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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A 15TH NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioners,

“HOPE, PRAY AND DON’T WORRY” (St Padre Pio)

It is very strange to be back celebrating Holy Mass in an empty church, but I find great comfort knowing that so many of you are united with me via our livestream. I know that you are there, and I know that we are praying together. It has also been lovely to see so many people (over 800 since last Thursday!) tuning in at all hours of the day for a ‘virtual visit’ to the Blessed Sacrament. The Prayer for a Spiritual Communion (printed below) is a wonderful devotion for these visits.

*I know that many people are finding this second lockdown difficult; perhaps more difficult than the first one. But be assured that you are not alone. God is with us even in the midst of this horrible pandemic, and He is walking with us wherever we are, and in whatever situation we find ourselves. We continue to look forward in **HOPE** to the day when we can all be reunited, and this pandemic has come to an end. That day will come!*

*Please continue to **PRAY** for one another, asking for the Lord’s comfort and strength in the difficult moments. Prayer can bring great consolation when we are anxious. We also continue to keep in our prayers those who are working tirelessly within our NHS and care homes at this time.*

*Perhaps it seems difficult – even impossible! – to respond to St Pio’s invitation: **DON’T WORRY**. But, it’s not impossible if we keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus. As I’ve said many times, with our gaze fixed upon Him, everything is possible...even the seemingly impossible! And I encourage us all to seek the intercession of Our Lady when we are struggling. She will always accompany us and take us by the hand and lead us to her Son.*

Please make use of our two opportunities for Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during this coming week. On Sunday at St Thomas’s: 11.00 – 12.00 noon and on Monday St Christopher’s: 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Whilst we might not be seeing each other, please do be assured that you, and your families, continue to be in my prayers each day.

*With every blessing,
Fr Craig.*

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

based on a prayer of St Alphonsus De’Liguori

KEY CONTACTS

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PERMANENT DEACON

Rev Mr Steve Walters

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PARISH SISTERS

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SAFEGUARDING

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Available after Holy Mass on Sunday,
and by appointment. Please contact
Fr Craig for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During times of Private Prayer

OUR CHURCHES ARE NOT CLOSED!

Whilst the government has mandated that Places of Worship are unable to open for Public Worship, we are still able to open for Private Prayer. There will be two opportunities for this each week. During these times, the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar for us to pray silently before Jesus, Truly Present before us.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Tettenhall will be open:
SUNDAY – 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

St Christopher, Codsall will be open:
MONDAY 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Thank you to our stewards who have volunteered to enable to open for these times!

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

This Thursday, we were looking forward to welcoming to Holy Mass the families of those who have died during this past year. Unfortunately, we are not able to gather, but Holy Mass on Thursday evening will still be for this intention and I have written to each of the families inviting them to join us virtually. Please pray for those from our two parishes who have died. May they rest in peace.

PARISH GIVING

It is difficult to talk about money when things are so uncertain, but your parishes are struggling financially too. The usual expenditures (utility bills, building and liability insurance, etc) continue and we are still required to pay our levies to the Archdiocese. I will speak about this in the New Year, as I think it is important that you have an understanding of where money is spent. We are very thankful for your ongoing financial support!

There is a **DONATION BOX** at the entrance to the church for your weekly offerings. And it is not too late to sign up to pay by Standing Order rather than by cash each week. For more information, please do speak to Fr Craig.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you, or if you know of anyone who would like some assistance from our SVP, then please do get in touch! An important task they are undertaking it to offer support to parishioners including shopping for those who are self-isolating or struggling to buy food due to current circumstances arising from the Coronavirus.

The SVP are currently providing food parcels for individuals and families in financial difficulties. If anyone is able to donate dried or tinned food, there is a blue box outside of the Presbytery for donations. Thank you for your support! Ring Eliz Hopkins 07752 380833 or Jo Stewart 01902 845027 for shopping.

SVP Christmas cards

The SVP are, once again, selling Christmas cards to raise money for their work locally. For more information, or to place your order, please contact Jo Stewart.

Vinnie Packs

The SVP are once again ordering Vinnie Packs, containing cold weather accessories (hat, gloves, socks, toiletries) for distribution to those in need. If you are able to sponsor a pack at a cost of £4.00, please contact Mary Jeffs-Watts on 01902 845690.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP

If you have downloaded the *NHS Track and Trace App* on your mobile phone, there is a QR code for you to 'check in' each time that you visit either of our churches for private prayer.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S 200 CLUB

A little while ago, we made the decision to postpone the 200 Club for the time being due to the lockdown and difficulties in collecting subs. We will relaunch the 200 club once we are able to. Thank you for your support with this fundraising initiative over the years.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A few weeks ago, Blessed Carlo Acutis was beatified in Assisi. He created a website which documented every Eucharistic Miracle that has taken place. His website is well worth a visit: miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html

2020 CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL FOR WOLVERHAMPTON ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES

Thank you for responding so generously in previous years to the appeals for help in providing Christmas gifts for Wolverhampton asylum seekers and refugees, both adults and children. This has been a very difficult year, but there is a plan to give out vouchers so that families and individuals can buy gifts and have a celebratory meal. To do this, they need to raise funds and would ask your help. If you are able to make a donation, please do so by cheque made out to "Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary" sent to Erik Pearse c/o WVSC, 16 Temple Street, WV2 4AN. Please mark your donation "Christmas Gift". For more information, please contact Mike and Rosemary Fox – mikeandrosie@maofox.me.uk

A Prayer in time of Pandemic

*O God, our refuge and our shield,
even when we walk in the shadow of death
You are there at our side.*

*Be with Your people in this time of danger:
bring strength to the afflicted
and protection to those untouched by disease.*

*Give us love and courage,
that we may trust in Your power to save
and reach out to all who need our care.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*



LIVE STREAM CAMERA

St Christopher's church live streams Mass and other liturgies. Please see notices in the church for more detail.

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Sunday	15	LIVE STREAMED	9.15 a.m.	Michael Stephenson RIP May & Albert Birch RIP
Monday	16	LIVE STREAMED	9.30 a.m.	Pro Populo
Tuesday	17	LIVE STREAMED	9.30 a.m.	Keith Rowley RIP
Wednesday	18	--	-- --	Betty Cotter (<i>not streamed</i>)
Thursday	19	LIVE STREAMED	7.00 p.m.	Deceased Parishioners
Friday	20	--	-- --	<i>No streamed Mass due to a Funeral Mass</i>
Saturday	21	LIVE STREAMED	9.30 a.m.	Servido Godinho RIP

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – YEAR A

22ND NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	22	LIVE STREAMED	9.15 a.m.	Canon Philip Coyne RIP (anniv.) Bill Bennett RIP
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LITURGICAL NOTE...

Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Memorial – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES...

Zofia Stanislawski, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Mary Doherty, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Marian Allen, Jayne Wiggins, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs, Mary Spratt, Emily Jarvis, Chris Kennedy, Antonina Alaimo, Liliana Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Joy Westley, CHY, Eutemia Fernandes, Maisie Hargreaves, Mary Rock, Margaret Davies, Brian Barnwell, Clare Fish, Bernadette Peers, Shirley Brookman, Kathy Barnwell.

If you would like a name added to our Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

MAUREEN MEE

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Due to the current restrictions, the Annual Blessing of Graves will need to be postponed until the Spring. Holy Mass will, however, be livestreamed at 11.00 a.m. on:

Saturday 21st November Mass from St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton for all buried in Hall Green, Bilston, Willenhall Lawn, Bentley, Heath Town & James Bridge Cemeteries.

Saturday 28th November Mass from St. Christopher's, Codsall for all buried at Danescourt & St. Nicholas' Cemeteries

FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR NOVEMBER 2020

No financial information at the moment.

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

