project, one supported by this parish. Here is a prayer written by one of the peace workers from that area of Columbia. His name is Javier. We hope that parishioners from St. Mary of the Angels will use it.

Working for Christ's Kingdom

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, and the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic.

Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work.

But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence and injustice. Amen.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janet Reeves & Leslie Roberts**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Janet's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 28th January at 10.30am** followed by burial at Oscott Cemetery. Leslie's Funeral Service will be on **Monday 1st February** at Streetly Crematorium at 1.30pm. Please also pray for John & Mary, and for their families, at this difficult time. Whilst only the family can be present at the services you are invited to light a candle in your own home at the time of the service and pray, with the family, for the souls of their loved ones.

COVID-19 – a very challenging time for many marriages.

With so much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing many married couples have begun to feel the stress of living with the current situation. The many different ways of seeing things, coping with change and the managing of fears can for so many become a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, support and comfort one another when there is so much uncertainty. Then on top of all this there is the added challenge of being together all the time. All of this can bring many challenges to our marriages. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps to nourish and grow your marriage – and you don't even have to leave your home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend, commencing on 25th-28th February 2021 call or text 07887 296983, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life from conception to natural death. Amen.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans, January 30th-31st. This is an opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. To find out more visit: <https://www.wwme.org.uk> or call 0845 260 2016.

Mini Retreat

‘I am an instrument of God’s Love’ a mini retreat for care givers and those who work in the mental health sector.

Ben Bano, at Welcome me as I am, has prepared a scriptural based mini retreat for all who work as care givers or who are employed in the Mental Health Sector in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. For more information about this mini retreat please visit:

<https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>

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’.

And finally: ‘God saw their efforts’ It is hard to believe as we hurtle towards the beginning of Lent 2021 that we as a community, church, and nation, are still living, and functioning, under the shadow of COVID-19 and its effects; and yet here we are! With social distancing, masks, hand sanitiser, registers and stewards for Mass, we as a community continue to live out our faith as best as we possibly can. Over the past several weeks, since the discovery of a new variant of the COVID Virus, many of our parishioners have decided to stay at home and join in with the celebration of Mass via the live-stream. It is to you, and to the many parishioners who have not physically been to Mass since the beginning of the pandemic, that I write in particular. I know that for so many the decision not to come to Mass has not been easy, and that there are those who carry a burden of guilt, despite knowing that this decision was both wise and necessary. Having to make difficult decisions, having to make certain sacrifices in order to protect our lives and the lives of others, is an important aspect of our faith – and ‘God sees our efforts’! You are very much missed, but I can assure you all that you are not forgotten. As we continue to serve the Lord, in whatever way we can at this time, lets us remember each other, and support each other, in prayer. There is no need to feel guilty, simply a need to persevere. Only a short while now and we will all “meet merrily” once more.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig