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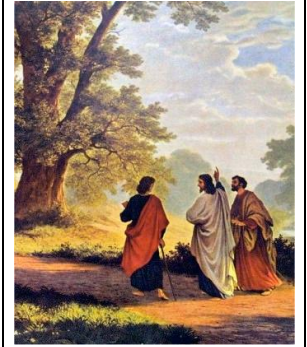
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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

Sunday 18th April 2021

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Easter
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

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

Saturday 17th April (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Francis Patton RIP ^(BB)
Sunday 18th April Third Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Fr. Craig ^(Srs) Int. of Barbara Tomkinson ^(SVP)
Monday 19th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Tuesday 20th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Wednesday 21st April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 22nd April Easter Feria	7.30pm	Parish Requiem Mass for Francis Patton
Friday 23rd April <small>St. George Martyr, Patron of England Solemnity</small>	9.15am 10.30am	Int. of Ann Driscoll ^(PD) Requiem Mass of Francis Patton RIP
Saturday 24th April Easter Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Leslie Roberts RIP ^(MR) Confessions (by appointment only) Michael Duddy RIP ^(JH)
Sunday 25th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of John O'Neill ^(JO'N) People of the Parish Janet Reeves RIP ^(MB)

Pope Francis:

The first way to pray for someone is to speak to God about him or her. If we do this frequently, each day, our hearts are not closed, but open to our brothers and sisters. To pray for others is the first way to love them and it moves us toward concretely drawing 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.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of **Francis Patton** and **Phillip John Meadows**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace. **Francis' Requiem Mass** will be celebrated at **10.30am and Friday 23rd April** prior to committal at Streetly Crematorium. The Requiem is by invitation only, due to the current restrictions, and the family have asked for donations towards the Organ Restoration Fund, in lieu of flowers, in memory of Francis. Following the Mass the funeral cortège will travel to the Crematorium via St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College. **A Parish Requiem Mass will be offered for Francis at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd April** – this will be 'first come first served'.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of April is:- **Fundamental Rights**. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Sick in the Parish

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

Denis & Margaret Healy, Margaret & Leo Jones, 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.

Calling all Men

Catholic Man UK and the National Office for Vocation are hosting a retreat day live from the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham entitled: **Male Spirituality and Vocation inspired by Saint Joseph**. This retreat day, which will include talks and discussions throughout the day, prayer and a virtual pub, will be live-streamed via YouTube and Zoom on Saturday 1st May 2021. . More information to follow shortly.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 21 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Again we pray for a resurrection in the Church, especially in China, where our brothers and sisters are oppressed and persecuted.

A Message of Thanks



Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day.

We featured Marian and her son Svondo (above) in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018.

The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family have survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and hand-washing stations in the garden and in family homes.

This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day.

Thank you for your steadfast support.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to consider abortion, and that they and their mothers would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Amen.

Organ Restoration Fund



The church organ here at St. Mary of the Angels is in need of some urgent repair work. Many of the electrical components of the organ have now begun to fail, due to their age and general wear and tear, and need to be replaced. As we are currently not using the organ on a regular basis now would be the perfect time to address these issues and so bring the organ back up to perfect working order. The cost of the works needed is **£5,824.80**. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the repair work it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Organ Restoration' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope'. Many thanks.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that all Bishops' Conferences hold a 'Day of Prayer' for the victims and survivors of abuse in every jurisdiction of the Church. Here in England and Wales, having consulted with the victims/survivors, the Bishops' Conference have decreed that this day of prayer will take place on **Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter, 4th May 2021**.

In next weekend's Newsletter I will include more information as to how we are going to mark this day of prayer here in our parish. Please put this date in your diary!

Memorial Garden

You might like to visit the Memorial Garden behind the church, it is looking very good this spring. Take care though, as we will shortly be treating the bench



Baptism Enquiries

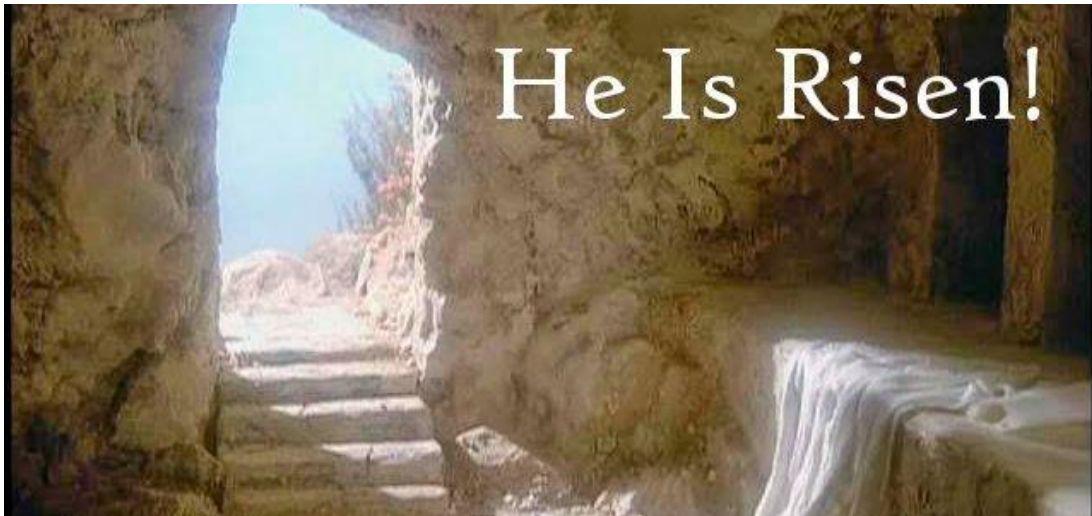
If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'.

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:- The Resurrection of Christ is central to Christianity. It is a fundamental truth to be reasserted vigorously in every epoch, since to deny it, as has been, and continues to be attempted, or to transform it into a purely spiritual event, is to thwart our very faith. St. Paul states: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). In the days that followed the Lord's Resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary's presence, and after the Ascension they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and a teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all time. (Benedict XVI)

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig