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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



DATE

**Sunday 13th December
2020**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Advent
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

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

Saturday 12th Dec (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of the Hoskisson Family ^(P&MH)
Sunday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Brian Hornblower ^{RIP (AH)} Sick in the Parish ^(SVP)
Monday 14th Dec St. John of the Cross Priest, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9.15am	Bert Margetts ^{RIP (EM)}
Tuesday 15th Dec Advent Feria	9.15am	Vera & Reg Yates ^{RIP (MD)}
Wednesday 16th Dec Advent Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 17th Dec Advent Feria – <i>O Sapientia</i>	7.30pm	Int. of Tony & Beryl Meehan ^(BO'B)
Friday 18th Dec Advent Feria – <i>O Adonai</i>	9.15am	Patrick Lavin ^{RIP (Lavin Family)}
Saturday 19th Dec Advent Feria – <i>O Radix Iesse</i> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Int. of Jim Smith ^(SK) <i>Confessions (by appointment only)</i> Int. of John Hayes ^(F&MP)
Sunday 20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>O Clavis David</i>	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Deidre McLeary & Family ^(SVP) Denis McCarthy ^{RIP (BO'B)}

Pope Francis:

God listens to every cry of those who invoke Him. Every reluctant question, those that remain in the depths of our hearts. The Father wishes to give us the Holy Spirit, which inspires every prayer and transforms everything. It is a question of patience, of supporting the wait.

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 Services



There is now a page on the Parish Website called “Christmas Masses”. On this page you are now able to complete a ‘booking in form’ to secure a place at one of the Christmas Masses. Public Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm & 12midnight. On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 9.00am and 10.30am. I will also be celebrating Mass at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, which will be live-streamed. At this Mass only the choir will be present in the church enabling us to have a sung Mass with carols. The live-stream will commence at 4.30pm with a Carol Service.

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of December: **For a life of prayer.** We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

CAFOD

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Live Simply Prayer – Week 3

Lord, we rejoice in you, our Saviour, as we wait for Christmas, when you came into our world to make us your new people. We bless you in keen anticipation.

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:

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 Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Pray also for all suffering as a result of Covid-19, and those still isolating at home.

Job Vacancy at the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese is looking to appoint a new Chief Operating Officer (“COO”). This is a Permanent, Full Time post with a salary of £80,000 to £90,000 p.a. The role of COO is to work closely with the Archbishop, Area Bishops and the Vicar General with responsibility for the lay workforce in the Archdiocese, the financial and properties resources involved in providing the administrative services in fulfilment of the Mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese. For a full and complete job description, and for the application process, please follow this link to the advert on the diocesan website: [New COO for the Archdiocese.](#)

The closing date for applications is 9.00am on Friday 18th December 2020. Applicants must provide a CV or Professional Profile.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers, and our congratulations to **Lilly Elizabeth Nora L** who was baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels last Sunday. We pray also for her parents and Godparent as they take on the great responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.

Praying for the Unborn

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the unborn. We ask her guidance and inspiration as we the Church seek to support all pregnant women through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support to all in society.

Archbishop's Statement

Last Sunday I read out a statement from Archbishop Bernard concerning Fr. Joseph Quigley. When the statement was issued the Archbishop also requested that it be made available for people to read. The full text of the statement can be accessed on the Cathedral website or by following this link: [Archbishop's Statement](#)

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jacqueline Ann Spencer, Patricia McMahon**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Jacqueline's Funeral Service will take place at Streetly Crematorium on Monday 14th December at 10.45am. Patricia's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 17th December at 10.00am. Whilst it is only possible for the family to attend, please light a candle in your home and pray for their souls at these times.

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.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection next weekend, 4th Sunday of Advent, for the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). This is our annual parish collection to support our Parish SVP group, and the work that they do.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic College “Virtual Carol Service”

St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic College, Aldridge are proud to invite you to join in our Virtual Christmas Carol Service. The service will be available to stream from **Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm**. The service can be found on our Facebook page: “St Francis of Assisi Catholic College”, <https://www.facebook.com/SFACTC> or our YouTube page: “St Francis of Assisi Catholic College”,

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVQF78GOJR3giQRF_LVcXOQ

This is a free virtual event, however we strongly encourage all to give a donation to Birmingham Mind via our just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-francis-of-assisi-catholic-college-aldridge>

Please contact dmarsh@stfrancis.cc if you have any questions.

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 will find all of the information that you need to know. You can also complete a ‘Baptism Enquiry Form’. Once this form has been submitted you will be contacted by Fr. Craig to make arrangements for you to attend a Baptismal Class.

And finally: This Thursday, 17th December, we begin to use what have traditionally been called ‘The Great O Antiphons’. These seven antiphons, which are used daily from the 17th to the 24th December as the Magnificat Antiphon at Vespers, and as the Alleluia verse at Mass, are first recorded as being used in the 6th century. Each antiphon beginning with ‘O’, hence the name, presents us with one of the great Christological titles linking the birth of Christ with the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The usage of these antiphons marks a shift in our Advent focus. In these final ‘seven days of preparation’ our focus is moved from looking forwards to Christ’s return at the end of time, to His first coming, His birth in the stable at Bethlehem. In these final few days and weeks of Advent, as our preparations for the Christmas festivities intensify with the wrapping of gifts, and the decorating of trees, let us not lose sight of the true meaning of Advent – our watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. Each day take a few moments to look at the ‘O Antiphon’ of the day, to pause and reflect upon its meaning, and so prepare our hearts and minds to receive Christ who is: the Morning Star, the Key of David, the Root of Jesse etc.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig