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THE YEAR OF THE WORD

DATE

**Sunday 3rd January
2021**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday after the Nativity
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

Saturday 2nd Jan (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Melina Satariano RIP ^(YD)
Sunday 3rd January Second Sunday after the Nativity	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish In thanksgiving for our priest ^(SK) Joan Lavin RIP ^(SVP)
Monday 4th Jan Christmas Feria		No Services Today
Tuesday 5th Jan Christmas Feria	9.15am	Int. of David Jones & Family ^(M&LJ)
Wednesday 6th Jan The Epiphany of the Lord ^{Solemnity}	9.15am 7.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of John Hayes ^(AD-W)
Thursday 7th Jan St. Raymond of Penyafort ^{Priest} Memorial	7.30pm	Joan Lavin RIP ^(R&MA)
Friday 8th Jan Christmas Feria	9.15am	Int. of Evelyn Hawkley ^(CH)
Saturday 9th Jan Christmas Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10–11am 6.00pm	Dott Myers RIP ^(M&GL) Confessions (<i>by appointment only</i>) Norman Hegarty RIP
Sunday 10th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Denis Carter RIP ^(D&MH) Jo Jones RIP ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

The Son of God comes down from heaven and comes to earth to bring us to heaven! This is what we need to meditate on, contemplate, what we need to reflect on during Christmastide.

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). CAN 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.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 6

God Our Father, we remember our fellow Christians in other lands for whom the celebration of Christmas has been banned by their persecutors. Comfort them, we pray, in their oppression.

Disaster in Lebanon

As you will recall, earlier in August, two large explosions at the port in Lebanon's capital city sent enormous shockwaves across the city. Homes and livelihoods were destroyed. More than a hundred people were killed. CAFOD continues to ask us to help the people in Beirut by supporting their Beirut Emergency Appeal to supply medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelters. Through local experts, our Church network reaches survivors and their families **directly**. Obviously, this disaster added to existing critical issues there: the impact of Coronavirus, ongoing shortages of vital medical supplies, an ineffectual government, social disruption and loss of employment. Please pray for everyone still being affected by these terrible explosions. With your help CAFOD is tackling these problems and will be able to go on doing so. If you are able, please make a donation to CAFOD using this address:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/one-off>
or post a cheque to: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

Sick in the Parish

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

Please remember especially:

Leslie Roberts, 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, 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.

Thank you

The Parish S.V.P. Conference would like to thank you all for the generous collection and donations received at Christmas of **£445**. A mass of thanksgiving will be said for all our benefactors. We thank you for your continuous support to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Rosary for the Unborn

For more than 12 months now it has become a custom in this parish to pray the rosary for the unborn on the first Thursday of each month. Sadly due to Covid-19 we cannot gather together in the church to pray the rosary together before the Blessed Sacrament, however, we can still pray the rosary at home for this intention. This Thursday, 7th January, is therefore the day on which we as a parish offer the rosary for the unborn. The Intention for January is:

For families, that they are supported and that they remain open to the gift of life.

From Canon Michael & Christine

Canon Michael & Christine Leadbeater thank everyone for their kind good wishes, cards and gifts this Christmas season. We pray that you will all have a blessed, peaceful and healthy New Year. We wait in hope for the time when we can all be a community again able to meet with each other.

Praying for the Unborn



As we begin this New Year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2021 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead be a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers.

Solemnity of the Epiphany

This year we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord on Wednesday 6th January. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, or rather, this year it is a Holy Day of no obligation due to Covid-19. Whilst there is at present no obligation for people to attend Mass I am still going to celebrate a morning Mass and an evening Mass on this day as normal.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janet Reeves**, a faithful member of this parish who passed away on Sunday last, fortified by the Rites of our Holy Mother the Church, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may she rest in peace. Janet's funeral arrangements will be announced shortly. Please also pray for her husband John, and for all of the family at this difficult time.

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.

Walsall Life Group

We thank those who have sent donations of equipment and money. The girls in the Walsall Life Home have also thanked us for their Christmas Meal.

Assisted Suicide

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide.

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign putting pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is made clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from the

assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right to Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsidered this important piece of legislation. It only takes 30 seconds to email you MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

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: Today we gather as a family of faith, either physically in the church or via the live-stream, at the beginning of a New Year – 2021. The past year has been quite an extraordinary year, and I suspect for many a very difficult year. Yet it has also been a year of great opportunity, a year when we have been able to pause and take stock – to think about, and pray about, the things that really matter: life, health, family, friends, communities, and faith. This Wednesday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, when 'God-with-us' was made manifest to the nations through the Wisemen and their precious gifts. Two of their gifts, Gold and Frankincense, pointed to past and present realities – that He is and always has been God and King, whilst the third, Myrrh, pointed to a future event – His death and burial. As we begin this New Year we are called, as Christians, to reflect upon the past with thanksgiving in our hearts for the many gifts that God has bestowed upon us: the gifts of life, love, family, friendships etc. Then we are called to look to the future with renewed hope, asking ourselves the question: How can I, in the coming year, make use of my gifts and talents in the service of the Lord and His Church? I pray that 2021 will bring you many blessings, and that together, as a family of faith, we can continue to grow in our faith, and in our dedication to the Lord.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig